

King Neighborhood Association Meeting  
King Neighborhood Facility  
4815 NE 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
<http://kingneighborhood.org>  
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January 12, 2011 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**List of attendees** (at end of minutes)

Quorum met.

**Agenda** (Exhibit 1)

**Minutes from previous meetings**

The minutes from December 8, 2010, were approved.

**Standing reports**

**Update from Portland Police**

Officer Ryan Bren invited King residents to join him for a ride-along in his police vehicle during a shift. Exchanging information with residents make him a more aware and more knowledgeable officer. Contact him at [ryan.bren@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:ryan.bren@portlandoregon.gov).

Officer Dennis Mako of the Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) introduced himself. He is an investigate detective whose territory of operations covers seven neighborhoods, including King. He welcomes questions about the neighborhood, or police operations in general.

Officer Mako described community warrants (aka Hayden warrant), which are a way of pressing homeowners to end repetitive nuisance behaviors occurring at their properties. If you observe suspicious activity, contact Mako with specific details (about drive-bys, repeat quick visits by visitors, personal property being brought into the residence and not coming out repeatedly, drug paraphernalia around the property) and he will observe the house surreptitiously. If it seems appropriate, Mako will file for a warrant to search the property. The homeowner can be served with a chronic nuisance letter, warning them that the police can force the house to remain empty for a year (free of tenants) if the homeowner won't work with the police. The city has been 'lax on putting teeth to' enforcement of chronic nuisance letters, though they can be effective for drug houses ( and less so for general nuisance problems).

**Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods**

Shoshana Cohen reporting on NECN activities. NECN is hosting a Road Safety Roundtable for discussion of road-sharing concerns on January 31, and a Meeting Facilitators workshop with Resolutions NW on January 27. In early March, NECN and the Concordia NA are co-hosting a forum on the Columbia River Crossing project; King is invited to send a representative to speak at the forum.

NECN is releasing one thousand dollars in communication funds for the year to each NA. NECN's Safety & Livability Team (SALT) is looking for ideas for forums – topics can concern crime, livability issues, education. Katy Asher of NECN will be sending out data forms for NA to fill out; NECN will submit the gathered info to the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

NECN will plan an Action Planning meeting with King NA to help the NA identify what it seeks to accomplish, and how, including outreach, participation, long-term planning. All folks interested in becoming active with the NA are invited.

### **Discussion/presentation topics**

#### Vanport Square III

Sara King and Susan Kuhn from the Portland Development Commission (PDC) reported on a proposal from an unnamed developer for the next phase of the Vanport Square project, on the lot at MLK Boulevard and NE Alberta. The proposal includes: 30,000 square feet of space for a transitional rehabilitation clinic for medical patients, run by a for-profit out-of-state corporation; 5000 square feet for the offices of the Urban League; 5000 square feet of retail at the corner of MLK & Alberta. The owners of the spaces in the current Vanport Square building consider this project to insufficiently meet the promised retail draw of future Vanport development; the PDC has sent the proposal back to the developers and asked for additional commercial/retail space to be added to the proposal in order for it to merit further consideration.

Ray Leary, one of the developers of the existing Vanport Square building, described his efforts to find an anchor tenant in pursuit of his own proposal for the empty Vanport lot (see attached documents). Fred Stewart remarked on the need for neighbors to participate in the decision-making process. King can appoint new representatives to the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Advisory Committee and the Vanport Square Advisory Committee, if it feels that current representative John Tyler is not meeting the NA's needs.

#### Last Thursday: a letter to the City Commissioners

Rick Sills re-presented the letter that King NA members have drafted to the City Commissioners asking for stronger stewardship and oversight of the event. John Janulis, co-owner of the Bye-and-Bye bar on Alberta, described the gross behaviors he's witnessed by Last Thursday attendees, and described how he and his co-owners had been fined by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for activities outside of Bye-and-Bye that he believes were perpetrated by Last Thursday attendees.

Fred Stewart suggested the letter would be stronger with an 'action item' – essentially, a step that the King NA would take if its concerns aren't addressed. The letter was approved with some editing to make it more succinct; the attachment of a letter from John Janulis about Last Thursday; and the addition of an action item. It is to be sent out in February to city commissioners and North Precinct Commander Jim Ferraris, at his request (see attachment).

#### Two Plum Park: a future including a park bench.

Emily Wilson has been in discussion with Portland Parks and Recreation about a bench. The city wants Emily to raise \$3000 to fund a bench and benchpad – they will choose the design (a standard bench design). Emily plans to fundraise for the bench, and looks forward to working with King NA on this.

#### Portland Public Schools' consideration of boundary changes for Sabin, Alameda schools

Rachel Lee of the Sabin Parent-Teachers Association described some aspects of the PPS' discussion of possible boundary changes of the Sabin and Alameda school districts. Sabin school (its school district includes part of the King neighborhood) was made a K-8 a few years ago and has experienced a

renaissance in both enrollment and expanded curriculum; if Alameda students are shunted to Sabin to alleviate overcrowding in the Alameda school, Sabin is likely to revert to K-5 and lose funding, students, staff, and desirability. ACCESS, a magnet program for gifted and talented students, operates out of Sabin and might lose its space as well.

There's a community forum on the proposed changes at Beaumont on January 12<sup>th</sup>. King does not have a representative to the boundary adjustment advisory committee; NECN does – Chris Lopez. Folks interested in the issue can attend the meeting, or contact the school board directly.

### **Future topics**

King NA will invite the engineers/developers of the Vanport Square housing development to the next NA meeting.

The NA should decide whether to have a spring clean-up this year; volunteers will be needed if we go ahead with it.

### **Attendees**

Alan Silver, *KNA Secretary*

David Lomax, *KNA At-large board member & Loaves & Fishes, MLK Senior Center*

Irek Wielgosz, *KNA At-large board member*

Janice Lucas, *KNA At-large board member*

Rick Sills, *King resident*

Shoshana Cohen, *NECN and King resident*

Officer Ryan Bren, *Portland Police Bureau*

Officer Dennis Mako, *Portland Police Bureau*

Trace Salmon, *King resident*

Kate Lyman, *King resident*

Kalin Schmoldt, *King resident*

Cyndi Natalello, *Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives*

Rachel Lee, *Sabin*

Nora Diver, *King resident*

E. Ray Leary, *Vanport Square Partners*

Jeff Scott, *King resident*

Fred Stewart, *King resident*

Karla Andrews, *King resident*

John Janulis, *Bye-and-Bye*

Sara King, *Portland Development Commission*

Susan Kuhn, *Portland Development Commission*

Emily Wilson, *Humboldt*

Louisa Sills, *King resident*

Teri Phillips, *King resident*