

King Neighborhood Association Meeting
King Neighborhood Facility
4815 NE 7th Avenue
<http://kingneighborhood.org>
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February 9, 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 January 12, 2011, were approved with two amendments: Teri Phillips, King resident, added to the list of attendees; and “his letter” in the section titled “Last Thursday: a letter to the City Commissioners” is changed to “the letter that King NA members have drafted”.

Announcements

Nora Diver noted a new discussion series hosted by McMenemy’s Kennedy School, called “Race Talks.” Former state legislator for part of NE Portland Avel Gordly – who just released a memoir – will be speaking at next month’s Race Talk.

I&A Market applied for a liquor license for its to-be-opened store at 7th & NE Killingsworth; the Oregon Liquor License Commission will take comment on the application from interested members of the public. Contact Gene Ball at 503-524-4244 or Theresa Marchetti at Theresa.marchetti@ci.portland.or.us by March 3, 2011. (This the storefront that formerly held the Boston Market.)

The City’s Community Watershed Program is now accepting application for stewardship grant proposals for community projects that enhance watershed health. Applications due by April 8th. Contact Garrett Phillips or Bridger Wineman (503-823-7917) to discuss the grant process, and potential projects.

Irek Wielgosz noted that the Friends of Trees King planting is this Saturday, February 12. 216 trees to be planted; volunteers welcomed, and fed after the planting.

Irek also remarked that he is part of the North Williams Transportation Operations Safety Project Advisory Group, as the King neighborhood’s designated representative (though anyone interested is welcome to participate in the meetings). The first meeting of the Advisory Group met February 1st, to begin to chart out how to proceed planning a safer North Williams Avenue for all travelers.

Alan Silver noted that King NA has sent a letter to City Commissioners (cc’ed to North Precinct Police Commander James Ferraris) asking for strengthened oversight and stewardship of Last Thursday on Alberta Street. The letter will be available on the King NA blog.

King Neighborhood Association open board positions

Alan Silver read aloud the proposal to change King NA’s by-laws introduced in October that removes the requirement that a person running for Chair of KNA needs a year of board service prior.

Proposed: to remove Article VII C2 (which reads “Candidates for the office of the Chair must have served

on the Board for at least on year preceding their election to the position of Chair.”) so that there would be no special requirements that must be met in order to elect the Chair. Article VII C1 (“Only persons eligible for membership shall be required to hold an elected or appointed position. Persons removed from the board are not eligible for board service in the future.”) would still apply.

Appointments for open board positions were held, with current board members voting.

Alan Silver was appointed Chair (term expiring May 2012), whereupon he promptly resigned as Board Secretary.

Katy Kanfer was appointed Secretary (term expiring May 2012).

Jeff Scott was appointed Treasurer (term expiring May 2011).

Teri Phillips was appointed At-Large Representative #3 (term expiring May 2012).

Nora Diver was appointed Co-chair (term expiring 2011).

Standing reports

Update from Portland Police

Officer Ryan Bren re-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.

Officer Bren noted that NE Portland, particularly Alberta east of 15th Avenue, is seeing a surge in graffiti. Please call the police if you see a graffiti tagger at work. A growing citywide problem (with one report in King to date) is the use of unlicensed tow-trucks to haul away unattractive automobiles parked on the street by thieves, who then sell the autos immediately for scrap metal. If you see a suspicious tow truck in the neighborhood, please try to get a license plate number and let Officer Bren know. Detectives are working cases on this sort of theft currently.

Kevin Brake noted that he’s found, over the past several years, that when officers park regularly in front of the convenience store at MLK & Failing to fill out reports, the area seems safer. Officer Bren agreed to encourage fellow officers to continue to use that as a stopping point during shifts.

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

Shoshana Cohen reporting on NECN activities. NECN and the Concordia NA are hosting a forum on the Columbia River Crossing bridge project on Monday, March 7, 7 pm, at Concordia University. Confirmed officials attending include Tom Hughes, Rex Burkholder, Chip Shields, Lew Frederick, and Tina Kotek. King NA is invited to select someone to speak briefly about the CRC; if we decide to send someone, please let Shoshana know at shoshana@necoalition.org.

NECN will be hosting a meeting for neighborhood clean-up coordinators on February 17 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at NECN offices, for NAs to get information and share ideas about clean-ups.

Katy@necoalition.org for more information.

NECN awarded \$14,597 to 11 different neighborhood projects in their 2011 small grants and graffiti abatement grants. NECN is also looking for submissions to its electronic newsletter – send info about events to communications@necoalition.org. Visit NECN’s website for calendar of events, and much more!

Discussion/presentation topics

Vanport Square Housing Project

Chris Goodell and Monty Hurley of AKS Engineering and Mark Lisac of Lisac Brothers Construction presented their plans for a ten-home housing development on the Vanport Square site. The proposal is under review by the City of Portland; if it passes the current 'Type IIX' review, it will move to a city-led platting process, after which construction can begin (possibly by the beginning of summer 2011).

The ten unattached homes would lie along Garfield Street from Sumner to Emerson Streets, each with a two-car garage. They would be sited on lots measuring 30' by 35', about 1000 square feet each, with a garage on the ground level, a 'great room' on the second story, and two bedrooms and two bathrooms on the third floor.

John Tyler reported that the Vanport Square Public Advisory Committee supports the proposal. Numerous residents were skeptical of the impact of visitors' parking in the area; the presenters noted that there is no requirement in the city code for parking whatsoever in this type of plan, though a traffic and parking study will be developed as part of the land use considerations (platting/planning subdivision process).

The housing proposal is known as Vanport Square 3, with Vanport Square 1 being the already-developed portion of this block, and Vanport Square 2 the as-yet-undeveloped lot at MLK & NE Alberta.

Portland State Community Development Teen Mural Project

Six students from Portland State University's Community Development program discussed their efforts to research development of a mural in the King neighborhood. They expect to finish pre-plans for the mural - scouting locations, investigating funding - by the summer of 2011; King NA will decide on a location and pick up the project from there, with an expected completion by summer 2012. If you have ideas or questions, you can email the students at kingmural@googlegroups.com.

Attendees

Alan Silver, *new KNA Chair*
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*
Cyndi Natalello, *Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives*
Nora Diver, *new KNA Co-chair*
Ellis Ray Leary, *Vanport Square Partners*
Jeff Scott, *new KNA Treasurer*
Fred Stewart, *King resident*
Teri Phillips, *new King NA At-large board member*
Maureen Mimiaga, *KNA At-large board member*
Katy Kanfer, *new KNA Secretary*
Kevin Brake, *King resident*
Van Bogner, *King resident*
Lyndsey Vaughan-Dieter, *King resident*
Sierra Lander, *King Resident*
Chris Goodell, *AKS Engineering*
Monty Hurley, *AKS Engineering*
John Tyler, *King resident*

Mark Lisac, *Lisac Brothers Construction*
Henrich Biorn, *Portland State Community Development Team*
James Calkins, *Portland State Community Development Team*
Bradford Holley, *Portland State Community Development Team*
Mollie Koett, *Portland State Community Development Team*
Danielle Lafayette, *Portland State Community Development Team*
Lisa Meersman, *Portland State Community Development Team*