

King Neighborhood Association Meeting  
King Neighborhood Facility  
4815 NE 7th Avenue  
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March 9, 2011 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
revised April 14, 2011

**List of attendees** (at end of minutes)  
Quorum met.

**Agenda** (Exhibit 1)

**Minutes from previous meetings**

The minutes from February 9, 2011, will be approved at the April meeting.

**Announcements and Motions**

The final vacant At Large Board Member vacancy was filled by Van Bogner after a unanimous vote (5 yeas).

A motion to hold the King neighborhood graffiti clean-up on July 23 was unanimously passed (6 yeas). Trace Salmon and Nora Diver have agreed to co-organize the event and are seeking volunteer help to catalog graffiti in the “target area” before clean up ensues. NECN has agreed to help publicize.

The City will begin an Inner Northeast Sewer Extension Project later this year. It will hold an open house in May to inform residents of the project. Alan reported that Maureen Mimiaga contacted the City to request rat abatement services for the duration of the project.

Vision Zero Oregon (<http://www.visionzerooregon.org/>), an organization working to reduce deaths by traffic accidents to zero, has been collecting traffic information specifically in King, Boise, and Elliot neighborhoods. Vision Zero has asked the community to list trouble intersections, accidents, and other pertinent information on a map they've posted in the NECN office. There is also a road safety survey they've asked residents of those neighborhoods to complete (available online on the Vision Zero website or as a hardcopy in the NECN office).

In November, 2010, staff and board members from Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives Inc. (PCRI), a non-profit community development organization providing affordable rental housing to low-income families, came to listen to King neighbors' concerns about some PCRI properties. Cyndi Natalello continues attending KNA meetings as a representative from PCRI. Alan wrote a letter to thank PCRI for their commitment to work on the issues that KNA brought to them. Van motions to send message. Alan seconds. Motion unanimously passes. (5 yeas)

Alan mentioned the recent publication of *Walls of Pride: A Tour of African American Public Art in Portland*, a book that provides a self-guided tour to twenty of the city's African American public artworks through color photos, a detailed map, mural descriptions and artist bios. Several artworks included are in King neighborhood.

## **Standing reports**

### Update from Portland Police

Officer Ryan Bren announced that he has lately had success clearing a large number of cases he's received in King. Officer Bren didn't have any new crime trends to share this month, but did want to let neighbors know about street drug dealing activity he's focusing on 18ths and Alberta in the Vernon neighborhood. He explained that historically the intersection has been a nuisance area and that he's personally been seeing a lot of activity, but that the area hasn't been generating a lot of calls or complaints. Officer Bren asks that neighbors be aware of that type of activity.

Officer Bren encouraged neighbors to keep sending him email updates, which he finds helpful because they allow him to follow up at a later date/time. He also continues to invite neighbors to ride along with him for a full or part shift, and offered to put neighbors in touch with an officer working different shift hours if requested.

Officer Bren will be taking time off next month to spend with his new infant—Officer Dennis Mako, of the Neighborhood Response Team, will attend the KNA meeting in his stead.

### Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

Shoshana Cohen made announcements about many upcoming meetings and deadlines, including: King Action Planning meeting on March 19 from 10-12pm at Elevated Coffee; the PDC DRAFT Neighborhood Economic Development (NED) Action Plan is now available for review and comments are due back by March 30; Central Northeast Neighbors will also be holding a forum about the PDC NED action plan on March 28; Friends of Last Thursday forum will take place April 2.

The mayor is creating an Office of Equity and asks neighbors to consider how neighborhood associations might be involved and what the Office of Equity could offer NAs.

Last year in the Food Share Fund there were matching funds for EBT (up to ten dollars) at King Farmers Market. KNA should decide if we will make a donation again this year.

Shoshana reported that the Columbia River Crossing meeting, which took place March 8, was well attended and served as an open forum for the community to express concerns. NECN is opposed to the project in its current incarnation. Shoshana invited neighbors to attend the upcoming SALT meeting for more information.

Sabin Community Association is working with Architects Without Borders to develop 15<sup>th</sup> and Prescott (Sabin triangle). They welcome King involvement and input.

## **Discussion/presentation topics**

### **Last Thursday**

Alan gave a brief synopsis of the Last Thursday letter package recently sent to City Hall and read aloud the response received from Commissioner Randy Leonard. The SALT committee has decided to gather more information and intends to invite Friends of Last Thursday to the next SALT meeting on March 21 to ask: "Where are you right now?" Concordia neighborhood association is also interested in working on the sub-committee. Shoshana told neighbors that Antionette Edwards, Director of Public Safety & Peacekeeping, will be an advocate in the mayor's office. Additionally, Judith Mowry (ONI) is still working with bar owners and the Friends of Last Thursday steering committee.

### King Spring Clean-up

Irek Wielgosz and Lyndsey Dieter-Vaughn are co-coordinating the King Spring Clean-up, which will be held Saturday June 4 at the Portland Police Bureau North Precinct parking lot from 9:00-1:30pm. This year's clean-up will include disposal of household waste, electronics, and wood (not including yard debris). Household items will be donated to a charity of our choice (yet to be voted on). The fee will be \$15 per car and \$20 per pick-up truck; fees will go toward the cost of dumping. The KNA board will vote at the April meeting on which organization will receive the proceeds of the fundraiser. Volunteers are solicited. NECN will mail a postcard to every household listing all clean-up dates and locations. Lyndsey and Irek discussed additional efforts to notify King neighbors about clean-up date and other donation/trash diversion resources.

### King Elementary Restoration Project

Van Bogner and Diego Gioseffi would like to get permission from King Elementary School, Portland Parks and Recreation, and the King Farmers Market to prune trees and develop a storm water management and restoration project for King Elementary park and parking lot. The project would ideally alleviate poor drainage, remove invasive species, and be an educational opportunity for the community. Van has been in contact with Portland Public Schools and the PTA at King Elementary to discuss the project, and has concurrently been looking for a fiscal sponsor. Alan suggested Van host another informal informational meeting on site as the project develops.

### Backyard Habitat Certification Program

Ariana Scipioni, an urban wildlife specialist with the Audubon Society, gave information about the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, co-developed with the Columbia River Land Trust. The program focuses on the removal of aggressive weeds, naturescaping with native plants, stormwater management and wildlife stewardship. For a one time cost of \$25, participants will receive an onsite, one-on-one consultation with a knowledgeable backyard certification staff person who will provide technical assistance and written site assessment. The community site visit day in King and adjoining neighborhoods will be held May 14. There are two ways to sign up for a site visit—mailing in an application of doing it online. Ariana can be reached at [ascipioni@audubonportland.org](mailto:ascipioni@audubonportland.org).

### Organizing People – Activating Leaders (OPAL) Presentation on Bus Riders Unite! Initiative

KNA Board members had been talking about standing room only conditions on the 6 bus, which runs on MLK, and invited OPAL to present their work on petitioning TriMet for “fair, friendly, frequent, fully-funded and affordable public transportation in the Metro Portland area.” OPAL started Bus Riders Unite! in response to a recent cut in over 100 hours of bus service. Grayce Bently, an OPAL representative, presented OPAL's short-term goal to extend transfer times to 3 hours and after 7pm make transfers unlimited, which they believe will spur an increase in ridership. OPAL is currently collaborating with economy professors at PSU to compare Portland to other cities with time-based fares to see if similar motions positively impacted ridership. Representatives from OPAL have been attending TriMet board meetings, are petitioning the community for signatures, and are working on postcards petitions to send to Governor John Kitzhaber and TriMet's General Manager Neil McFarlane. Grayce explained that TriMet's capital funds can't fund service, but suggested that TriMet projects aren't addressing the needs of people who rely on the system. KNA was invited to respond to TriMet in many ways, including: endorsing the OPAL campaign as a public supporter, posting information about the campaign in KNA newsletters and/or on the website, providing a quote for an OPAL press release, attending OPAL events, locating transit riders who are affected, and receiving and distributing petitions (OPAL's goal is to have 3500 by May). Time for discussion about KNA actions to support OPAL will be added to the April agenda.

### Umpqua Bank Sustainable Development Loans

Eric, a representative from Umpqua Bank, announced that they've been working on programs for people who would like loans to do sustainable development on their homes. He invited neighbors who would like

more information to come in and talk with him at the local Alberta branch. Eric also offered to put KNA announcements up on the Umpqua Bank scrolling info sign.

### **Future topics**

The Blue Door Project, an agenda item that was tabled, will be discussed at a future meeting.

#### Attendees

Alan Silver, *KNA Chair*  
Nora Diver, *KNA Co-Chair*  
Jeff Scott, *KNA Treasurer*  
Katy Kanfer, *KNA Secretary*  
Irek Wielgosz, *KNA At-large board member*  
Van Bogner, *KNA At-large board member*  
Shoshana Cohen, *NECN and King resident*  
Officer Ryan Bren, *Portland Police Bureau*  
Trace Salmon, *King resident*  
Cyndi Natalello, *Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives*  
Emily Wilson, *Humboldt resident*  
Eric Krause, *Umpqua Bank Alberta*  
Paul Comery, *OPAL*  
Michael Murray, *King resident*  
Lyndsey Vaughn Dieter, *King resident*  
Odette Brinton, *King resident*  
Grayce Bently, *OPAL*  
Diego Gioseffi, *King resident*  
Ariana Scipioni, *Audubon Society*  
Rebekah Mende, *visitor*