

King Neighborhood Association General Meeting
King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th Avenue
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July 13, 2011 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Irek Wielgosz moved to approve the June KNA meeting minutes. Jeff Scott seconded. 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Alan Silver proposed amending the agenda to add discussion of a KNA letter congratulating the Miracles Club and also expenditure approval on behalf of Trace Salmon and Lyndsey Dieter-Vaughn. **Jeff moved to approve the July agenda with noted amendments. Alan seconded. 10 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.**

Jeff reported that KNA's bank balance is just under \$10,000, with a recent net of about \$520. The KNA Clean-Up netted about \$400 after subtracting \$360 in related costs. Jeff will give a revised report next month.

Irek reported back from several N/NE community partnership meetings:

- In an effort to increase community input and involvement, the North Williams Traffic Operations Safety Project has been pushed back to August.
- Sustainable MLK is promoting events on MLK including: NNEBA Dream Run on August 13th; African American Health Coalition 9th Annual Wellness Walk on August 20th; Planned Parenthood block party on July 29th; Peace & Unity Fest on August 27th. Irek will give details about upcoming Sustainable MLK meetings/actions at the August KNA meeting.
- Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Area (OCCURA): groundbreaking for MLK Blvd Gateway and Historic Markers has been pushed back. Irek will keep KNA updated as event dates solidify.

Officer Ryan Bren invited interested parties to join him on a police ride-a-long and said to contact him at ryan.bren@portlandoregon.gov for more information. Officer Bren then introduced three members of the Portland Police Gang Enforcement Team: officers Charlie Asheim, John Billard, and Steve Collins. Officer Asheim explained that it's PPGET's job to prevent and investigate gang violence through enforcement and through outreach/prevention. He described the different positions within the team and provided incident statistics as background information. Officer Asheim noted that last year saw the highest number of gang-related crime investigations in 10 years. The PPGET officers characterized Portland's gangs as transitory, intermingled, and complex. Alan asked if the gun exclusion zones help with gang enforcement. Officer Asheim said that exclusions don't take effect until the cited individual is found guilty in court, which could be 6 or 7 months later. Surprise and frustration were expressed by neighbors in attendance when the difference between the gun exclusion zones versus drug exclusion zones was explained.

Celeste Carey, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator for the City of Portland, is helping put together a Global Good Neighbor Agreement for Alberta Street bars by collaborating with NE Alberta bar owners, crime prevention agencies, and the OLCC. Celeste noted that Alberta turning into an "entertainment district," and the city is trying to get together with neighborhood establishments to devise ways to address over-service, loud music, fake ids, public urination, and other related issues. King, Sabin, Vernon, and Concordia are the neighborhoods directly impacted. Celeste encouraged neighbors to call her at (503) 823-4764 with questions or concerns. Celeste shared some of the possible solutions they've brainstormed and also described techniques the city can use to leverage compliance from establishments serving alcohol, including regulations such as Time Place Manner.

The Portland Playhouse, a small arts organization and registered 501(c)3, is going into its 4th season of theater productions, and also offers after-school and mentorship programs. Community outreach coordinator Aiyana Cunningham and founder Brian Weaver are looking for input from KNA on getting a conditional use review and ultimately a KNA endorsement in light of a zoning issue the Playhouse is facing. The conditional use status of

their building has expired, and they'd like to re-secure conditional status to continue their programming. The city encouraged them to formulate plan with KNA. Shoshana suggests a point of action would be for KNA to contribute letters of support. Neighbors living in proximity to the Playhouse expressed continuing concerns with parking issues. Irek mentioned a good neighbor agreement might be an avenue to consider. Aiyana welcomed direct person comments [portlandplayhouse@gmail.com, (503) 488-5822].

Shoshana Cohen announced that Piedmont Presbyterian Church is looking for support from KNA to have a large, children-focused event on National Night Out. They would put KNA on the flier and a KNA representative would need to be present at the event. **Alan motioned that KNA endorse the event and send Cyndi Natallelo as a representative. Jeff seconded. 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.**

Spencer Burton briefly re-presented information on voter-owned elections and requested KNA endorsement of the campaign. David Lomax asked if there is a cost to taxpayers. Spencer said yes, but it is capped at less than 1% of the city budget. Emily Wilson asked how often the public finance system is audited. Spencer said the law is reviewed annually. After all questions were addressed, **Jeff motioned that KNA endorse the campaign. Rick seconded. Spencer clarified that a verbal endorsement and written letter are requested. 8 yeas, 0 nays, 5 abstentions. Motion passed.**

The King Neighborhood Graffiti Clean-up will be on July 23rd. The site selection survey needs to be turned in by Monday, July 18th. Trace passed out a sign-up sheet for neighbors who can help with the survey and will send out more information via email.

The KNA sponsored Movie in the Park will be *How to Train Your Dragon*, screened on August 6th. Alan solicits people to sell slides: \$75 for a slide with space for a logo and a few words. Alan will be setting up a communications meeting sometime in the future and will email people about coordinating that date.

At the June KNA meeting, David, on behalf of Loaves and Fishes, asked KNA to sponsor their Jambalaya Festival and BBQ event with money, media support, and possibly volunteers. David said the monetary support ranges from \$250-\$2500. Last year KNA gave \$500. All sponsorships come with tickets to the event. **Irek motioned that KNA sponsor at the Entertainment/\$1000 level. Rick seconded.** A written vote was taken. Rick asked for clarification about how much was made during clean up. Jeff said the income over the last two months was about \$520. **10 yeas, 3 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.** Alan asked that David pass on information for those interested in volunteering.

Katy Kanfer motioned to reimburse Trace \$57 for a KNA Garage Sale ad placed in the Oregonian. Jeff seconded. 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Alan motioned to reimburse Lyndsey for \$57 spent on KNA related expenses. Trace seconded. 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.

Brad Prochnow, a representative from Earth Quake Tech. Dealerships, LLC, said his company is looking to reach out to NAs about earthquake preparedness, which could include volume discounts, workshops about disaster preparedness, and consulting on disaster relief programs. Brad invited neighbors to contact him via email: brad@earthquaketech.com.

The new Miracles Club facility opens Friday, July 15. Alan would like to send a congratulatory letter that he has drafted. **Katy motioned to send letter. Trace seconded. 13 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion passed.** Alan will send the letter.

Tabled topics:

- Maureen Mimiaga, mural projects in King Neighborhood
- Communications committee: logo design, brochure; possible print newsletter for KNA
- Possible restart of the KNA community volunteer/activist awards

Attendees

Irek Wielgosz, *KNA At Large Representative*
Teri Phillips, *KNA At Large Representative*
Brad Prochnow, *Earthquake Tech*
Ofc. John Billard, *Portland Police Bureau*
Ofc. Charlie Asheim, *Portland Police Bureau*
Ofc. Ryan Bren, *Portland Police Bureau*
Ofc. Steve Collins, *Portland Police Bureau*
Emily Wilson, *Humboldt neighbor*
Aiyana Cunningham, *Portland Playhouse*
Van Bogner, *KNA At Large Representative*
Celeste Carey, *City of Portland Crime Prevention*

Cyndi Natalello, *PCRI*
Trace Salmon, *King neighbor*
Katy Kanfer, *KNA Secretary*
Alan Silver, *KNA Co-Chair*
Lisa VanAlstin, *King neighbor*
Shoshana Cohen, *NECN*
Jeff Scott, *KNA Treasurer*
Rick Sill, *King neighbor*
Andrew Neerman, *King neighbor*
Brian Weaver, *Portland Playhouse*
Mara Ventura, *We Are Oregon*