

King Neighborhood Association General Meeting
Old Town Pizza, 5201 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
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August 10, 2011 – 6:50 to 8:50 pm

Trace Salmon motioned to approve the agenda. Jeff Scott seconded. 12 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
Jeff motioned to approve minutes from the KNA July meeting. Trace seconded. 12 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Officer Ryan Bren asked for feedback on July's Gang Enforcement Team presentation and offered to arrange similar special presentations for future KNA meetings. Topic suggestions can be emailed to ryan.bren@portlandoregon.gov. Officer Bren also asked neighbors about their experiences at July's Last Thursday event. Parking and graffiti issues were discussed. Officer Bren said the city funneled more money into parking patrol and sent an extra patrol out. Irek inquired about having traffic enforcement events at problem intersections in King such as NE Failing at MLK. Officer Bren said he will put in a request for that intersection to the traffic commission, and will email KNA to notify us if the event is scheduled to take place before the next meeting. Trace and Teri both brought a group of loiterers on 9th and Alberta to Officer Bren's attention.

Shoshana Cohen announced that in September NECN will put out applications for the neighborhood small grants program. Last year each grant was for up to \$2500--this year that number may increase. The grants committee particularly looks for ties between organizations.

Spirit of Portland Award are due August 22nd. There are multiple categories for nominations. More information can be found on ONI's website (www.portlandonline.com/oni/). Alan added that KNA used to give out awards for "outstanding" neighborhood involvement as well, and that that's something KNA could do again as a way to connect and honor people in our community.

From the NECN Land Use and Transportation meeting: The Urban Food Code Zoning Project is a comprehensive effort to look at how zoning code can be improved to address changes in urban food trends. The BPS homepage has information and a survey (www.portlandonline.com/bps/). Shoshana said that one of the next big parts of the Portland Plan will also be food-related: looking zoning issues of where fast food can be, or where smaller businesses/local businesses can be.

The NECN Economic Development Committee will debut a speaker series themed around urban planning. More info to come.

Shoshana reminded neighbors to be considering how we might get our voices heard about neighborhood needs as King moves from OCCURA to INURA. Irek confirmed that any projects approved in King under OCCURA will receive funding. Funding for any new projects will have to come from Interstate Urban Renewal Area. Despite the reconfiguration of neighborhoods, no new representatives have been added to INURA. King will not have direct voting member representation, but may be able to have influence simply through attendance. There is difficulty in being added to a project in that the needs of our neighborhood might be overlooked. Alan mentioned how money from the scrapped Ivy City Homes development went to McCoy Village Apartments for repairs, and said that's something he and Trace will informally take a look at over the next few months.

Alan announced that the Vanport Square Public Advisory Committee needs a representative from King.

Irek Wielgosz reported back from the North Williams Traffic Operations Safety Project. He said the original goal of the project was to improve traffic conditions along Williams, and now the number one issue is to conduct an open planning process. There wasn't anything to report on infrastructure: the big change is in the process. To make the process more open, the public is now involved in setting the agenda, the chairwoman is a member of the stake holder committee, and the meetings will likely move to an evening time. Irek will send info about

upcoming events/meetings to Trace to put on the KNA blog. The blog <http://bikeportland.org/> is a good resource to check for articles about these issues.

As a sponsor of the Loaves and Fishes Jambalaya BBQ, KNA has 10 tickets to the event. Last year KNA gave the tickets back to David to distribute to people in need. After discussion about what to do with the tickets this year, it was noted there is value in KNA members attending in an official capacity as well as value in gifting them to community members. Teri Phillips motioned to make tickets available to KNA board members as representatives of KNA. Jeff seconded. Motion is amended to be: and give remainder to members of the community as invited guests, with agreement to be flexible about numbers. 12 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions

Alan ran down a list of potential presenters for future KNA meetings and the group discussed what our criteria for choosing should be. The non-specific consensus was to create a core interest list with a second tier of satellite issues. Alan invited neighbors to draft a presenter policy for discussion at the next meeting. Additionally, Alan once again mentioned that he will be working on revising KNA bylaws and would enjoy the help of any interested parties. Contact Alan if there is a particular presenter or topic of interest for September.

Irek suggested KNA take a month off in summer, similar to other NAs, but there wasn't further discussion about the topic.

Trace said the KNA Graffiti Clean-Up went well, but needed a bigger volunteer turnout. Nora suggests having the clean-up date coincide with things like the PSU Viking Service Day. There was consensus to look early next year at what might be done differently with these community projects. Trace is also looking for help with communications outreach, including the KNA blog and potentially a print newsletter. Alan said neighbors should start thinking about how a KNA newsletter might take shape and looking to other NAs for examples. Shoshana suggested a team of people with a project manager would be best for

Jeff mentioned it might be time to pass out fliers in the neighborhood again.

Attendees

Irek Wielgosz, *KNA At Large Representative*

Teri Phillips, *KNA At Large Representative*

Katy Kanfer, *KNA Secretary*

Alan Silver, *KNA Co-Chair*

Ofc. Ryan Bren, *Portland Police Bureau*

Lyndsey Vaughn-Dieter, *KNA At Large Representative*

Maureen Mimiaga, *KNA At Large Representative*

Cyndi Natalello, *PCRI*

Trace Salmon, *King neighbor*

David Lomax, *Loaves and Fishes*

Nora Diver, *KNA Co-Chair*

Shoshana Cohen, *NEC*

Van Bogner, *KNA At Large Representative*

Jeff Scott, *KNA Treasurer*