

King Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th Avenue
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October 12, 2011 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Katy Kanfer motions to approve agenda. David Lomax seconds. 9 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Officer Ryan Bren reviewed calls for service from the beginning of September to date and said very little had been reported. Officer Bren will check in with the owner of the market at NE 9th and NE Alberta and continue to monitor the group who hangs out on that block, about whom neighbors have expressed concern. Andrew Neerman mentioned he has noticed lots of vehicles speeding lately, especially at NE 7th and NE Prescott. Officer Bren suggested another option for reporting: call the North precinct during normal business hours and ask for an “extra patrol request” (503.823.5700). If anyone ever has a request for a presentation from the police bureau, email Officer Bren and he will try to coordinate specialists coming to a meeting. ryan.bren@portlandoregon.gov

Teri Phillips suggested KNA put together a good neighbor agreement with INA Market, 714 NE Killingsworth (Gino's). Teri will stop by and talk to them, invite them to make an agreement with KNA.

NECN announcements from Katy Asher:

- neighborhood small grant and graffiti abatement proposals are now being accepted. The applications deadline is November 1st at 5pm. Applications are available in the NECN office or on the website: <http://necoalition.org/>
- Land Use and Transportation committee meets on the 4th Wednesday at 7pm. To be discussed: cell towers in the neighborhood, food cart regulations, Portland Plan, and Columbia River Crossing. Contact Benjamin Adrian at NECN if interested in getting involved. benjamin@necoalition.org
- Community Economic Development Council will meet Thursday Oct. 20th at 8am. To be discussed: jobs, asset creation, place-based investment, community based investment. CEDC Speaker Series will start November 1st with a presentation on the history of N/NE Portland's economy.
- Safety and Livability Team: meeting at 6:30pm on Monday. To be discussed: Last Thursday, city's new compost plan, also talking about putting on a series of mini-forums.
- Two upcoming Neighborhood Association Board Orientations: the first held on Oct. 27th from 6-8:30pm, facilitated by Neighbors West-Northwest and Southwest Neighbors (nwnw.org). Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods will host a similar workshop on November 30th.

Emily Wilson is applying for an NECN neighborhood small grant for \$1800 and asked KNA to be a partner in the “Bench for Two Plum Park” project/grant proposal. Specifying the terms of partnership, Emily asked KNA to continue in an advisory role, give feedback, get the word out (about fund raising goals, looking for volunteer help, installation celebration, etc). The project timeline is: have a fiscal sponsor by the end of November (for tax purposes), complete fund raising by the end of May 2012, have the bench installed by the end of summer, and have an installation celebration by the end of summer 2012 at the latest. Nora motioned to have KNA be a partner in the project and to write a letter of support. Jeff seconded. There was some discussion before a vote of: 12 yeas. 0 nays. 0 abstentions. Nora will talk with Alan about writing the letter by October 28th.

The Blue Door Project was created to assist seniors in yard care and was awarded an NECN small grant of \$3000. The project has not been pursued, in part due to lack of outreach/difficulty finding eligible seniors, and the grant funds will expire soon. Nora mentioned putting the Blue Door Project on the next iteration of the brochure as a way to do outreach. There has also been talk about using the money for a related project—Katy A. said she can follow up on seeing if the money can be used in this way. Andrew N. mentioned that native plants might be a good addition to the project. The city code department and Rideshare were suggested as potential resources for finding seniors who could benefit from the Blue Door Project.

Loaves and Fishes will partner with Friends of Trees and Home Depot for a leaf harvest on November 10th. David asked neighbors to send him contact info for seniors who might benefit from this service and he'll put them on the list to get their yards cleaned up (within L & F MLK Center boundaries).

David thanked KNA for support of the Loaves and Fishes Summer in September Jambalaya Festival, which raised \$21,000 to feed seniors. David will be pursuing an NECN small grant for the same event and asked KNA to write a letter of partnership/support for next year's Summer in September event. Jeff motioned that KNA write a letter of support. Irek seconded. Katy K. asked Katy A. to clarify what NECN is looking for in partnership letters. Katy A. suggested defining the parameters of the partnership: KNA helps with promotion, contributes financially, and seniors within KNA benefit from Loaves and Fishes, etc. 12 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Nora will talk to Alan about writing letters on behalf of KNA.

David announced a half night fundraiser at Widmer Brothers Gasthaus on Tuesday, October 25 between 4-11pm to benefit the MLK Loaves and Fishes Center. David asked Trace to post on the KNA blog.

Portland Women's Crisis Line will hold a candle light vigil in Dawson Park on Oct. 20th as part of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. More information will be posted on the KNA blog.

Sara Cline (a graphic designer) and Aubra (a printer) have become interested in creating a printed directory that would be specifically about King: a resource that would create a sense of place and connection by including community services, businesses, and opt-in residences. Sara and Aubra would like to gather information and ideas from neighbors. Katy A asked how they see their directory being different from the Yellow Pages. Sara said the content would inform the form, have more of a sense of the place and people, and that she doesn't envision it having advertisements. Several neighbors had suggestions about similar resources for the pair to look into. Sara can be contacted at magrish@riseup.net.

Nora announced that KNA's communications manager, Trace Salmon, is looking for help with keeping the KNA blog, email list, and Facebook page running. Contact him at: trace.salmon@kingneighborhood.org

Diego Gioseffi gave an update on the proposed invasive species clean-up at King School. He expects a green light from officials soon. Diego thinks there will only be time to clear weeds and put down mulch. Planting will be held until spring. Nora asked Diego to keep KNA informed about the clean up day so KNA could solicit volunteers. Andrew suggested contacting Nick Fish, the City Commissioner in charge of Parks and Recreation if Diego doesn't hear back from other city officials.

Sam Adams has met with Friends of Last Thursday and with business owners on Alberta, and has asked neighbors for recommendations, broad or specific, for making the event more positive and relevant for the community. NECN requested that each neighborhood create a list of five recommendations and will compile the neighborhood feedback after their next board meeting. Leonard suggested negotiating with PPS to provide parking at the local schools and encouraging those serving alcohol monitor patrons who are getting too drunk. Leonard also suggested hiring high school students to pick up litter. Rick suggested that the proper permitting be required for LT as a way to get the neighbors and NAs involved. Rick also suggested the event being monetized in some way, that money from the event go to a non-profit. Teri passed out copies of a business survey and residential survey related to LT. Katy A. recapped the discussion: clear accountability/known who to go to to follow up with issues; standard permitting process; parking solutions; liquor license holders accountable for intoxication; event be income generating (donations, vendor fees, advertising) and revenue going to student jobs or non-profits. Rick recommended FoLT becoming a non-profit, Jeff suggests that could be folded into "clear accountability." Andrew N recommended running a street car up MLK and Alberta to provide options for people getting to and from.

The following list was created as a rough draft of recommendations to pass to NECN:

- accountability (law and nuisance, someone who has the ability to act when there is an issue)
- parking solutions

- clear benefits/relationship with community and *with the artists involved*
- standard permitting process followed
- income generated that would lead to sustaining LT events (donations, vendors, sponsorship)
- stronger OLCC regulation accountability and enforcement*

Katy motioned to send the list to SALT committee. Jeff seconded. Motion amended to include 6th and addition of “and with the artists involved.” Irek expressed disappointment with the process. He feels that KNA has been working on this issue for too long and that it is wasted energy. Several neighbors agreed, but felt that this seemed like a breakthrough. The vote: 8 yeas, 2 nays, 3 abstentions. Nora will work on language with rest of the KNA board to submit to SALT/NECN.

Christi Miles of the Portland Playhouse shared some information about the history of the playhouse and programming.. Nora summarized PP's building situation.

Attendees

Diego Gioseffi, King neighbor
Officer Ryan Bren, PPB
David Lomax, Loaves and Fishes
Katy Asher, NECN
Rick Sills, King neighbor
Andrew Wilkins, King neighbor
Teri Phillips, KNA At Large Representative
Cristi Miles, Portland Playhouse

Andrew Neerman, King neighbor
Jeff Scott, KNA Treasurer
Nora Diver, KNA Co-Chair
Sara Cline, King neighbor
Irek Weilgosz, KNA At Large Representative
Leonard Lamberth, King neighbor
Katy Kanfer, KNA Secretary