

KNA Board Meeting: Collaboration and Caring for Our Neighborhood
King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th Avenue
<http://kingneighborhood.org>
December 14, 2011 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Alan Silver moved to approve the agenda. Jeff Scott seconded. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Announcements:

- Diego Gioseffi organized a weeding day on November 27 for the King School parking lot. A great turnout of sixteen volunteers wasn't enough to finish the project. A second weeding day is planned for the MLK Day weekend. At Diego's request, the director of the King Farmers Market said she'd try to get a big group of volunteers to assist. Katy Asher suggested Diego talk with Gene at NECN about insurance coverage for using heavy duty digging machines. In February Diego expects to hear from Multnomah Soil and Water about the grant he submitted that would pay for plants to put in the newly weeding area. A planting work day will be held this spring.
- Alan is putting together a list of food donation bins in the neighborhood. David mentioned that there is a community rack for food and clothing items at Loaves and Fishes. Alan said he will add it to the KNA website.
- A local cable access show will be filming neighbors talk about what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. has meant to them at Hughes Memorial UMC (111 NE Failing) on December 17 from 11am-12:30pm—all are invited to participate.
- Paige Hendrix from the Urban League of Portland announced that as the Healthy Kids Outreach Coordinator she'll be connecting families to medical, dental, and vision insurance through the Oregon Healthy Kids program.
- There will be a Friends of Trees planting on February 13th. Alan will post it on the KNA blog.

A representative from the Portland Police was not available to come to the meeting. Alan brought neighbors up-to-date on the homeless man living on MLK Boulevard near Safeway by letting us know the man isn't on the street anymore and his location is unknown.

Alan is waiting to hear back from Celeste Carey about a date to for KNA reps to go over the good neighbor agreement KNA holds with the Miracles Club. Irek Wielgosz mentioned on KBOO he heard Herman Bryant and Celeste invite any neighbor to come talk to them about the GNA at any time.

Jeff moved to approve the November minutes with the addition a specific detail to the Miracles Club paragraph; the word “event” will be changed to “fashion show” in reference to an event the MC held on November 19. Nora seconded motion. 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstention

Clayborn Collins presented a proposal for a weekend shopping market at the empty lot at Vanport (MLK at Alberta). He believes his proposal will provide economic development and also be a social service. Clayborn is working on a leadership development program whereby 150 youth be put to work on clean-up/landscaping at the lot and would receive stipends. They would also do community service and attend Clayborn's MRT program. Youth will be selected/referred by Department of Community Justice, Portland Police, PPS, and community organizations. Fred Stewart supported Clayborn's project as a temporary good use of city land purchased to help minorities to get economically involved in Portland. Teri wondered if there isn't a more substantial avenue for employment of youth. Irek asks what would prevent this market quickly losing steam, at the Boise/Eliot market did, and Ray Leary was looking for documented short and long term visions for the market. Clayborn explained the first phase is 50 vendors (found in his executive summary). Clayborn says he can come back to another meeting to present the overlay, which would have more specific details including the vendor application process. Alan spoke with someone at PDC who had concerns about impacts on neighbors, impact on Vanport Square businesses, zoning issues, the lot not being paved, and also said that they are in discussion with grocers who may possibly be interested. Ray invited Clayborn to come to the Vanport Owner's Association.

Nora sent around a sign up sheet to for people who want to get involved in land use and transportation issues in King. Many other NAs have Land Use and Transportation sub committees. There is also an element of an untapped, as yet uninvolved knowledge base in our neighborhood. Katy A said NECN committees are set up to get coalition support for neighborhood advocacy issues that are bigger than the neighborhood, and so can be more complex and less specific to a particular neighborhood. Alan says KNA is an unrepresented member of the Vanport Square Public Advisory Committee because we do not currently have a rep attending those meetings. Members of the VOA could be valuable contributors to a King NA LUTC.

Jeff gave an introduction to the idea of a food security initiative for King. There are a number of organizations working in King neighborhood that are working on food-related issues, such as the Urban Farm Collective, Growing Gardens, Portland Fruit Tree Project, and Loaves and Fishes. King would benefit from having a neighborhood response to food security. Nora said Arturo Caro from Oregon Food Bank is interested in having a more local collection/distribution happening. The food initiative would be a vision of priority for our neighborhood, helping folks connect, collaborate, and communicate. Teri announced that 180 lunches were packed by the Northeast Portland Backpack Lunch Program for the King School for December. The more donations the backpack program receives, the more the program will grow at King. KNA sent out email about the collection of turkeys and hams for the backpack program (for the holidays) and the Oregonian picked it up. Alan announced that turkeys, hams, and monetary donations have been flooding in and the demand will be met.

Nora suggested we consider if there is a way to connect the Movie in the Park with other things we are trying to do, such as the food security initiative. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those interested in helping with the Movie in the Park.

Alan gave background about the Portland Playhouse and its application for a conditional use permit to use the building at 6th & Prescott and announced that their permit application has been submitted. PP is interested in expanding into more of a community arts center, but the city sees them as a theater, which is a retail venture. KNA has primarily been working with the PP on parking issues. Alan says that PP has received a lease to use the King parking lot for theater events, but the agreement didn't happen in time to be included in the application. Alan suggested KNA tell the City that we'd approve the PP application if the parking management plan were mandatory, whether retail or community use are approved. Emily mentioned the TDM looks like the bare minimum. Specific changes suggested by neighbors included: electronic information dissemination regarding transportation options, quarterly reports from PP to KNA, and a note that if the PP uses the King parking lot, we'd like them to check in with neighbors around the parking lot. Alan said the tone of KNA's letter can speak to welcoming an opportunity to host an arts and cultural center. Alan motioned to write email to the city that includes: welcoming the opportunity to host an arts and cultural center; mandatory use of the TDM plan, which should include: electronic information dissemination regarding transportation options, and quarterly reports for the first year with continued exploration of transportation solutions/options; a note that says if the PP will use the King parking lot, we'd like them to check in with neighbors around the parking lot as a consideration of noise problems.

Nora seconded the motion. 7 yeas. 0 nays.

Katy Asher gave updates from the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods:

- On Saturday, January 7 NECN will have a kick-off event—"Here Comes the Sun!"—for the next round of Solarize Northeast. The event will include a meal at The Aviary and reception at Umpqua Bank. RSVP Requested: admin@necoalition.org or call 503-823-4575
- Dec. 28 is the deadline for comments on the Portland Plan: portlandonline.com/portlandplan
- Land Use and Transportation Committee Wed., Jan. 25, 7:00pm, at NECN
- Safety and Livability Team Monday, December 19, 6:30pm at NECN
SALT will discuss neighborhood school boundary re-organization with Portland Public Schools representative, Judy Brennan. We'll talk more about the Portland Plan and also hear from a concerned neighbor about fireworks in our neighborhoods.
- Community Economic Development Council Thurs. Dec 15, 8am at NECN
The CEDC is beginning preparations for the second installment of the Speaker Series, scheduled for

February 1st. The focus will be on current economic development initiatives in inner North and Northeast Portland.

Rick Sills reported back from NECN's SALT committee about a recent meeting to produce a good neighbor agreement between Alberta Bar owners and local neighbors. Less than ten out of 50+ OLCC license holders on Alberta were in attendance at the ONI-hosted meeting, and those represented seemed unhappy with GNA. Rick said it was a standard agreement, used by bars on SE Hawthorne for instance. ONI has intended bars to come to the table with their own solutions, but in lieu of that the city will impose their ideas. Rick's notes from the Portland Plan particularly highlighted a statement on page 107: "communities of color often do not feel comfortable calling emergency services." The Plan includes aspirational goals, but none for this issue—not short or long term. Rick and others at the SALT committee see this as an issue.

Alan encouraged neighbors to contribute to KNA outreach by writing blog posts, posting on the Facebook page, talking with neighbors, etc. Alan asked that we consider what we can do to reach more of our neighbors.

Katy Kanfer will request another bid from graphic designer Heather Ryerson for the creation of a KNA logo.

Attendees

Alan Silver, KNA Chair	Arturo Caro, Oregon Food Bank
Teri Phillips, KNA At-large representative	Jeff Scott, KNA Treasurer
Katy Kanfer, KNA Secretary	Clayborn Collins, Emmanuel Community Services
Katy Asher, NECN	Cyndi Natalello,
Emily Wilson, Humboldt resident	Nora Diver, KNA Co-chair
Bill Donahue, King resident	Darleene Meter, King resident
Gabrielle Foulkes, King resident	Shawna O'Neal, King resident
Paige Hendrix, Urban League	Jessica Antoine, King resident
Van Bogner, KNA At-large representative	Irek Wielgosz KNA At-large representative
Elizabeth Nardi, King resident	Fred Stewart, King resident
Bradley Shattuck	Mary McDonald-Lewis, Irvington resident
Ray Leary, Vanport Square developer	David Lomax, Loaves & Fishes (MLK)