

King Neighborhood Association General Meeting  
King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th Avenue  
<http://kingneighborhood.org>  
January 11, 2012 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm  
KNA General Meeting

Jeff Scott motioned to approve minutes from December. Nora Diver seconded. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Alan Silver motioned to approve the agenda. Nora seconded. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Katy Asher announced that NECN and Concordia University will host candidate forums for the offices of mayor and city council. A moderator will ask questions around the topics of livability and education. NECN is soliciting questions from the community, and Katy collected ideas from KNA. Irek Wilegosz motioned for KNA to ask NECN to invite every declared candidate. Alan seconded. 7 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions. Alan will send this request to Shoshana Cohen at NECN.

Alan announced various MLK day and other volunteer opportunities:

- Diego Gioseffi has organized a weeding work day to remove invasive ivy and blackberry from the King School parking lot on Monday, January 16th from 10am-4pm. Volunteers should bring work gloves.
- Northeast Portland Backpack Lunch Program will host a packing party and remembrance from 1-3pm on Monday, January 16th at Woodlawn United Methodist Church.
- Hands On Greater Portland offers a “sampler” series of volunteer opportunities that will focus on the NE Portland region to better understand this part of our city through non-profits working in the community. To register, visit [handsonportland.org](http://handsonportland.org).

Irek announced a community celebration at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel on Saturday, February 11 from noon to 6pm. The event is free and will have family-friendly entertainment and activities.

Van Bogner announced that the tree inventory project run by Portland Parks and Recreation Urban Forestry is accepting applications. It's a two-year process including education, volunteer recruitment, and field work. NAs that have the most volunteer support are chosen for the program. Irek thinks King might not be ready to rally the repeated volunteer support, but Emily Wilson thought that former tree inventory volunteers would likely jump at a chance to volunteer again. Katy Kanfer and Alan will submit an application on behalf of King.

John Bronger of St. Andrew Church came to announce their Emergency Services program, which provides emergency food, utility and rental assistance and critical referrals to those in need in the neighborhood. Food programs include a Food Pantry, Community Basket (extension of Oregon Food Bank Second Harvest), and Harvest Share Food Pantry. Contact Lucinda Tate (971-244-0356, [lucinda.tate@standrewchurch.com](mailto:lucinda.tate@standrewchurch.com)) for info.

Officer Bren explained that Jim Townley was our neighborhood district officer, but has been temporarily re-assigned to a neighborhood street crimes team and so won't be here for the next few meetings. Officer Bren gave updates on goings-on in King: the homeless many who had been staying near Safeway has moved on and his location is unknown. N.E. 9<sup>th</sup> and N.E. Alberta has quieted down—people don't seem to be “loitering” on the block anymore. Ofc. Bren is working with Teri on a suspicious house on her street, trying to note the nature of the activity that takes place there. PPB is trying to track down owners of vacant houses. If your aware of vacant properties email Ofc. Bren. The neighborhood response team is planning to run a targeted mission at businesses that sell or serve alcohol. Let Ofc. Bren know of any establishments with alcohol-related issues. Alan asked for Ofc. Bren's opinion on the liquor license application at Jackson's (Shell station). Ofc Bren said statistically PPB fields a lot of complaints concerning over-serving and similar issues in that specific area. Trace asked if there is enough crime data to oppose the application—Bren will request a report from the crime analysts unit and will forward it to Alan.

Through the KNA food security initiative we hope to connect the different groups who are working on food and hunger issues to encourage collaboration. PDC has talked about a grocery store being built at MLK and Alberta, but a low-end mass market could squeeze out the opportunity to have a different approach to food in our neighborhood. The board continues to discuss this topic and will plan a committee meeting in the next few months.

The Portland Playhouse is requesting KNA to appeal to Portland City Council within two weeks if any part of its

conditional use permit application is denied. The permit would allow the building on NE 6<sup>th</sup> and NE Prescott to continue as a community gathering place and theater. Brian Weaver presented on behalf of PP. He asked for help from King neighborhood, where PP has been working for 3 years to make a positive impact. Along with staging high profile plays, PP spends a lot of time putting on workshops for students at Jefferson and De La Salle high schools, and having community forums and discussion groups. This year the history of King neighborhood has influenced PP programming more than ever. Brian said PP is not a commercial retail sales operation: less than 40% of PP revenue is from ticket sales—most of their budget comes from grants. A board of 15 directors make sure PP is guided by their non-profit mission. Will Rasmussen, from the law firm representing PP pro bono, explained the appeal would include one city council hearing that would be an opportunity for KNA, PP, and the public to give statements. PP would state their argument concerning community service vs. commercial venture, and one or two people could speak on behalf of the KNA board. Will said PP will take care of all the legal work. Alan added that KNA can make that appeal at no cost—a PP appeal would be about \$9,000. Irek motioned that KNA write the appeal in case the hearings officer declines any part of the permit. Alan asked if Miller Nash would present in the name of King (because it is our appeal) or PP. Will said they could do it either way, as partners: PP will have a special place in any appeal as they are the applicant, while KNA will be the appellant. Will will submit written materials of all points they are going to raise at the hearing to KNA. KNA would be required to submit a short appeal form with roughly 4 lines about the use categorization. PP wants to voluntarily agree to the specific requests that KNA included in the letter response to PP's application and would be happy to include those in the application. Nora emphasized that almost everyone she talked to wants PP to stay, but that they felt challenged by the lack of communication and parking issues. Will said that PBOT looked at the parking situation, compared it to a typical residential neighborhood, and determined that there was more than ample parking in that area. PP has tried to get city of Portland to designate that block as neighborhood only (permit parking)—the city has said no. The TDM is part of the deal. Alan moved to amend the standing motion to read: should any part of the conditional use application be denied, KNA will appeal, and PP will supply KNA with all documentation that they will submit in support of said appeal. Trace seconded. 20 yeas. 0 nays. 0 abstentions. Will said it is most common for someone from the board to speak at the hearing. If there are any questions, KNA should contact him. NECN has offered to go over appeal application with KNA. Several neighbors briefly continued the conversation by sharing their positive thoughts about PP.

Alan and Katy will submit a Movie In the Park Application. Brian mentioned he might be able to help with a PA system, stage, and finding pre-film entertainment.

KNA is looking for folks to dive into Land Use/Economic Development study and action. We've had a hard time figuring out how to participate in the Vanport development discussions. Tracey Hicks, a real estate agent, said she could link to KNA from her website. She thinks if New Seasons goes in on Williams another grocery store would not go in at Vanport.

Jackson's convenience market has applied for a liquor license and contacted KNA to see if we'd like a good neighbor agreement. Katy A. said KNA could oppose it now if we have the desire and commitment. Neighbors seemed to have conflicting feelings about the liquor license application. Jeff took the lead on working on the GNA and will request help from NECN. Irek also offered to help. Alan motioned that KNA pursue GNA process with crime prevention and Jackson's on MLK. Irek seconded. 11 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Katy Asher gave updates from the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhood including: registration and upcoming workshops for the Solarize NE program; announcements of upcoming Land Use and Transportation, Safety and Livability Team, and Community Economic Development Council meetings; "A Framework for Community Economic Development in N/NE Portland" speaker CEDC organized event at St. Andrews on February 1 at 6:30pm; & several other neighborhood events.

Alan briefly brought up the King Clean-Up; Brian said he could help with organizing.

Trace asked to be reimbursed for the KNA Constant Contact account, which has been debiting from his bank account.

Katy moved to approve the \$270 reimbursement. Alan seconded. 11 yeas, 0-0.

Alan asked to be reimbursed \$11 for snacks and \$11 for printing. Jeff moved, Cyndi seconded, 11 yeas, 0-0.

#### Attendees

Stacey Hobart, King  
Trace Salmon, King  
Elizabeth Nardi, King  
Diego Gioseffi, King

Katy Kanfer, KNA Secretary  
Nora Diver, KNA Co-Chair  
Brian Weaver, Portland Playhouse  
Cyndi Natalello, PCRI

Jeff Scott, KNA Treasurer  
Nikki Weaver, Portland Playhouse  
Scott Eberly, St. Andrew School  
Emily Wilson, Humboldt

Will Layng, King  
Shawn Price, King  
Katy Asher, NECN  
Alan Silver, KNA Chair  
Tracey Hicks, Dwell Realty

Gabrielle Foulkes, King  
Mario Correa, Portland Playhouse  
John Braunger, St. Andrew School  
Van Bogner, KNA At-large rep  
Nick Ostim, Portland Playhouse

Matt Moule, King  
Angela Freeman, Portland Playhouse  
Will Rasmussen, Miller Nash Law  
Irek Wilegosz, KNA At-large rep  
Ofc. Ryan Bren, Portland Police Bureau