

King Neighborhood Association General Meeting
King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th Avenue
<http://kingneighborhood.org>
February 8, 2012 – 6:30 to 8:45 pm

Alan Silver welcomed everyone and after introductions passed the floor to Diego Gioseffi to give an update about the planting project at King School. Diego said Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation came to observe last week, agreed with the planting plan, and added suggestions, such as removal of the hawthorne trees. April 22nd, Earth Day, is the scheduling planting day event. Diego said we will need more money if we decide to get rid of the trees, and if anyone has nursery or other tree contacts (for free or discount plants), to let him know.

John Janulis started off a discussion of recent crime on Alberta Street. He expressed extreme frustration and concern for safety regarding the recent shooting incident outside of the Bye and Bye, which he owns. He and several neighboring business owners/employees believe they have identified the shooter through video footage, eye witnesses, and a four-year history of incidents with this same person. John and the others feel the police have not been supportive or responsive to their evidence and are afraid that there will be eruptions of violence in the future. They have been as proactive as they can to ensure the safety of employees and customers. There seemed to be some misunderstandings between John and Officer Dennis Mako when they discussed the details of the incident. Officer Mako said they need to have all the details in a row before they charge someone—if they charge and it gets dismissed, the person cannot be charged a second time. He added that PPB is working on other cases in the area that they believe are related. Celeste Carey suggested that businesses on Alberta have a consistent process for registering suspicious and/or unlawful activity. This kind of reporting adds up and assists police in making arrests and charges. John and Officer Mako agreed to communicate further and make sure PPB had copies of the video footage.

Alan opened discussion about a neighborhood watch for the Alberta corridor. Diane Coward let the group know Alberta Main Street has been extended to 10th, into King. Celeste said a neighborhood watch would be different in different areas because of the combination of residential and commercial issues. Jeff Scott spoke with neighbors of Jackson's Food Mart about the store's liquor license and potential good neighbor agreement. Opposing the license would be difficult—Officer Bren pulled the store's record and it didn't have a lot of calls. Neighbors' main concerns seemed to be past difficulty with the cigarette store across the street. Bright lights, noise, litter, and potential for problems are topics neighbors would like to see addressed in a GNA. Alan noted there's been increasing activity at INA Market and suggests a GNA—Teri has seen street drinking and loitering. Celeste said she will look into it. 7/11 plans to expand into N/NE Portland, including an empty lot across the street from Vanport Square. Celeste suggested we address the situation early if we have an issue, and to contact the Bureau of Development Services to find out the timeline of the project. Vernon NA is both opposing the 7/11 slotted for their neighborhood and pursuing a good neighbor agreement. Ernie offered to help Alan canvass the immediate area to ask how people feel about the 7/11. Shoshana noted that the Portland Comprehensive Plan, which sets the stage for zoning, will be looked at again soon with opportunities for NA input. Nora said she will call PDC to find out about the zoning for the intended 7/11 lot.

Scott Cohen, who works on Neighborhood Greenways for the Bureau of Transportation. To create a “Greenway” neighborhood streets are retrofitted with speed bumps, sharrows, and crossing features to be low speed and low traffic—better for walking and biking. An offshoot project called presented a pilot project called “Going to the River” will mostly involve building new infrastructure down toward Swann Island, but incorporates the Going greenway. PBoT will be doing outreach to alert area residents

to the Going resource. Part of the Going to the River project includes putting sign toppers on street signs similar to those used on Clinton. There was some safety related discussion concerning bikes on Alberta, Broadway, and MLK. Nora asked if there is any plant-related aspect to “green”ways. Scott said not expressly, but storm water swales are sometimes used and Greenways has also been working with Friends of Trees and Audubon Society to put trees in and do backyard wildlife certification.

Alan announced that the Portland Playhouse's application for a conditional use permit was approved for community use but not for theater use, which was deemed “retail.” The City Council appeal hearing is March 1st at 3:30pm. Nora said she can help write KNA's appeal testimony. Brian said the Playhouse is spreading the word to bring supporters out to the appeal.

Brian had two proposals for the 2012 King Neighborhood Clean-up: first, that the clean up be on May 19th and second, to approve a budget (based on last year). The estimated net gain for the clean up is \$525. Alan motioned that May 19th be approved. Irek seconded. 12 yeas. 0 nays. 1 abstention.

Shoshana made several announcements on behalf of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhood's:

- Community Economic Development Council will hold more events in April and May, and their next meeting is Feb 16
- mentioned upcoming Land Use And Transportation and Safety And Livability Team meetings
- The first of two NECN sponsored candidate forums will be on February 28 at Concordia University. There will be 3 mayoral candidates and 6 city councils candidates. Alan asked if the other runners could be invited as attendees. Shoshana said she'd look into it.

King will not host a tree inventory of the neighborhood this year, but we have a list of steps to prepare for next year. If anyone is interested let Alan know. (Jessica, Van, Irek?)

Alan will make proposal at March's meeting to delay board elections until September to give KNA additional time to rework our bylaws.

General opinion is that KNA should plan a neighborhood garage sale again this year. Teri offered to help organize.

Irek made two announcements:

- Friends of Trees will be planting 80 trees in King on Saturday. Volunteers are welcome. The starting point is FoT headquarters (on MLK) at 8:30am.
- The N.Williams Transportation Operation Safety Project has identified particular issues and produced a pamphlet. They will hold 3 or 4 more meetings and create an action plan.

During a brief discussion of KNA's developing food security program, Soil to Soul, Shoshana mentioned that Concordia NA will be talking about food concerns at their next meeting and that future discussions coordinated by CEDC will address food security as well. Katy is compiling a resource list of food-related groups working within the community.

Katy said the city's Movie in the Park coordinators were concerned with our selection of The Wiz and would like to see some other choices. Katy will email out/post to Facebook some other ideas to get a “vote” on what else we might like to screen.

Attendees

El Aran, <i>neighbor</i>	Brian Weaver, <i>Portland Playhouse</i>	Nora Diver, <i>KNA Co-chair</i>
Diego Gioseffi, <i>neighbor</i>	Rick Sills, <i>neighbor</i>	Ernest Jones, <i>neighbor</i>
Shane Flood, <i>Bye & Bye</i>	Katy Kanfer, <i>KNA Secretary</i>	Alan Silver, <i>KNA Chair</i>
John Janulis, <i>Bye & Bye</i>	Michael Draper, <i>Radio Room</i>	Sofie Malm, <i>neighbor</i>
Jeff Scott, <i>KNA Treasurer</i>	Sarah Betteridge, <i>Radio Room</i>	Russ Eisenberg, <i>neighbor</i>
Shoshana Cohen, <i>NECN</i>	James Barta, <i>Helen Ying for Metro</i>	Ofc Dennis Mako, <i>PPB</i>
Margo Dobbertin, <i>neighbor</i>	Celeste Carey, <i>ONI Crime Prevention</i>	Cyndi Natalello, <i>PCRI</i>
Irek Wilegosz, <i>KNA At-large board member</i>		Teri Philips, <i>KNA At-Large board member</i>
Grace Uwagbae, <i>Community Advocate, Office of the Mayor</i>		David Lomax, <i>MLK Loaves & Fishes</i>
Scott Cohen, <i>Portland Bureau of Transportation</i>		Van Bogner, <i>KNA At-large board member</i>
Emily Wilson, <i>Humboldt neighbor, coördinator for Two Plum Park bench project</i>		
Diane Coward, <i>Fuel Cafe building owner, Alberta Business Association, Alberta Main Street</i>		
J. Antin/Burns(?) <-- could be the unnamed cop? an unnamed cop from the PPB		