

King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th Avenue
<http://kingneighborhood.org>
March 14, 2012 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm
KNA Board meeting: Building a Healthy, Connected Neighborhood.

After brief introductions, Alan Silver announced that the Portland Playhouse appeal to City Council was successful—with many impassioned and moving testimonies—and that they have been granted conditional use zoning to operate as a theater and community center.

Maureen Mimiaga proposed putting on a small egg hunt in Two Plum Park for younger children in the neighborhood on Sunday, April 8 from 10:30-11:30am. The Alberta Co-op has said they will donate treats for the eggs. Celeste Bicknell said she'd be interested in helping. Nora Diver asked if we would need permit—Maureen she talked to PP&R and they said 'no'. NECN will extend their insurance to cover the event. Alan motioned to approve event and allot up to \$75 for reimbursements. Nora seconded. 8 yeas, 0 nays. Maureen handed out fliers for the event for folks to disperse within the immediate neighborhood.

Officer Petrov let neighbors know about the Portland Police Bureau proposed 4% budget cuts. He emphasized that patrol positions will not be cut. A training facility is slotted to open at NE 148th and NE Sandy, and there are plans to reopen the SE precinct at SE 48th and SE Burnside. Teri Phillips asked for follow up information about what she thought was an attempted robbery at Amigos Produce Market in Cascade Square. Ofc. Petrov said it was an inebriated man who became upset and pulled out a knife in the store. The store clerk called 911, but man fled and hasn't been found.

Van Bogner gave an update on the King School grounds planting project. There is still some ivy to be removed, as well as the hawthorn trees—replacement trees haven't been selected yet. Friends of Trees will donate trees if they have a surplus. The grounds will be replanted with natives on Earth Day, April 22. There might be a need for a long term maintenance plan. Watering in the first year—especially during the summer—will be important. There were several ideas for watering, including tree bags and partnering with King School and King Farmers Market. KNA will post work party announcements on the blog.

7-11 has plans for a store in King, on MLK and NE Sumner. This would be the third new and contentious 7-11 in this region, with one in St. Johns and another in Vernon on NE 15th and NE Killingsworth. The Occupy St. Johns group is organizing community opposition to 7-11 in their neighborhood. Vernon NA officially opposed the 7-11 in their neighborhood, but wasn't able to stop the store from moving in and so now is working on a GNA to address the clunky building, loitering, etc. A draft GNA has been sent by 7-11 to KNA. We haven't discussed the agreement formally yet. Adam Milne, owner of Old Towne Pizza, sent a letter officially opposing the 7-11 in King on the grounds that it would not foster or support small, local business. Alan passed around the King Neighborhood Plan and King Neighborhood Commercial Center Development Strategy as a reference point for development goals for the neighborhood. If KNA decided to take action against 7-11, we would potentially have the support of Occupy St. Johns, VNA, NECN, and Concordia NA. Celeste Bicknell lives on Sumner, which she described as a block of mostly home owners and with five children. Celeste believes traffic is a problem for Sumner because of Pizza Hut delivery drivers and other through traffic. PDOT is going to do a traffic reading of the street. Maggie Michaels, who works with the high school population at Jefferson, feels this community doesn't need any more places to get junk food, beer, and cigarettes. Neighbors discussed potential for action based on crime, livability, transportation, planning/zoning, and food security issues. Alan proposed KNA take an oppositional stance to the building of a 7-11 on MLK and Sumner. Irek seconded. 6 yeas. 0 nays. The building will require transit studies, and the zoning will take some time. Darrell Borque will get 7-11 building plans and consult with architects/builders for oppositional advice. Alan said Darrell could act as a representative of KNA to get info. Celeste said she would attend the LUTC meeting, and Teri said she will bring the issue to SALT. Alan and Jeff thought SALT might have ideas on how to address the issue of crime. Katy will bring address the issue at the food security meeting. Alan will ask Occupy St. Johns and VNA to share their supporting oppositional documents and will send out an email with the sketch of an action plan. Something from PDC that would address the 7-11 in reference to the development of Vanport Phase III could also bolster the case. Irek will try to set up

land-use and transportation working group meeting in about three weeks to address the NE Garfield/NE Failing apartments and MLK/NE Sumner 7-11.

Jacksons Food Mart at MLK and NE Jarrett applied for a liquor license to sell beer and wine and has offered to create a good neighbor agreement with KNA. Jeff Scott talked to neighbors nearby the Jacksons store and was told that problems they've had in the past have dissipated. Jeff and nearby neighbors met with Andrea Jackson and came up with a GNA. In the process, Jeff learned that opposing liquor licenses can be effective if there's been documented negative history with the owner—in this case there has not been. Jacksons won't sell malt liquor, fortified wine, or single serving containers with high alcohol content. KNA and Jacksons will meet 90 days after Jacksons starts selling alcohol to take stock of the GNA.

Brian Weaver motioned to have a budget of \$745 approved for the 2012 King Neighborhood Clean-up (based on figures from last year). Irek seconded the motion. 6 yeas. 0 nays. Brian noted that the estimated budget includes truck rental, but use of donated trucks would cut expenses.

Katy Kanfer announced that the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council created a working group to develop a vision for “Food Justice” in the Portland metro region to help guide food-related activities of the Food Policy Council, the City of Portland and Multnomah County. They are holding two listening sessions near our neighborhood: Thursday, March 15, from 4-5:30 pm at the Hollywood Library, 4040 NE Tillamook and also on Wednesday, March 21, from 6-7:30 pm at the North Portland Library, 512 North Killingsworth. The purpose of the listening sessions is to collect feedback, identify barriers, generate ideas, and conduct outreach with those in attendance.

Alan motioned to postpone KNA board elections until September. Katy seconded. 5 yeas. 1 abstention.

Emily Wilson is beginning the process of fundraising the \$5200 for a commemorative bench at Two Plum Park. (KNA is a partner of the project.) The project did not receive a grant from the NECN small grant program. Emily recently talked about the origins of the park with Joe Martin, who was a primary founder. Joe and Emily felt a group dedication would best suit the bench's plaque. NECN has become the project's fiscal sponsor, making donations tax deductible and extending technical assistance. Emily's timeline for the project is to finish fundraising June 1 and submit an application to PPR for the bench. In six weeks the plaque will be done, and in ten the bench will be installed. The bench could be installed in September. Emily is looking for help to create a video for an Indieagogo campaign, as well as find thank-yous for donors.

There is \$363 left from last year and another \$1000 for this year's communications budget. Alan asked neighbors to get in touch about ideas or projects that might benefit from communications support. We are also considering options to hold meetings at King School Library and the Portland Playhouse.

A lack of response tabled the idea of a second annual neighborhood garage sale in for King in 2012.

NECN requested NAs pitch in for Neighborhood Clean-up color postcards. Alan has asked them how much of a contribution they are looking for and is waiting for their response.

Attendees

Katy Kanfer, KNA Secretary	Alan Silver, KNA Chair	Nora Diver, KNA Co-Chair
Jeff Scott, KNA Treasurer	Cyndi Natalello, PCRI	Nicole Thoen, resident
Michael Thoen, resident	Maggie Michaels, resident	El Aran, resident
Emily Wilson, Humboldt resident	Darrell Borque, resident	Celeste Bicknell, resident
Ofc. Christopher Petrov, PPB	Nghi V. Tran, resident	Gerald Wolf, resident
Brian Weaver, Portland Playhouse	Robin Franklin, Hughes Memorial UMC	
Teri Phillips, KNA At-large board member	Irek Wielgocz, KNA At-large board member	
Van Bogner, KNA At-large board member	Maureen Mimiaga, KNA At-large board member	
David Lomax, MLK Senior Center/Loaves & Fishes		
Emanuel Price, resident; SCAFE (Second Chances Are For Everyone)		