

King Neighborhood Association General Meeting
King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th Avenue
May 9, 2012 – 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Officer Chase Bryson from the Portland Police Bureau was available to answer questions during the beginning of the meeting.

Brian Weaver reminded neighbors the King Clean-up will be on Saturday May 19 and organizers are still looking for one more truck and more volunteers. Diego will pass out event fliers at the King Farmer's Market.

David Lomax gave an update from the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN).

- Resilience PDX Community Disaster Preparedness Expo on June 2 at King School from 10-5pm.
- Solarize NE – registration is closing soon. More info can be found on the NECN website.
- LUTC – long term planning for NE quadrant, N. Williams – meeting Wed May 23rd at NECN
- SALT – meet Mon May 21 at NECN
- CEDC- Thurs May 17th 8am at NECN – working on a crowd mapping project
- School's Committee - (handout)

There will soon be office space available in the King School Annex. If anyone has ideas about what can fill that space contact Trace Salmon.

Kate Keefe Sullivan of the Portland Flea is hoping that the market will be able to operate in the King School parking lot on a monthly basis this summer (every 3rd Saturday from 10am-4pm). Kate asked for a letter of approval from KNA to send to Portland Parks and Recreation. Items sold at the market must be at least 25 years old or handmade. Apparently the plot where the parking lot now stands used to be residential space so Kate has met some zoning trouble. Administrative work to change the lot from residential to “open” still needs to be done. PPR has said they are working to change the zoning but if a neighbor complains Kate's permit would be pulled. Neighbors shared concerns about parking, over-saturation of resale businesses, and music amplification. Student musicians from Ethos have provided entertainment at the Flea in the past. Alan would be interested in a community education component. Paige shared an idea for supplemental income programs for neighbors (short-trip moving company, etc). Alan motioned to issue a letter of approval to Portland Parks and Recreation supporting the Fleas use of the parking lot with the stipulation that Kate comes to the first KNA meeting after the first Flea. Jeff seconded. 11 yeas.

Alan gave an update on 7-Eleven business: KNA voted to oppose the development. About 50 people attended the special meeting last month and formed Friends of King to oppose the development. Sumner residents are working on transportation aspects. Citizen opposition is the only way to stop construction.

Communications funds need to be used by June 30, which is the end of the fiscal year. Alan encouraged anyone with a communications project to put it forward for consideration.

Woody Broadnax asked KNA to write a letter of support for an event he is planning: June 19th Green (subsidiary of the Green Party) Voter Registration Drive at MLK/Alberta on July 21-22, from noon to dusk. The event will have music, food courts, political booths and speakers, and voter registration. Woody has already planned for insurance for the event. Alan asked Paige if NAs should be wary of political events. Paige said that it's acceptable to support an event that's non-partisan. David moved to write a letter of support and send to PDC. Paige encouraged KNA to be specific about our level of support—supporting the idea, being an event partner, etc. Woody said they have all the required permitting, including noise. Alan seconded to write a letter of support. 6 yeas, 2 abstentions.

Jeff motioned to approve April's general meeting minutes. Alan seconded 5 yeas.

Dr. Maila Davenport introduced her idea for a year-long King/Boise World Tree Project. Maila would like to see more sacred spaces—places to reflect and heal—in the city. The project would locate six sites that would have a world tree and community art element. Each site would have information about the location and what it contributes to the story of the “world tree.” Between four and six community members would be specifically trained and encouraged to be ongoing tenders of the space. Teri asked if there are any World Tree locations already in existence. Maila said the TKF foundation has made 130 of these places. Maila will email the proposal to Alan to share with KNA. Alan asked Maila to let us know as she identifies next steps. A letter from KNA is required for Maila's grant application to Regional Arts and Culture Council. KNA will discuss the idea via email.

Alan has arranged with NECN to do a fund raising drive for the Backpack Lunch Program. KNA and the King School PTA would jointly aim to have enough food and enough money to do a big packing day in November. The PTA has space at King School where food can be stored. The PTA does not already do fund raising for BLP. Paige offered NECN offices as a potential donation center. Jeff motioned that KNA do fund raising for the Backpack Lunch Program. Alan seconded. 7 yeas.

Alan suggested the official formation of a Soil to Soul committee, which would address King Neighborhood food-related topics as they arose (i.e., 7-Eleven actions, the Spite Sparks Park Project at King School). Paige talked about pdxfoodsystems.crowdmap.com project as a potential asset. Rick motioned to create the Soil to Soul food security sub-committee. Jeff seconded. 6 yeas.

KNA's Movie in the Park will be *ET: The Extraterrestrial*, screened on Saturday June 30. Several people are working on selling slides, finding volunteers, and asking for raffle donations.

Attendees

Alan Silver, KNA Chair	Katy Kanfer, KNA Secretary	David Lomax, Loaves and Fishes
Rick Sills, King neighbor	Kate Keefe Sullivan, Portland Flea	Brian Weaver, Portland Playhouse
Jeff Scott, KNA Treasurer	Devon Rogers, King neighbor	Eowyn Rogers, King neighbor
Maila Davenport, Altar Places	Diego Gioseffi, King neighbor	Cydi Natalello, PCRI
Officer Chase Bryson, PPB	Denise Hall,	
Teri Phillips, KNA At-large board member		Robin Franklin, Hughes Memorial UMC
Paige Coleman, Exec. Director NECN		Celeste Carey, ONI-Crime Prevention, City of Portland
Woody Broadnax Jr, "19th of June Green"		