

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

Introductions were made, and the agenda was approved with the addition of NECN announcements. The minutes from June's KNA meeting were approved unanimously by folks who were in attendance in June's meeting and present at this meeting.

Nora Diver announced her resignation as King NA co-Chair, effective the end of this meeting. Alan announced that elections will be held at September's KNA meeting for these board positions: Secretary, Chair, Co-Chair, and three at-large positions (currently held by Maureen Mimiaga, Van Bogner, and Teri Phillips). Alan announced his intention to not run for reelection as Chair; Teri and Van indicated their willingness and desire to run again for their at-large board positions.

Jeff indicated his desire to become the second King NA rep to the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Board. A discussion about board rep responsibilities ensued, and a general consensus that KNA reps to NECN should represent the desires and needs of the King neighborhood first and foremost emerged. Jeff was elected unanimously to a one-year term (the length proscribed by NECN's by-laws) as King rep to the NECN board, and David Lomax was reconfirmed as the other rep to NECN's board, for a term comprising the next year. Both elections were conducted by board members only, at Alan's request.

Diego Gioseffi described his hope that the next phase of the King Facility parking lot grounds-keeping could include a bioswale; he is in conversation with the engineering firm Berde for the possible creation of a (donated/free) preliminary plan.

Emily Wilson told King NA about the Two Plum Park potluck occurring on Sunday August 12th, and King NA voted unanimously to sign on as co-host of the potluck. Alan will be on hand to talk about King NA, and Emily will attend to let folks know about the TPP bench project.

Andrew Clarke explained the 10th & Mason neighbors block party on the evening of August 25th, which will include music, movies, and a fundraiser for Two Plum Park bench project. Andrew has been working with Alan/KNA and NECN to complete city paperwork for the block party. King NA voted unanimously to co-sponsor/co-host (with no funds expended) the block party.

Other neighborhood events: Alan has been unsuccessful in rescheduling King's Movie in the Park, with city Parks & Recreation. Andrew, Nora, and Jeff will research the logistics of holding concerts in King School Park.

Eileen Kennedy and Bo Baumgartner, neighbors at 6th & Jarrett, talked about Safeway, crime, and cleanliness in the neighborhood. Eileen offered to draft a letter to Safeway asking the store to expend further efforts to keep the grounds near the store clean; King NA voted unanimously to sign and send it. KNA and Officer Pryce discussed QuikTrip as a node for criminal activity; Officer Pryce ruled out clothing store Top to Bottom (next to QuikTrip) as a contributing factor.

Alan described the King Backpack Lunch Program, which he proposes as a specific project of the King NA to supplement the NE Backpack Lunch Program by raising funds to pay for backpack lunches for the weekend for King schoolchildren on free/reduced lunch programs. He and Jeff had met with Paige and Paula, NECN staffers, earlier in the day to hammer out the logistics of setting up the program. The need for a NA program stems from the ability of the KNA to use NECN's 501©3 number for corporate donations, whereas the church that oversees the finances of the NE Backpack program does not have a conventional non-profit tax status. Alan said the aim would be to raise \$2000 towards the \$5000-5500 cost for 50-55 King School students that the NE Backpack program has agreed to serve. The King NA voted unanimously to approve creation of this program under KNA auspices, through the project oversight of NECN. Jeff Scott proposed voting \$200 in KNA funds to launch the program. King NA voted unanimously to approve. Both votes were by board members only, at Alan's request.

David Lomax asked for co-sponsorship of MLK Loaves & Fishes Jambalaya Dinner fundraiser at Dawson Park on September 8th. The King NA board voted to approve \$300 for this (\$300 being

approximately the amount of money earned at the King Clean-up earlier this year, per Katy Asher/NECN).

Teri let KNA know that Write Around Portland is opening a new session of journaling/writing this fall, for seniors and people with disabilities. More specific information to come.

Trace Salmon updated KNA on the school enrollment balancing/possible school boundary changes/possible closings. King School continues to be under-enrolled; Humboldt students went to Boise after Humboldt closed. Will King be a K-5 or K-8? Could it be closed by the school district? No clear answers yet. .

Katy Asher presented the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods announcements:

NECN Volunteer Appreciation Party- Tuesday, August 28th

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods invites you to its Summertime Volunteer Appreciation Party on Tuesday, August 28th. Join us outside our offices in the King School Park with friends and neighbors for local music, savory foods & ice cream while we recognize the stellar volunteers who truly make a difference in our community. Please RSVP to 503 823 4575 or info@NECoalition.org.

Northeast Coalition Community Committees

- **Safety and Livability Team** *Monday, August 20, 6:30pm at NECN*
SALT returns in August to host a special combined meeting with the Land Use and Transportation Committee to hear about the proposed coal export terminals in the Pacific Northwest.
- **Schools Committee** *Thursday, August 23, 6:30pm, at NECN*
NECN's Schools Committee believes that strong neighborhood schools are at the center of vibrant neighborhoods. The committee hosted Rep. Lew Frederick at their last meeting to discuss strategies for public engagement in upcoming enrollment balancing processes with PPS.
- **Community Economic Development Council** *August meeting has been cancelled, see you September 25th at 6:30pm.*
- **Land Use and Transportation Committee** *Regular August meeting cancelled, combined with SALT August 20th at 6:30pm.*
This month LUTC is meeting with SALT in a combined meeting on regional coal export terminals in the Pacific Northwest.

NECN seeks volunteers for Neighborhood Small Grant Evaluation

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods seeks volunteers living or working in inner north and northeast Portland to review and score grant applications for our Neighborhood Small Grants Program this fall.

This is a great opportunity to support grassroots projects in the area, and to learn about what makes a good grant application. Volunteers must be able to commit to attending three meetings between September-December, and spend 10-15 hours reviewing grant proposals during the last two weeks of November. To get a copy of the nominations form, call Katy at 503 388 5070.

Alberta Street Fair- Saturday, August 11th

NECN will be tabling during the Street Fair, look for us between NE 14th Avenue and 14th Place.

Spirit of Portland Nominations due by September 5th

Celebrated since 1985, the award ceremony has been an important way for the city to recognize those whose volunteer efforts make a positive difference to the greater Portland community. **You can nominate a:** Neighborhood Association, An individual, Business Association, Non-profit organization, Small or large business. **Download nomination forms at NECoalition.org**

Attendees

Alan Silver, KNA Chair Nora Diver, KNA Co-chair
Jeff Scott, KNA Treasurer Trace Salmon, King neighbor, King School PTA President
Emily Wilson, Humboldt neighbor, Two Plum Park bench project coördinator
David Lomax, Loaves and Fishes Van Bogner, KNA At-large rep
Teri Phillips, KNA At-large rep Katy Asher, Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods staffer
Officer Pryce, Portland Police Bureau
Rick Sills, King neighbor, KNA rep to NECN Safety & Livability Committee
Andrew Clarke, King neighbor, co-organizer of August 2012 block party at 10th/Mason
Diego Gioseffi, King neighbor, organizer of King Facility grounds-keeping projects
Eileen Kennedy, King neighbor Bo Baumgartner, King neighbor