

King Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2013

King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th Avenue 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Irek Wielgosz, KNA Co-Chair
Jeff Scott, KNA At-Large Representative #4
Scott Breon, KNA Neighbor
Carol Kelly, TGW Faith Ministries
Oreatha Johnson, TGW Faith Ministries
Brian Dale, PPB
Patrick Murphy, PPB
Celeste Carey, ONI Crime Prevention
Gary Lowe, Crown Q BBQ rep
Phillip Johnson, TGW Faith Ministries
Diego Gioseffi, KNA At-Large Representative #3
Rick Sills, KNA Rep. to SALT
Alan Silver, KNA Treasurer
Jeff Hilber, Friends of Last Thursday
Russ Eisenberg, KNA Co-Chair
Sara Wittenberg, Alberta Main Street
Robin Franklin, Hughes Memorial Clinic
Teri Phillips, KNA At-Large Representative #5
David Lomax, KNA Delegate to NECN and King neighbor
Fawn Aberson, NNEBA
Margo Dobbertin, KNA Secretary
Tia Factor, KNA At-Large Representative #1
Gloria McMurty, KNA
Naim Ahmed, Principal Bangladesh Police Academy, Sardah Rajshahi, Bangladesh
Two PPB who did not sign in

Introductions

Updates from PPB (Politanos (sp) from statistical unit): Review of map reflecting crimes in the King neighborhood for January 1, 2013 – April 30, 2013. (Note that one spot on the map could reflect more than one crime.) Crimes are generally down from 4-5 years ago, and current trends are common to other neighborhoods in Portland, although incidents of car prowls are up in King.

NECN (Shoshana): There are many events coming up. Learning from History: A Conversation with (author) Lois Leveen, May 15th at Allen Temple CME (NECN is co-sponsoring the event with City Club, Urban League and other orgs in PDX). The Irvington Home Tour occurs May 19th. There are several city budget forums coming up in May. NECN also has several trainings coming up: Facilitator Training, June 3rd; Roundtable on Neighborhood-level Emergency Preparedness, June 19th. The ONI budget was better than expected; other city budget decisions are on going and there are some opportunities to voice concerns are still available. The NECN office may be moving; it has been in the current location next to King School since 1974 but may

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be displaced by PPS . NECN Board elections are in June and there is one spot open for a KNA representative as well as executive board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TGW Faith Ministries (Oreatha Johnson): TGW wants to connect with KNA regarding community projects and is looking for partnerships.

NNEBA (Fawn Aberson) Fawn is the outreach coordinator for NNEBA, the North North East Business Association. NNEBA sponsored a run (Dream Run) through the neighborhood last year and is doing it again. There were 600+ participants (including volunteers) last year and NNEBA wants more this year. The run will be held in August to honor King's Dream speech. NNEBA hopes the event will be a financial boon to local businesses, and hopes it will help to fund (1) an existing program providing internships for youth at local businesses, and (2) a low-cost medical clinic. NNEBA is looking for volunteers; it requires 345 volunteers for the day of the event; more information available at mlkdreamrun.org.

Crown Q BBQ (Gary Lowe): Gary is going to open a BBQ shop and has applied for a liquor license. The intended hours of the shop are 7 am – 10 pm. He intends to have quality meat, wine and beer. Quick review of things that generally concern KNA regarding new liquor licenses (e.g. hours of liquor sales, fortified wines of 13% or greater, single containers, etc.) The concern was raised that there be guidelines for all businesses; response was made that KNA is pursuing GNAs with all new and existing liquor-selling businesses. Crown Q will work with KNA to develop a GNA.

Last Thursday (Jeff Hilber): Jeff represents Friends of Last Thursday (FLT). He wants to turn the event into something that engages neighbors and reduces the impact on the neighborhood. FLT has filed for a permit this year. Jeff says that the City government wants to see LT work. FLT is recruiting volunteers and asking each NA to provide 5 volunteers so that FLT can reach a goal of 40 volunteers for each event. FLT is reaching out to PDX artists to increase participation by artists. Jeff noted that there are 53 liquor licenses within 15 blocks of Alberta and only 3 art studios, and Jeff suggested that the prevalence of liquor establishments is the cause of the alcohol problem at LT. Jeff will pursue a parking policy with neighbors to enact next year. The suggestion was made that the event happen less frequently as do many other successful and well-regarded art festivals in the City; Jeff responded that FoLT want to mirror First Thursday and other regular art events. Jeff reiterated that FoLT don't want the event to be corporate and don't use logos in advertising. Suggested that we try a fresh start in approaching the event. Question raised by FLT has not met with NECN; answer is "no," because NECN has refused to assist FLT in the past. The concern was raised that FoLT is getting off on the wrong foot with a fundraiser beer crawl (First Annual Beer Crawl) that challenges participants to

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purchase drinks from at least 8 bars on Alberta during Last Thursday in April. Jeff responded that

Backpack program (Alan): Fundraiser next Monday, take in coupon and the Backpack Program gets 30% of the order price of a TO GO order.

Clean up: moved, seconded to have clean up April 28, 2014. (8-0)

Communications (Alan) Newsletter for this summer looking for volunteers. Looking for a tech-savvy volunteer to assist with email account management and other tech backbones for KNA.

Movie in the Park (Russ) July 12 Have two sponsors, Neil Kelly and Indo Windows. Margo and Tia offered to volunteer.

Elections (Margo) nominated and seconded slate of Irek Wielgosz for Co-Chair, Alan Silver for Treasurer, Scott Breon for At-Large Representative #2, Jeff Scott for At-Large Representative #4; passed 13-0, one abstaining

Teri: Made a complaint re I&A market and was told an investigation was opened. Anyone with complaints should file a complaint regarding street drinking.

Crosswalks: New crosswalks have appeared on MLK at several different locations; inquiries regarding how to request new crosswalks can be made to Shoshana.