

Last Thursday Recommendations

King Neighborhood Association, Oct. 12, 2011

We boiled down the issues to six recommendations that would make the Last Thursday Events more relevant and positive for the community. The general items are listed below in no particular order with some description from our conversations. I want to note that not everyone agreed on all of the suggestions, but we did vote to send our brainstorming notes to NECN. Additionally I want to note that everyone was in favor of Last Thursday continuing and saw it as an event that has incredible potential as long as the neighborhood impacts are addressed.

A) Create Clear Accountability - giving a number to call regarding issues that come up, having a person or group to whom communication about the event can be directed and who will then respond to particular concerns, and who can be held accountable for that response

B) Provide Parking Solutions - working with local schools in using their parking lots to organize parking that has less impact on neighbors, having a number to call when there are parking violations

C) Demonstrate Direct Benefits Both for the Community and for Artists - hiring local high school students to help with the event, promoting family oriented activities, giving back to the community, potentially through involving or donating to local community non-profits, promoting artists perhaps via a structure for vendors that favors artists

D) Follow A Standard Process - having open and set lines of communications, methods, and procedures, having a permitting process, enforcing an earlier end time

E) Become Financially Self-Sustaining/Responsible - generating sources of income via outside donations, vendor donations/fees, or sponsorship that would sustain the events

F) More Strongly Regulate OLCC Laws - curtailing the abuse of alcohol at the event by enforcing the laws and holding people accountable