

King Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

6/11/2014

Nicholas La Rue, KNA Rep-at-Large

Nnenna Lewis, King neighbor

Dieog Gioseffi, KNA Rep-at-Large

Eliabeth Nardi, King neighbor

Wally Tesfa, King neighbor

Leigh Rappaport, KNA Rep-at-Large

Judi Dains, King neighbor

Andrew Neerman, KNA Rep-at-Large

- Officer Zoeller spoke briefly but had nothing to report about the King Neighborhood

Agenda Item #1

- Motion to table approval of minutes from May King Neighborhood Association meeting.

Agenda Item #2

- Motion to Table approval of the new by laws

Agenda Item #3

Request from business owner for the Association's endorsement of zoning variation at 4069 NE MLK Blvd

- WallyTesfa, owner of commercial building on NE 4069 MLK blvd partially occupied by MLK Market and partial unoccupied requested endorsement from the Association to aid his request to the city for a zoning variance.
 - Property is currently zoned High Density but has has commercial businesses as far back as the 1930's possible longer
 - He has applied for a variance from the city
 - He is unable to rent out the other half of his building without the variance unless he applies for a temporary accommodations on a case by case basis for each new tenant
 - He has many interested potential tenants: woodworking, non-profits, design firms.
 - He has sought and received support from all of the adjacent properties owners on Mason including: The church on Mason and Garfield, The mechanic on the opposite side of Mason and the home owner adjacent to the property.
 - Questions arose from association members about plans for tenants and why the property is zoned high density, The first is mention above and the latter was unknown to Mr.

Tesfa though there was speculation it was related to development on the east side of MLK blvd.

Diego motions to write a letter of support

Elizabeth seconds the motion

Motion passed 7 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain

Agenda Item #4

Discussion of Notice of Demolition of Duplex at 4307-4309 NE 7th ave (NE Skidmore and NE 7th)

- Andrew led the discussion and supplied supporting photos of the notice for demolition and would like the Association to write a letter in support of a 120 day delay to issuing of the demolition permit to both potentially explore option other than demolition. It will additionally show that the neighborhood is interested in how development is occurring and the neighbors desire to be involved to assure the character is maintained and needs of the neighborhood are met
 - The lot has been approved for subdivision
 - No plans for the site were available
 - Concerns were raised by many neighbors about the change of character to the neighborhood, increased density as well as housing equity issues.
 - Desire to learn more about the developer and the plans we express by neighbors.

Motion entertained by Leigh to issue a letter of approval by the Association

Judy motions to write a letter of support

Andrew seconds the motion

Motion passed 6 - yes, 0 - no, 2 - abstain

Agenda Item #5

- Motion to table discussion of Association sponsorship of Jambalaya dinner---No representative present to discuss

Agenda Item #6

Making Use of remainder of 2013-2014 Communication Funds. Diego led a discussion suggesting spending the money on updating the website.

- Diego laid out a \$725 plan to update the website including: 5 year domain name registration and hosting service, template change (buy web building tools from Wordpress), site migration to new domain and additional plugins for the site such as abilities for forms, surveys, donations, etc....
- Diego volunteered to work on this but he has requested help writing 'blurbs' for the forthcoming newly designed pages. Mission statement, photos as well as getting input on what people would like to see on the page
- Andrew raised Square Space as an alternative to Word Press and a small discussion ensued with his preference based on familiarity but he's amenable to whatever works best
- Andrew and Diego agreed to discuss the options
- Discussion of a new logo with next years communication fund was discussed

Motion entertained by Leigh to approve \$1000 for whatever web platform is best
Judy motions to approve using the money for website updates

Nick seconds the motion

Motion passed 8 - yes, 0 - no, 0 - abstain

Agenda Item #7

No NECN updates, Board or committee announcements

Good in the hood is coming up and Diego has some volunteers for the same day doing landscaping work

Meeting adjourned

Minute Keeper — Nick LaRue