

King Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

7/9/2014

Agenda Item #1 – Introductions

Agenda Item #2 - Announcements

- No Movie in the park this year
- Vanport update- Majestic Realty has until August 27th to locate an Anchor tenant
- Letter in support of re-zoning of Wally Tesfa commercial building on NE 4069 MLK blvd has been sent
- House on NE Skidmore and 7th was been demolished. Developer changes plans nullifying the 120 day hold on demolition
- Dream Run fun run is 8/5/2014 sliding scale entry fee \$30-\$50
- Noise complaints relating to a concert event at the Alberta Abbey at NE Mallory and Alberta
- NECN signed a formal letter opposing Oil trains through Portland
- NE Williams street improvements begin soon., Rodney Ave Greenway changes may be moved ahead to accommodate bikes during street renovations
- General request that King Farmer's Market have a KNA presence...Booth, Balloons were among the ideas discussed
- NE Sunday Parkway is on 7/27

Agenda Item #3 – Adoption of New Bylaws

- Changes were outlined and discussed
- Alan Silver raised a point asking to have the word 'Agency' added to the bylaws so that organizations that do not specifically have 501c status still be allowed involvement.
- Leigh motioned to have 'Agency' be added to Article IV Section a, second sentence. Add the word 'Agency'. Margo Seconds the motion

Margo moves to adopt the new bylaws, motion second by Jeff

Motion Passed ; 8 – yes, 0 –no, 0 abstain

Agenda Item #4 – KNA letter to oppose oil train transport through Portland

- Eileen spoke requested KNA write a letter similar to NECN letter in opposition to oil train transport through Portland.
- Alan discussed a 'blast' zone map website
- Margo discussed the slowness of the FOIA request process compared to other states
- General discussion of web information discussed

Margo motions for a vote, Eileen seconds

Motion Passed ; 5 – yes, 0 –no, 2 abstain

Agenda Item #5 – Burger Barn (recently Christopher's Gourmet Grill) preservation

- Alan spoke giving some of the background of the owner, the preservationist and the building's history
 - Owned by Andre Rayford (sp), His niece Teresa wants to preserve the building.
 - Andre has given Teresa the summer to come up with proposals for the property among those a possible food cart pod/bar
 - The building was erected in 1900 and was more to one of the first black families to live on the area
 - It was also the site of the 'Possum' incident that involved several Portland police officers throwing several dead possums into the restaurant in 1980
- Discussion continued about the merits supporting efforts to preserve the building and sending a letter of support emphasizing the community and historic importance to Mr. Rayford.

Jeff Motions to write a letter in support of building preservation, Eileen seconds

Motion Passed ; 6 – yes, 0 –no, 1 abstain

Agenda Item #6 – Discussion with several Safeway employees about the store, the quick stop and the surrounding area

- Eileen gave a history of her background and involvement discussing shootings and residential flight shortly there after. She also discussed the importance of keeping a neighborhood clean and maintained to keep livability high, sometimes referred to as the broken window theory
 - She mentioned that the Safeway is a crime hotspot and this was backed up by a Portland Police officer at the meeting. Hotspots trigger additional police presence in the area.
- A number of Safeway employees discussed what they are doing to improve this. They mentioned walking the parking lot every hour to increase their presene outside the store.
 - They discussed the difficulties of addressing people that are loitering vs. people that are maybe taking a lunch break or are chatting with friends they may run into in the parking lot
 - They also mentioned having difficulty keeping the area well lit while still meeting city codes
 - They asked for ideas and feedback on what steps they could take to help improve the lot. These included:
 - Putting business into the corner next to the Quick Stop. Locksmith maybe
 - Removing the wall on the NW corner, outtnig in different vegetation
 - Playing classical music (anecdotal evidence sited)
 - Working with other neighborhood associations as the intersection of MLK and Ainsworth is the confluence of several neighborhoods: Humboldt, Piedmont, Woodlawn and King

Agenda Item #6 – Communications Fund Update

- Diego informed everyone about the website update

- Diego solicited input on the look of the site and requested content from members, committees, et al. Specifically citing the Safety and Community committees
- The cost of the update was closer to \$500 rather than the original estimate of \$775
- Discussions ensued about the use of the additional monies: Dorr fliers, Neighborhood cleanup signs
- There was some confusion over which year this money was allocated for and discussions with Katie and NECN will be forthcoming to square away the funding allocation.
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Agenda Item #7 - Affordable Housing and School working group updates

- Eileen reported about possible redrawing of school boundaries
- Alan discussed the Backpack program

Agenda Item #8 – Rodney Ave Greenway

- The Rodney Greenway representative was not present, but will be present at the NECN meeting on July 23rd

Agenda Item #7 – Green King

- There was mention of the various efforts Diego has made with Green King and Volunteer groups that have been helping
- The Depave event will happen September 27th

Minutes taken by Nicholas LaRue