King Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2015, 2015 (6:30 – 8:30 pm)

• Neighbors in Attendance
  o Alan Silver
  o Etta Baker
  o Matt Ferris-Smith
  o Audra Duran
  o Officer Jim Townly (Portland Police Bureau North Precinct)
  o Robin Franklin
  o Rick Sills

• Board Members in Attendance (Quorum as of meeting commencement)
  o Margo Dobbertin
  o Matt Anderson
  o Nick LaRue
  o Diego Gioseffi
  o Andrew Neerman, Treasurer
  o Margaret O’Hartigan

• Board Members not in Attendance
  o Jeff Scott
  o Blaire Ottoboni
  o Eileen Kennedy
  o Irek Wielgosz
  o Leigh Rappaport

Introductions (all) 6:30 P.M
Introductions begun by Margo

Approval May 2015 Minutes (Margo): (6:40)

• Discussion of minutes
  o Request to include board members not in attendance
  o Request to include question omitted from draft minutes.
    ▪ Requestor offers to email text to include

• Call to Approve May 2015 Meeting Minutes with the caveat to include the omitted question and answer
  o Motion by: Diego
  o Second by: Matt
    ▪ Y - 5, N - 0, A - 0; Motion passes

Call to Add Additional Agenda Items (Margo): (6:45)

• Request for KNA sponsorship of Thrill the World event
• Request for renewal of KNA’s sponsorship of the Backpack Program
  o Motion by: Matt
  o Second by: Diego
    ▪ Y - 4, N - 0, A - 1; Motion passes
LUC Committee Report (Leigh & Guests):  (6:50)
- Efforts to Lower Speed Limits on NE Fremont Ave
  - Sabin Neighborhood Association is involved in efforts to reduce traffic speeds on NE Fremont from its border with King
  - Alameda Neighborhood is discussing it as well.
  - Concerns were raised over how changes to Fremont could impact traffic and safety on adjacent, residential streets.
  - Discussion ensued about making formal complaints with Portland Police.
  - Additional Discussion ensued related to ways to slow speeds. See Ideas from Reverend Jim from October 2014
- KNA received a notice of a PRCI proposed 43 unit affordable senior housing building
  - The developer will likely attend a meeting in the fall to discuss plans. This will likely be at a Land Use Committee Meeting

SALT (Safety and Livability Team) Meeting (Eileen):  (7:06)
- Eileen was not able to attend Ricks was in attendance and offered to take a shot at a synopsis
  - The precinct Chief was in attendance
    - Many questions about crime and it’s root in the neighborhood
    - Many had questions about last Thursday
      - Issues of vendor permits, security guards and police presence
      - Discussion of group Artist United taking over running the event
      - City of Portland is applying for permit to run Last Thursday
  - Questions for Officer Townly
    - Questions about police cars the prior month at NE Alberta and NE Garfield
      - Request for more information about a drive by shooting in May
      - Questions asking about crime stats and how to request them
    - Suggestions to look up on portlandmaps.com

Entertainment Committee Report (Margo speaking on behalf of Blair):  (7:20)
- No bike parade this year due to permit confusion
- Movie in the Park
  - King Park, July 16th, Karate Kid (1984)
  - See Portland Parks website for full schedule
- Easter Egg Hunt was a success over 200 eggs hidden and found!
- Rocks in Socks in King Park Children’s book and music event
  - Saturday August 1st 10:00 - 3:00
- King Neighborhood Cleanup raised $432

Request for Thrill the World Event:  (7:35)
- This is a worldwide simultaneous dance to Michael Jacksons Thriller in costume and following the choreography of the video.
- Takes place near Halloween Usually in a park
• Call to approve use of KNA permit for this event
  o Motion by: Matt
  o Second by: Andrew
    ▪ Y - 6, N - 0, A - 0 ; Motion passes

Request for KNA Sponsorship of the Backpack Program: (7:40)
• The Backpack Program provides weekend lunches in backpacks to children on assisted meal programs at school
• KNA has been an ongoing sponsor allowing it to easily manage its non-profit status
• There are plans to expand the program to include Woodlawn Elementary
• Call to renew KNA’s fiscal sponsorship of the Backpack Program with the provision of providing annual financial statements to the board
  o Motion by: Matt
  o Second by: Diego
    ▪ Y - 6, N - 0, A - 0 ; Motion passes

Traffic Hazards on NE Alberta and NE Garfield (Margaret): (7:45)
• NE Alberta and NE Garfield is a very hazardous intersection for several reasons
  o Heavy traffic on Alberta at MLK in both directions
  o The intersection is ‘dog-legged’ or offset, causing difficulty with safely crossing the intersection
  o Margaret would like to request a right turn only sign be placed on the stop sign on the SE corner of the intersection
  o Margo suggests that this be rolled into further discussion relating to the Vanport development plan as many of these items have been brought up and will be brought up as plans move forward the project
  o Major traffic revisions are needed at this intersection to improve safety after business begins at the newly developed site

Choose Representatives to NECN (Margo); 8:00
• Diego is resigning from his post as KNA rep to NECN
• Call to Approve Margo and Margaret as Representatives
  o Motion by: Matt
  o Second by: Nick
    ▪ Y - 2, N - 0 , A - 4 ; Motion passes ???

Questions about whether this motion passed due to more abstentions than yes votes, further discussion will ensue at the Emergency meeting on September 1, 2015

Senate Bill 324 Oregon Property Tax Deferral Program (Margaret) 8:05
• Tax deferral program for seniors affected by rapidly rising property values
• Especially poignant for those living in King on a fixed income
• Sponsored by Representative Chip Shields
• The legislative session is over. This will be brought up in the future
• No action was proposed
Announcements: 8:15

- KNA financial reports are expected from NECN soon. Diego will be working to review these, locate issues, present them to the board and correct the,
- Bylaw changes will be proposed soon. This requires 30 day notice. Discussions will happen in future meetings