

King Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2015, 2015 (6:30 – 8:30 pm)

- Neighbors in Attendance
 - Kathleen Heil
 - Kristen Reynolds
 - Christin Harris
 - Antonio Harris
 - Martina Steinjeusz
 - Maureen Maminga
 - Nora Bauman
 - Cynthia Fowler
 - Irene Corbin
 - Sarah Bryant
 - Audra Duron
 - Brain Weaver
 - Scot Landsman
 - Earnest Jones
 - Anna Killion
 - Dora Killion
 - Robin Franklin
 - Derwin Cunningham

- Board Members in Attendance (Quorum as of meeting commencement)
 - Matt Anderson
 - Nick LaRue
 - Diego Gioseffi
 - Margaret O'Hartigan
 - Eileen Kennedy
 - Leigh Rappaport
 - Blaire Ottoboni
 - Andrew Neerman ,

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Introductions (all) 6:30 P.M

- Introductions begun by Diego (Current Treasure); Co-chair not present at meeting commencement
 - Diego offers to facilitate meeting
 - The bylaws state the Co-Chair runs meetings in the absence of the Chair. Concerns voiced about how to proceed were voiced by Margaret O'Hartigan. Diego states the meeting proceeding is more important than debating bylaw specifics
- Introductions of those in attendance

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Approval Agenda and July 2015 Meeting Minutes (Diego): (6:40)

- Discussion of minutes
 - Proposed changes meeting minutes regarding election of KNA representatives to the NECN board meetings. Margaret O'Hartigan and Margo Dobbertin were elected, the vote was miscounted and the motion did not carry. The minutes will be edited to reflect this.

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Call to Approve May 2015 Meeting Minutes with the caveat to include the omitted question and answer

- Motion by: Margaret, with provision of an addendum for NECN reps
- Second by: Eileen
 - Y - 5, N - 0, A - 3 (Blaire, Eileen, Leigh) ; **Motion passes**

Committee Reports (Diego) (6:50):

- SALT (Safety and Livability Team (Eileen))
 - Eileen would like to have new OLCC chair to ONI (Office of Neighborhood Involvement) Mike Boyer to ask him about his approach to his new position as well as ask him questions
 - Eileen would also like have Office Zoeller (KNA North Portland Precinct Police Officer and liaison). We hope to have him a Portland Police officer attend quarterly
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- Land Use Committee (Leigh)
 - PDC (Portland Development Commission) have approved the sale of City owned parcel at NE Alberta and NE MLK to Majestic Realty.
 - Plans are to move forward with anchor tenant building first (Natural Grocers), then the smaller adjacent buildings
 - Question
 - When is the groundbreaking?
 - Unknown, still planning
 - Question
 - Who will be the tenants?
 - Preference for local business, they will not have the option to buy the buildings
 - MLK corridor has many empty lots and they are quickly being developed
 - Vic Remmers is currently developing a building on Mason and MLK. He has 5 more properties in the MLK corridor and he is planning on developing the near future.
 - The Land Use Committee welcomes any members with land use expertise or interest.
 - Concerns about a building upkeep, cleanliness and unsavory activity. (Need address confirmation)
 - KNA has a good guide on how to begin the process of making changes with a nuisance property
 - <http://kingneighborhood.org/safety/>
- Green King (Diego)
 - Work parties
 - 9/12, 9/19 Landscaping work party at King School.
- Treasurer's Report (Diego)
 - NECN has provided KNA with

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Jambalaya Donation failure (Diego): (7:07)

- KNA voted unanimously to donate money to the 2014 Meals on Weels Jambalaya Festival
 - The money was not paid out due lax reporting and accountability by the treasurer, the chair and the rest of the board.

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- The omission of this payment was discovered by Margaret O' Hartigan.
- The new Treasurer (Diego) wrote the check and provided it one year later to the festival organizer. He had not realized the money had not arrived, but was thankful for receiving.
- Margaret will submit the records of how she located the error, pointed it out and led to it getting paid. Additionally, she wanted a board meeting to investigate the shortcomings. She is disappointed that an investigation did not happen prior to paying the money. Diego assumes responsibility for taking the action prior to the board investigation.
- Eileen will give her version of the accounts to be included in the record.
- Donation is resolved, how to assure it doesn't happen against continues

- Possibly remedies to these oversights could include explaining specific responsibilities when board elections occur and also more follow through from the other board members

Motion by: Matt to create finance committee to provide a financial report every three months to assure finances are in good standing

- Second by: Leigh
 - Y - 7, N - 1 (Margaret), A - 0 ; Motion passes

New Code of Conduct for KNA Board Members: (7:15)

- Copies of new Code of Conduct for Board Members
- This was suggested by our NECN representative as a way to quell animosity occurring during recent email conversations
- The document has no enforcement mechanism but is meant to be a reminder of courteous behavior
- Margaret does not agree with some of the verbiage of the document
- A copy will be provided at the end of these minutes

Motion by: Margaret motions to table the discussion of these documents

- Second by: Eileen

- Discussion ensues some believe it is in violation of the bylaws , others disagree
 - Y (Margaret and Eileen) 2, N - 6 , A - 0 ; Motion fails

Motion by: Matt to adopt code of conduct with edit to the word 'professional' to 'civil' with the option to make future changes

- Second by: Eileen

- Margaret is vocal in her opposition and expresses concerns about the bylaws and the code of conduct's place within. Discussion ensues some believe it is in violation of the bylaws , others disagree
 - Y - 7, N - 1 (Margaret), A - 0 ; Motion Passes

Motion by: Leigh to change agenda order to allow for BES speaker's time frame.

- Second by: Margaret
 - Y - 0, N - 0, A - 0 ; Motion Passes

BES Construction Update (7:35)

- Bureau of Environment Services Rep speaks.
- Lots of construction happening in King/Woodland/Concordia areas
- Information here:
 - <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/489185>
- Construction is scheduled for June 2016

Nominations to Fill Chair and Vacant Positions: (7:45)

- KNA's previous chair resigned via email in August. The position is vacant. All KNA members are eligible for candidacy
- Chair Election
 - Motion to nominate Diego as Chair by Eileen; Second Matt. Diego declines nomination
 - Motion to nominate Nick as Chair by Leigh; Second Diego. Nick accepts nomination as Chair until May 2016 Election
 - Motion to commence election by Diego, Second by Leigh
- Election Results: Eileen 7, Margaret 0. Nick is elected Chair
- Andrew resigns as Co—Chair
- Co-Chair Election
 - Eileen is nominated for Co-Chair , Second Diego
 - Margaret nominates herself for Co-chair,
 - Secret Vote is required for contested elections
- Election Results: Eileen 6, Margaret 1. Eileen is elected Co-Chair
- Eileen resigns as Board Member at Large #1
- Board Member at Large #1 Election
 - Andrew nominates himself for BMAL#1
 - Margaret raises concerns are over Andrew attendance as Co-Chair
 - Andrew makes a case for his absence citing new baby and work commitments
- Election Results: Andrew is elected 6-Y, 1-N Margaret 1. Eileen is elected Co-Chair

Proposal for the creation of a new By-laws Committee (8:05)

- KNA's bylaws need to be reviewed and strengthened.
- The current bylaws have many flaws and a committee should be formed to investigate and suggest improvements
 - Motion by Leigh to create a bylaws subcommittee to alter and improve KNA Bylaws
 - 2nd by Eileen
 - Y - 8, N - 0 (Margaret), A - 0 ; **Motion Passes**

Traffic Hazards at Walnut Park (8:15)

- Intersection at NE Alberta and NE Garfield is problematic from a safety point of view
- Margaret O'Hartigan has prepared a letter to Leah Treat (PBOT) with proposed solutions and is looking for board approval to send this letter
- Additional information is available in the August meeting minutes
- With limited time, this discussion be tabled until the next meeting

King Park Safety Discussion (8:20)

- There was a shooting in King Park recently
- The City and Police Department held a meeting to discuss what happened, what they are doing and what the neighborhood can do to improve the safety of the park
- ~100 people showed up to listen and speak.
- The park is currently being re-designed and a proposal is pending with City Parks Department
- There will be further discussion of this with Officer Zoeller in October

King Neighborhood Bike Parade (8:25)

- Maureen Mimiaga proposes a kids Bike Rodeo in replacement of the Bike Parade that did not happen in July due to permit issues
- It will involve obstacle course, fix stations, and Halloween costumes
 - Motion to support King Park Bike Rodeo on a weekend day near Halloween; contingent on obtaining a permit
 - 2nd by Matt
 - Y - 7, N - 0, A - 1(Margaret) ; **Motion Passes**

Announcements: 8:30

Jambalaya Fest inn Dawson Park Saturday 12, 2015

Adjourn: 8:35

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