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King Neighborhood Meeting Notes - October 14, 2015 (6:30 - 8:30 pm)

Neighbors in Attendance

- o Shirley Pack
- o Greg Stewart
- o Katherine Celmins
- o Brent Celmins
- o Alan Silver
- o Todd Tackett
- o Anthony Zoeller
- o Heidi Wellington
- o Cory Wellington
- o Garnee Moody
- o Peter Duington
- o Trudy Cooper
- o Erich Hacker
- o Joy Armagost
- o Robin Frankin
- o Vanessa Cahill
- o Mike Boyer
- o Dee Wise
- o Vanessa Margolis

Board Members in Attendance

- o Matt Anderson
- o Nick LaRue
- o Diego Gioseffi
- o Margaret O'Hartigan
- o Eileen Kennedy
- o Leigh Rappaport
- o Blaire Ottoboni
- o Andrew Neerman

Introductions (all) 6:30 P.M.

- Introductions begun by Nick LaRue (Co-Chair)
- Introductions of those in attendance

Presentation by TVA Architects - Vic Remmers and guest (6:50pm)

- Introductions of their organization
- They discussed two separate buildings that are in a process to be developed
- Dick said that their goal to present tonight is to make tweaks and get feedback from the community
- Bob enters into the conversation to present three projects:
 - o Project #1
 - 5 story apartment complex across from an existing site

- New building will create a language that connects the two on MLK
- Building will be modernist expression, mix of retail and houses, built to code and include parking spots
- Project will start in approximately 8 months - 1 year
- Vic said he is hoping for a coffee shop or restaurant in below
- Project #2
 - Apartment building on Failing and Garfield
 - 13 units. no parking
 - they are building to 43' even though code allows to go much higher
 - submitting permits end of December
- Project #3
 - 4 story building on Jessup near MLK
 - 14 units, a mix of 1 bedrooms and studios
 - concern from neighbor was voiced: what about parking?
 - Vic said they are going to discuss renting out some of the Wells Fargo spots across the street for new residents
 - Eileen ask why they are going with this style
 - Answer from Vic: "This style continues to grow and it is in a retail corridor on MLK"
 - An unidentified neighbor was highly critical of construction debris and workers negatively impacting neighbors at a previous worksite
 - Vic replied that they are a small company and they cannot control everything. They rely on sub-contractors to oversee locations.
 - Alan Silver recommend the neighbor calls the city everyday to complain
 - question for neighbor: what are you not considering solar building?
 - Vic replied that this make the building too expensive to rent or buy
 - Nick suggests to send comments to Vic directly

Presentation by Mike Boyer, City Liason for the OLCC (7:30pm)

- Introduction
- Mike Boyer oversees OLCC licenses for the city of Portland and addresses neighborhood issues regarding OLCC
- Mikes asks for open feedback from the community in attendance:
 - Eileen inquires about noise restrictions at bar patios
 - Mike agrees this is an on-going issue and suggests getting feedback in writing
 - Eileen specifically points to the trouble with the establishment: Donnie Vegas on Alberta. She would like the problem resolved
 - Mike said he has met with the manager at the establishment, and that they had had issues being honest about their business hours
 - Eileen requests to be copied on the renewal of applications
 - An idea is presented for the KNA to write a letter
 - Nick LaRue asks Mike: What is going to get action in the letter?
 - Mike says that the letter should note the length of time the issue has been in existence, and should speak to issues about littering, noise, and disruption to livability and city noise ordinance of 10pm
 - Mike confirms that the city does not have the ability to pull liquor license

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- o Mike asks the community about their experience this year with Last Thursday
 - People seemed pleased
 - A comment was made that it was “less of a zoo”

Announcement regarding the need for Secretary (Nick) (7:45)

- Nic informs the community members that the KNA is looking for a secretary
- Go to KNA.org for more information
- Nic will post announcement to NextDoor.com

Approval of previous minutes (Nick) (7:50)

- Discussion of minutes
 - o Proposed changes include:
 - Eileen would like to review the code of conduct language included in the minutes
 - Margaret wants to change language back to what was included in the July minutes
 - Margaret would like an edit made: replace Chair with Co-Chair
 - The minutes will be edited to reflect this.

Call to Approve September 2015 Meeting Minutes with the revised changes above

- Motion by: Leigh
- Second by: Eileen
 - Y - 8, N - 0, A - 0 Motion passes unanimously

Committee Reports (Nick) (8:00pm)

- Green King (Nick shares information from Diego)
 - o Diego is looking for help for an upcoming clean-up but he is still ill from his fall
- Land Use Committee (Leigh)
 - o Leigh comments that Vic Remmers was the major announcement tonight but that she is concerned about the development on Jessup. She would like action.
 - Margaret asks is we should lean on the city?
 - Leigh asks if we should draft a letter telling the city that there are several plans are unacceptable
 - Nick is supportive
 - Agreement from people is that the Jessup location should be the priority
 - Leigh has met with Vic in the past, and confirms that he is not trying to sell the property. She said that he switched architects and the building is higher quality than the previous one, but there are still issues.
 - Matt makes a point that the zoning comments by Vic tonight seem misleading.

- Leigh is concerned about the building not having a “community” feel and there is no meeting spot, no common area, a rooftop or space for people to connect in any of the 3 properties presented tonight
- Leigh suggest that people email her directly with their concerns, will draft a letter and inquires if a vote is needed
- Leigh points out that the Boise neighborhood has put together a guideline what works well with building in the neighborhood including design, structure, materials and the KNA should do the same.
- Margaret agrees: there should be guidelines
- Community member suggests the committee write a letter and the KNA could approve
- Eileen suggests that the letter should go to the city
- Leigh will come up with initial design standards and draft a letter requesting alternatives like Bob Thompson

Action item for Leigh to draft the letter and have an emergency meeting

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

Adjorn: 8:30