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King Neighborhood Meeting Notes - January 22, 2015 (6:30 – 8:30 pm)

Neighbors in Attendance

**Margaret O'Hartigan
Scott Landsman
Irene Corbin
Derwin Cunningham**

Board Members in Attendance

**Matt Anderson
Nick LaRue
Diego Gioseffi
Eileen Kennedy
Leigh Rappaport
Blair Ottoboni
Andrew Neerman**

Introductions

**Introduction of the meeting by Eileen Kennedy
Introductions of those in attendance**

6:30: Eileen makes motion for Blaire to be the secretary until May elections.

Nick seconds.

Passes Unanimously

6:35 Session to approve past agenda minutes for March, April, May, July, Sep, Nov & Dec.

1. March 2015: Blaire makes motion to approve minutes of March 2015.

Andrew seconds

Vote: 6 yes, 1 abstain (Leigh)

2. April 2015: Blaire makes motion to approve minutes of April 2015.

Eileen seconds

Passes unanimously

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3. May 2015: Blaire makes motion to approve minutes of May 2015.

Andrew seconds

Passes unanimously.

4. July 2015: Blaire makes motion to approve minutes of July 2015.

Matt seconds

6 yes, 1 Abstain (Leigh)

5. September 2015: Blaire makes motion to approve minutes of September 2015.

Matt seconds

Passes Unanimously

6. November 2015: Blaire makes motion to approve minutes of November 2015.

Matt seconds

5 Yes, 2 Abstain (Nick and Diego)

7. December 2015: Blaire makes motion to approve minutes of December 2015.

Nick seconds

5 Yes, 2 Abstain (Diego & Andrew)

6:45 Discussion regarding creating new committees

Board members discuss whether committees should be formed. It is decided to vote on the creation of committees to spark neighborhood interest and planning.

Nick makes a motion to create a grievance committee. Diego seconds the motion. Passes unanimously.

Eileen makes a motion to create a communications committee. Andrew seconds the motion. Passes unanimously.

Eileen makes a motion to create a Bylaws committee. Diego says it is important because the bylaws have conflicts and that they are ambiguous. He points out that it would be great if

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all board members really understand the new Bylaws once created. Leigh seconds the motion. Passes Unanimously.

Eileen makes a motion to create a noise committee. Andrew asks whether we should call this a livability committee? Eileen confirms that SALT is through NECN, and a livability committee would include noise, neighbor disputes, traffic, street, treatment, parks. (xxx Seconds) 5 yes, 2 No (Andrew & Nick)

Leigh & Diego both suggest we only use working group versus committees so that more people can be involved.

Blaire makes suggestion to combine Social and Communication committees.

Diego makes a motion to combine Social & Communications committee. Andrew Seconds. Passes Unanimously.

Nick makes a motion for Eileen to Chair of the newly formed grievance committee. Blaire seconds. Passes unanimously.

Diego makes a motion for Nick to Chair of the newly formed Bylaws committee. Eileen seconds. 6 yes, 1 abstain (Nick)

Eileen makes a motion to Chair the Livability committee. Blaire seconds. Passes Unanimously.

Diego makes a motion for Blaire to Chair the newly joined communications & social committee. Blaire seconds. Passes Unanimously.

Nick, Diego and Irene express interest in joining the Grievance Committee.

Andrew, Diego & Derwin express interest in joining the Communication Committee.

Margaret, Nick & Leigh express interest in joining the Bylaws Committee.

Matt & Scott (who may need to stay anonymous) express interest in joining the Livability Committee.

Eileen will talk to Adam about how to publish names in the committees.

Eileen suggests that Derwin take an at-large board position. This will be spoken about at the February meeting.

Eileen will talk to Adam about how committees and working groups work, who can join, and how they can make decisions.

7:15 Strategic Planning Session, Eileen would like to gather suggestions on agenda topics. Ideas put forward include:

Women's Issues (Eileen suggests)

Police come and talk & Safety Issues (Eileen suggests)

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Alberta Main street: what they are doing? (Everyone)

Relationships with Organizations in the neighborhood. Outreach in general. (Diego/Andrew suggest)

Emergency Earthquake preparedness meetings. (Eileen suggests)

Environmental Issues (Eileen suggests)

Street Design & Redesign - (Blair & Andrew suggest)

Traffic on Williams & Vancouver (Blair suggests)

King School Park (Diego suggests)

7:35 Association Business

Treasurers report - Diego did not bring the report tonight. However, he notes that the KNA paid the bill for the signs.

7:40 Announcements Session.

Land Use: Andrew has info about Land Use for Vanport. He'd like to take a look at a letter discussing the 27 spots which back into an alley. He suggests we write a letter about this.

Margaret O'Hartigan says she hopes that the board will consider the residents on Garfield as currently there are houses which back up into the alley and that having the traffic exit on Garfield will make it more dangerous.

Andrew thinks it's valid point. However, it does mean that 27 parking spots should be tolerated. He suggests that Majestic should consider fewer parking spots.

Matt suggests the letter should ask them to reduce the number rather than remove all parking spots so that the request is reasonable and there may be a compromise.

Andrew says the deadline for requests is Feb 2nd.

Diego thinks the board should come up with a solution rather than come forward with just a suggestion.

Andrew reiterates that it is not the board's responsibility to find a design solution.

Eileen suggests we edit to copy to the letter tonight.

SALT committee report: Eileen is going to ask SALT if they will purchase a noise meter so that neighbors can pick up the screening device.

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Green King Report: Diego has been working on the proposal for the park. Phase 3 is community engagement. Diego is trying to reach organizations. It's been challenging. (NECN, Nativity School, Etc)

Diego would like to talk more at the meeting next month. There is also a meeting next thursday at the King School cafeteria at 6pm.

Diego got \$500 to do the outreach from the Timbers. Diego will email the plans to the board so that the members can see them, since there is a lot of work to be done. The goal of the project is to add running track, make it safe and make it useful, and have the neighbors involved.

Spring Clean Report: The spring clean up is approaching. Matt is trying to get the South Side of the parking lot reserved and to get the big bins for the clean up. He has not been given a response yet from the city. The dates are tentatively April 16th or April 23rd. Matt is hoping he will have news to report soon.

8:10 Discussion about Edits to the Andrew's letter

Andrew reads the addition to the new letter for the Design team.

Margaret says she is not happy but that it's better than the original draft. She says that the parking space issue is "just one more hammer to throw at majestic" and that Andrew has a hidden agenda.

Andrew says he has no hidden agenda. His role is to approach existing design with suggestions. He suggests that a large parking lot is wasted space and possibly unsafe.

Andrew makes a motion to approve the edits to the letter. Leigh seconds. Passes unanimously.

Diego confirms that the KNA board has never had a stand for or against Majestic. He points out that they have a long history of corruption.

