

# **King Neighborhood Association**

## **April 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

### **Neighbors on Attendance**

Jeff Scott  
Chris Cannon  
Margaret O'Hartigan  
Jim Cahill  
David Robinson  
Charlie Te  
Silas Sanderson  
Scott Landsman  
Evan Heidtmann  
Lawrence Boathby

### **KNA Members**

Blaire Ottoboni  
Matt Anderson  
Eileen Kennedy  
Diego Gioseffi  
Nick LaRue  
Derwin Cunningham

### **6:30 Introductions**

### **6:32 Approve Agenda & Past Minutes**

Diego makes motion to approve agenda for tonight  
Eileen seconds  
Vote: 5 yes, passes unanimously.

Blaire makes motion to approve Feb 2016 minutes  
Eileen seconds  
Vote: 5 yes, passes unanimously.

Blaire makes motion to approve March 2016 minutes  
Diego seconds  
Vote: 5 yes, passes unanimously.

Board member Derwin arrives

### **6:35 Noise Concern**

Nan Stark is here to discuss making some changes in our noise code. Eileen asks Neighbors to speak to any noise concerns. Eileen asks Scott to talk about his concern.

Scott's complaint is item #3 on the agenda. The auto body shop runs painting later in the night. The noise washout of compliance after 10pm.

Eileen would like to know if a range in the acceptable sound will be enough to file a formal complaint for action.

Paul VanOrden is the noise control officer for the city. He will know all details. He knows the technical information. Nan suggests scheduling a special meeting for Paul.

Jim has had trouble with Donnie Vegas which has an outdoor patio. The issue has been elevated. They are open to mediation, and perhaps an amiable agreement to close down the patio at an earlier hour.

Eileen suggests that it is not too hard to come to an agreement, and points out that nobody is asking them to shut down their business.

Nan has been doing the work for 3 years. A lot of the work is updating the comp plan. City Council is reviewing all of the policies, documents and map changes. They will make a decision later in the summer. At the same time, they are reviewing zoning, specifically mixed use zoning. It will go before the planning and sustainability commission on May 10th. Nan has summaries for the neighbors to review. The public is invited to make comments on it. Nan suggests for people to make testimony if appropriate, and possibly make revisions, comments, or support for this. People can

testify in person on that date, or anytime now until then. They may keep the testimony period open until July, but the sooner the better.

Nan reads a section of the proposed code that is in review regarding the hours and the zoning. The important part is that right now it applies to three new categories or zoning, CM1, CM2 and CM3. There are not that many places where you have CM3 next to CM1, outside of MLK and Williams/Vancouver. There has been a fair amount of discussion about this. Nan does not know to what agree they can regulate hours of operation around this.

Eileen says that we are just asking for the patio to not be open late, versus the business. ?

Jeff says that in the past, that has been addressed with a “good neighbor” agreement..

Eileen thinks it is a good idea. However she is not sure the business would abide. People have spoken to them, received a letter, and had Mike Boyer speak to them, and this business does not seem to share that kind of view.

Nick points out the discussion is going into two different things.

Jeff suggests that there may be challenges as there is growth, and it’s good to start thinking about this now. Density causes problems

Margaret would like a website where residents can see the map.

Nan says that you can comment directly on the site.

A neighbor thinks we are taking the steps necessary at this time.

A neighbor suggests that there may be a loophole with the noise limits. Some neighbors may consider addressing the concerns at Donnie Vegas on May 10th at the meeting.

Nick suggests that people use the map app.

Eileen would like to pursue discussing this on May 10th. Eileen would like a letter to Paul and a letter about the good neighbor agreement.

Another neighbor would like to discuss what else is in the comp plan.

Nan said the city has targeted specific areas which were changed to mixed use, most of which are 1-2 lots, such at 9th and Alberta. These would be given CM1 designation. These lots that are not very big, but able to be commercial. Nan advocates to given input to address the King situation. As King is one of the few neighborhoods that have CM3 with single dwelling zoning. CM2 may be worth pursuing. The corridors will continue to change and grow, with commercial use on the bottom floor, with potential outdoor patios.

Nan discusses the height and distance requirements for the buildings near homes. She suggests coming with examples of what is working and not, especially in outdoor/noisy situations, it would potentially be more effective.

The changes are going from commercial to mixed use. A lot of emphasis went to design, and to have a better transition.

### **7:05 Earthquake Preparedness: First Steps**

Jeff Scott is one of the co-leaders of the Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)

They are building out an operations plan about how to respond in a disaster, such as an earthquake or a flood. It is important to know which neighbors are prepared and which may need help. The group is figuring out where to meet and so on. There is a website and a Facebook group. NET training is occurring, each training has around 100 people training. The wait list is 1200, a lot of demand for this. The training is 30 hours of training. There are 8 people involved in the group. Going forward, Jeff would like to have a more granular plan for the neighborhood.

Derwin said that his area within KNA met to discuss an informal plan, and he would like to know what they are putting together.

Eileen would like to make earthquake preparedness on the KNA website.

### **7:15 Associate Business**

May Elections: Diego says that election are up next month. Elections are open for Secretary, Chair, Board members at large #1, #3 and #5  
Diego said there has not in the past, been a description go the role for future board members. He proposes a job description document and an Application form. He points out the application is voluntary, just shows what is to be expected and what people are interested in. Diego proposes the KNA board to adopt the form for new applicants

Blaire said she supports this information being sent out.

Margaret has a concern about the “desired experience” section may scare people off. She urges that this area be rephrased to useful skills.

Blaire and Eileen suggest we put this on our website before the meeting next month.

Eileen would like to add “communication skills” to the application under useful skills.

Jeff suggests that this should be added to the website in general, and a docket on interested board members.

Eileen makes a motion to adopt the application form with the proposed changes that Margaret and Eileen have suggested.

Nick would like further clarification on the language “adopt”

Eileen rephrase the motion to adopt the job description and application form and to upload them on the website

Matt seconds

Vote: 6 yes, passes unanimously

### **7:30pm Announcements**

Eileen says that she would like a response to an email. We are getting into our summer months, and we typically take off 1 month for the events, so she encourages KNA to consider this. Eileen suggests that a neighbor in attendance may have interest in joining the board.

There is a question from neighbor who has had 3 complaints against his house, and he is being fined and is curious about whether the KNA would like to be involved in a policy change. The complaints are anonymous, so it seems political, and he would like to see if it is possible when non-neighbor complaints come in, the individual needs should be required to give their name.

Margaret makes a comment about potential predatory developers, and that this is exactly the kind of attack that should be prevented.

Nick suggests that this is highly suspicious, and the KNA will look into it, but is unsure how to pursue this.

Margaret suggests putting something on the website to ask people if this has happened to them, that way, we can collect information.

Matt suggests that the neighbor proposes a letter for the KNA to review and take a vote at the next meeting.

Eileen supports Margaret's idea.

Matt makes a motion to put something on the website, however that is not necessary.

A neighbor offers to write a letter for this.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Communications Committee:**

Blaire talks about the Egg Hunt that happened on Easter. She explains that the Movie In The Park deadline was missed, and that she sent an email to the Movie in the Pearl team to extend the deadline. They said no.

An idea is discussed to write a letter on behalf of the board requesting them to consider opening an additional day for KNA to participate, or inquiring about a wait list.

Diego makes a motion for Blaire to draft a letter for the Movie in the Park.

Matt seconds

vote: 6 yes, passes unanimously.

### **Spring Clean Up:**

Matt said the clean up was going to be on April 23rd, and they have pulled the permit. He asks if we should partner with another neighborhood, do it on our own, or cancel it. Matt said that the person who handles the permit did not respond.

A neighbor likes the idea of partnering with Vernon neighborhood.

Matt will continue to work on this.

### **Green King:**

1. Diego makes an announcement on the Park project, that in this summer, the Timbers will be building the futsal field in the park. The next step is to have a team of designers, which is led by a neighbor who works as a landscape architect and Architects without Borders. There is a meeting April 27th, at 6pm in NW. He will post this online. The idea is to figure out what's possible to change, and come up with drafts, and get community and King School input. Then we will look for funding for a playground, nature features, safety, and trees.
2. Diego said KNA has been partnering with Confluence Environmental Center and that in the past they have offered the idea of having Americorps, which is something KNA has not been able to afford.

However, they have a new program called the Fellows, without the fees. Diego has been speaking with them, and it may be possible to do in-kind donations. He has spoken with Adam about housing them at NECN offices, as an in-kind donation. Diego said NECN and Green King would only need help with a few grants and mentoring, which Adam said he could provide. He supports this to push out projects, like the park project, the School Garden and getting volunteers to restore areas and getting people involved. The deadline is April 15th.

Margaret makes a suggestion. To make sure the KNA is aware of Article 9, conflict of interest. For the board states that we know Diego lives adjacent to the park.

Nick makes a motion to support completing the application, with the board recognizing that the board is aware that Diego lives adjacent to the park

Matt makes a motion that we are going to make a motion that where that the KNA acknowledges that Diego lives and owns property adjacent to the park

Derwin second  
vote: 5 yes, 1 abstain (Diego)

Nick makes a motion to apply for the fellowship with the provision that NECN can meet what KNA cannot with regards to the office space.

Matt seconds  
vote: 6 yes, passes.

### **Bylaws:**

Nick said the Bylaws working group met with the Concordia group to review their bylaws. They now have a document and will be having a Bylaws working group. There is a ONI approved neighborhood association bylaws template. Nick proposes that we adopt their grievance procedure at the next meeting.

Margaret says that changing the grievance procedure is changing the bylaws.

Eileen would like a copy of Nick's plan.

Nick said that the meeting was very exploratory.

Matt announces he will not be attending the June meeting.

### **Grievances:**

Nick said there have been mistakes, not timely responses and confusion for the grievances, and the grievances in appeal suggest we need to tighten up our bylaws and do a better job of following them.

Diego says transparency is moving forward.

Nick has a suggestion to update the email addresses to create a continuity, such as [president@kingneighborhood.org](mailto:president@kingneighborhood.org)

### **Finance:**

Diego says the Finance Committee met and discussed financials, ideas on fundraising, and accountability. We now have the budget online so the financials are public. There has been no money from KNA account coming in or out.

**Meeting ends, 8:55pm**

