December 14, 2016

King Neighborhood Association Meeting

Board members present: Alan Silver, Evan Heidtmann, Emily Leuning, Andrew Neerman, Matthew Anderson, Diego Gioseffi (arrived shortly before 8:00pm)

7:05 Member Meeting: No quorum, meeting adjourned.

7:15pm Board Meeting: Matt and Emily talked about their experience attending the Vanport meeting about the Natural Grocers development. Wondering how many additional tenants in addition to Natural Grocers. Discussion of other possible options for the land; disappointed in lack of meaningful community involvement. Andrew and Alan will craft a letter voicing the board’s views.

7:24pm: Alan: we have a vote scheduled for the January 11, 2017 meeting to decide whether to revoke Margaret O’Hartigan’s membership.

7:25: Neighborhood councils being formed in Seattle, folks starting to try to organize them in Portland. Alan will keep us updated if this happens in the area.

7:25: Matt spring clean up. Will look at email to see who the contact people are and get the process started. Have to go through school and parks to get use of school grounds. Could also use police parking lot as has happened in the past.

7:29: Nov 24 and Dec 9, 2015 Grievances: to the best of our knowledge, KNA failed to follow open meeting requirements; we will do better in the future.

***** Alan motions that we accept these as valid grievance

Matt seconds

All vote in favor: Alan, Evan, Emily, Matt

***** Alan makes a motion that KNA had difficulty meeting open meeting requirements in 2015. We agree to undergo training in board procedures and follow procedures going forward.

Evan seconds

All vote in favor: Alan, Evan, Emily, Matt

7:33pm: Movies in the Park: Discussion whether we want to go forward with this for next summer.

***** Alan motions that we go forward with planning a Movies in the Park event for summer 2017.

Emily seconds

All vote in favor: Alan, Evan, Emily, Matt

7:36pm: Discussion of document storage on the website. Evan no longer wants to take this on – we need to find a replacement person to undertake this. Matt will take over for now.
7:39: Oregon Humanities conversations: we pay $50 and host a conversation. Could potentially do it at Portland Playhouse, Alberta Abbey, Hughes Memorial Church, etc. Most likely sometime between May and August. Look at other potential venues, think about dates.

***** Alan motions that we apply for four Oregon Humanities Conversations: Homeless in the Land of Plenty, Power, Privilege and Racial Diversity in Oregon, The Space Between Us: Immigrants, Refugees and Oregon, and What We Risk: Creativity, Vulnerability And Art

Matt seconds

All vote in favor: Alan, Evan, Emily, Matt

7:56pm: Alan: Backpack program update: $1,500 left in the account.

8:00pm: Need to reschedule with Garner and Guy- land use presentations in coming months

Want to figure out plan for land use committee going forward: ideas for policy?

Evan: Residential Infill Proposal passed City Council.

Inclusionary zoning proposal is currently in front of City Council: would require developments with 20+ units to offer certain % of units at 60% or 80% of MFI. How to approach the issue best? Want to encourage this type of development, not create a bunch of 19 unit buildings. What is best policy: city offers compensation to developers in SDCs? Height? Parking? Matt asks if we can have someone from BPS here to discuss the topic more in depth. Evan says he will look for an appropriate person to invite.

8:14: Wheeler put out a press release saying that he would deal with Trump and wants us to go out and make nice with our neighbors. Alan says civic engagement and politics are for everybody and finds this paternalistic. Wants to watch for future statements/behavior.

Diego is part of Portland Parks advisory committee now.

Matt says the 7th Ave bridge over I-84 was approved.

Evan points out that gas tax revenue repaving projects were prioritized over safety projects. Why?

Alan: we have an official member list now. Looked at city, state, NAO policies. Went back to old sign in sheets: list will have names, mailing addresses, and date they joined.

8:22: Approve October Board Meeting and November Member and Board Meeting Minutes:

King School is planning a MLK Day celebration – consensus is for the board to support their efforts.

***** Alan motions to approve the October and November meeting minutes

Matt seconds

All vote in favor: Alan, Matt, Emily, Diego