

King Neighborhood Association
KNA Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:

December 9, 2015 Duration: 6:30-8:45 Location: NECN

Attendees

Scott Batson-PBOT

Leigh Rappaport-Board Member

Eileen Kennedy-Board Member

Matt Anderson-Board Member

Rene Cord-KNA Member

Jim Cahill-KNA Member

Nick LaRue-Board Member

Andrew Nearman-Board Member

Derwin Cunningham-KNA Member

1. Introductions-

2. Approval of Agenda with the following alterations- 1. King School Park community engagement being tabled and 2. By-laws being tabled to Jan.

3. The Board approved 5 in favor and 0 opposed to Tabling the November minutes to January 4

Discussion of letter to City of Portland's Mike Boyer concerning –Donny Vegas Bar. Jim Cahill has asked KNA board to write a letter to Mike Boyer addressing the noise levels of the bar late into the evenings during weeknights. Neighbors are very concerned and want something done about the noise. Jim Cahill talked about the noise level and intoxicated guests yelling at one another. They tried to work with an OLCC investigator. They have also met with Paul Van Orden and OLCC staff to see what could be done. Neighbors were told they needed to change zoning codes if they wanted to see changes to what noise levels are allowed by Donny Vegas. Neighbors feel that the OLCC seems to be stonewalling the process of quieting the bars noise levels. They recommended writing a letter to the city. There has been a letter drafted and neighbors in the area requests that KNA support of the neighbors.

There were questions about noise ordinance. Noise from people talking is not covered by the noise ordinance. It is covered by amplified noise. The bar was supposed to put up something to assist in blocking the noise in neighbor's directions. This has been done at a minimum. The bar has placated some neighbors by giving them liquor. This is illegal. However, there is no documentation to this effect.

Matt suggests that we show Donny Vegas the letter prior to sending it into the city. Eileen says the letter must be sent in by the end of the month. The owners have been talked to and have had conversations with the OLCC. They were put on a probationary license. Jim requests that the letter be submitted this month. There has been conversation with Donnie Vegas for the past four months with no changes.

Diego made a motion to write a letter to Mike Boyer regarding noise levels at Donny Vegas with the understanding that there would be an attempt at mediation between neighbors and the bar. Andrew seconded the motion. The motion passed with 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Discussion of the agenda process. The chair manages or delegates who puts together the agenda. If individuals have items for the agenda they can e-mail these ideas to info@kingneighborhood.org, or the board chair. Diego said that not all items can make monthly agenda. There is only so much time during meetings and the earlier an item or items can be mailed to KNA the more likely it will be to be put on the agenda. Agenda items that are time sensitive will be given priority on an agenda.

Scot Batson from PBOT-Talked about the intersection at _Garfield and Alberta. He started by talking about street issues in general. If a neighbor has a concern with street issues and safety they should call 503-823-SAFE. There are two staff from the city who intake the requests and they will verify the request which creates a tracking number. It might be referred to the police or maintenance. Some items must be investigated and creating this tracking number has a higher chance of creating an investigation that contacting the city directly. Question about Alberta and Garfield intersection. Scot suggested to never go through City Hall. Scot looked at the intersection and investigated the concerns. He said there were few crashes in the intersection based on 2013 data and earlier. He said that 2014 data should be coming in soon. There is a question whether there is clearly an issue with cars. However there are issues with traffic going North and South. Scot will be recommending three solutions. If people are missing the stop sign, the stop sign can be moved out closer to the road and a stop bar can be marked on the roadway. 2. Add additional warnings. 3. Create a right turn sign. The turn sign would need to be constantly monitored and enforced to make it effective. The 3 solutions are graduated recommendations.

Requests should always be done as a safety request. Calling the safety number is the best way to get the process started. This is for any safety concerns.

Questions about other road calming areas came up. Several of the options cost a lot of money. There are no clear systems that last a long time. If the neighborhood wants particular area identified for needing road calming devices they can call as a neighborhood association to 503- 823-Safe.

Eileen asked about road calming devices. She wants to know what the most effective road calming devices are. Scot said if it is speeding issues people should request the city to begin funding traffic calming program again. If there is a greenway that needs calming there is some funding to assist in calming of the street. Neighbors can rent road calming signs to put into the neighborhood. Street

painting can be done by calling intersection repair. They can be done on local streets. They do not slow down cars they are community building opportunities which can be renewed every year.

A question was brought up about the light on 7th and Prescott and the speed cars move in the area. Scott said that 7th could have diversions installed if its made into a greenway. Curb extensions were put on 7th as traffic calming systems. The traffic circles old but not good traffic calming devises.

Diego discussed the budget. We are late in getting our budget into NECN. NECN has given us to the end of the month to get the budget in. Diego handed out the planned budget for 2016. He discussed income and expenditures. There needs to be a line added for the Dept. of Justice ct-12, our permitting fees of 100.00. The 2015 finances were above the 2016 proposed budget which caused confusion for several people at the meeting. There was discussion and agreement to separate them to two separate items.

Andrew brought up a newsletter being put under communications. It could provide neighborhood members with relevant information. Andrew and Derwin said they would be interested in being a part of a communication committee to move this along. The newsletter could be bi-annual. This could be added to the budget next month. Eileen moves to adopt the budget based on discussed alterations to budget and the separation of the 2015 expenses and the proposed 2016 budget. Matt seconded the budget approval. The vote is - 5 in favor, 0 against.

Committee Reports:

Treasurers Report- See above meeting notes

Land Use Report-Land use group did not meet will be meeting on December 15th. Its on the KNA website

Spring Clean-up-Matt reported that Mark would help and we should get King School Parking Lot. Matt has contacted Cloud Burst Recycling. No date set yet.

SALT-Did not Meet.

Green King-no new information