

**GRIEVANCE AGAINST KING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (KNA)
VIOLATION OF JUNE 20 ONI INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING GRIEVANCE PROCESS**

Brought by Margaret O'Hartigan

August 1, 2016

This grievance is made in compliance with King Neighborhood Association Bylaws ARTICLE X governing grievance procedures, as well as Office of Neighborhood Involvement Standards SECTION VII governing grievance procedures against neighborhood associations.

On June 20, 2016 the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) issued a written response to my April 1 appeal of my December 9, 2015 grievance against King Neighborhood Association (KNA). In that June 20 response, ONI found "KNA procedural violation: The ONI Standards require a neighborhood association to respond to a grievance within 60 days. The response either should be a written response that the neighborhood association believes that the proposed grievance doesn't meet the minimum requirements for the neighborhood association to continue with the formal grievance process, or a formal decision by the neighborhood association board after the neighborhood association's formal review of the grievance." This finding was sent to KNA Chair Alan Silver and KNA Co-Chair Eileen Kennedy

ONI also instructed for "Further Action: The KNA Board should respond formally to MOH's December 9, 2015 grievance and either indicate that the grievance did not meet the minimum requirements to continue the formal grievance process or complete the review process and provide MOH with a written response."

Previously, in its written response to my February 11, 2016 appeal to the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, "NECN concludes that KNA violated KNA Bylaws Art. X § D by not notifying you of a decision on your December 9 grievance within 60 days." NECN also concluded "that KNA has violated ONI Standards § VII(C)(3)(c) by not notifying you of a decision on your December 9 grievance within 60 days."

To date KNA has not given me notice that "the grievance did not meet the minimum requirements to continue the formal grievance process", nor, to date, has KNA provided me with a written response. It is now 42 days since ONI's written instructions to KNA's Chair and Co-Chair. Hence this August 1 grievance "meets the minimum requirements for the formal grievance review to be implemented" (referred to by ONI, June 20, 2016) i.e., it is submitted in writing to the KNA Board, it is within 45 days of ONI's June 20 written instructions to KNA, and I am harmed by KNA's ongoing violation of the grievance procedure requirements cited in the previous paragraph.

It is worth noting that KNA continues to ignore other instructions issued by ONI in response to my appealed grievances. As just one of many examples, in its May 17, 2016 response to my appeal of a separate grievance filed against KNA, ONI found: "KNA procedural violation. By not responding to MOH's information request, the KNA violated the public records requirements set out in the ONI Standards", adding that "If MOH indicates that she still wants to receive these documents, the KNA should provide MOH any documents that...meet the definition of her request." By e-mail of June 9 to the KNA Chair, I stated I still wanted the requested documents, and added that "at this point in time I'm requesting committee appointment info and minutes regarding my grievances of Dec. 9, Jan. 7, Jan 28 and April 1". To date KNA has provided me *none* of the requested documents.

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