

King Neighborhood Association annual member meeting
May 11, 2016 – 6:30 pm, at the offices of NECN, 4815 NE 7th Avenue

Attendees:

Current KNA board members:

Diego Gioseffi, Blaire Ottoboni, Matt Anderson, Eileen Kennedy, Nick LaRue, Derwin Cunningham, Leigh Rappaport, Andrew Neerman

Alan Silver, Margaret O'Hartigan, Evan Heidtmann, Emily Leuning
Rene Corbin, Bryn Johns-Hunter, Rachel Koteles, Michele Elmquist

Vivan Cao & Thu Do, Portland State students

Katy Asher, SE Uplift

6:30 pm - Introductions

6:35 pm - Approve tonight's agenda and previous meeting minutes

Motion to approve tonight's agenda: Blair makes, Nick seconds; passes with 5 yeas
Motion to approve April 2016's meeting minutes: Blair makes, Nick seconds; passes with

6:45 pm – May KNA Board elections

Katy Asher, staff person at Southeast Uplift and formerly Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, is here to lead the elections.

Katy: you have to be on the sign-in sheet tonight in order to vote. (Nick counts the number of people who are on the sign in sheet.) Katy discusses the purpose of a board membership. These elections will be for a 2 year commitment. Katy gives an overview of the positions up for election. Katy will take nominations for each position and then everyone will vote.

Election for Chair position: Nick LaRue, current chair, notes that he is leaving the board, as his term ends at the end of this meeting. Leigh nominates Alan Silver for the Chair position. Katy asks if anyone else would like to run for Chair.

Margaret has a Point of Order. Margaret would like people who are elected to commit that whenever there is a board vacancy, there should be an election. She would like everyone to commit to holding a general membership meeting for elections.

Margaret makes a motion to nominate Alan for Chair. Eileen Seconds.

Alan says that no-one will commit to deliberately disobeying the by-laws. He thanks Margaret for her opinion, and suggests there are different models to move forward.

Vote: 12 vote yes

Margaret asks if we should use Nays and Abstentions. Kate confirms that they are not recorded for elections, only yes votes (as long as they are a majority of possible voters).

Election for Secretary position:

Blaire volunteers. Eileen makes a motion to nominate Blaire. Leigh seconds.

Vote: 13 vote yes

Election for At Large #1 position:

Andrew volunteers himself. Eileen moves to nominate Andrew. Matt seconds. Margaret reads from a statement about her position regarding Andrew and an email about a fourth of July bike parade that Andrew had objections to, and his past absences from the meetings. Andrew says that Margaret's use of the word "abuse" to describe his board service is ridiculous. He stands by his statement in the email (about the bike parade) entirely and says that he is upfront and honest in his beliefs.

Leigh mentions that he has been fully committed to the board. Eileen says that this past year Andrew also became a father, and therefore he was unable to attend a couple of meetings. She says that he was the KNA Land Use committee chair and he has done an excellent job. Vote: 13 vote yes

Election for At Large #3 position:

Evan volunteers. Margaret O'Hartigan asks Evan to discuss his background. Evan says that he grew up on the West side, has settled down on the East Side and would like to be on the board. Leigh makes a motion to nominate Evan. Derwin seconds. Vote: 15 vote yes

Election for At Large #5 position:

Emily has been nominated by a neighbor. Emily says that she loves meetings and would like run for the board. Emily says that has lived in Portland for 8 years, and she is part of the King NET Team. Evan makes a formal motion to nominate Emily. Leigh seconds. Vote: 15 vote yes

Committee Reports:

Communications:

Derwin Cunningham reads the letter that Blaire drafted to Parks & Rec for the movie in the park. Blaire will send another email to the Movie in the Park organizers, but is pretty sure they won't have space for us unless another neighborhood cancels an event.

Spring Clean up:

Matt Anderson says that it can be held at the South Parking Lot at King School Park on Saturday May 28th, 10am - 2pm. He is looking for volunteers to join. Leigh suggests to

put out a note on Next Door asking for volunteers.

Katy says that the NAs are now forbidden from taking items that contain asbestos, at their clean-ups. KNA will need to use specific language to indicate that, in the notices to the community.

Leigh makes a suggestion: That perhaps we should hold off this year. Katy says that we can consider hosting this in the fall. Margaret has some questions about the threat of a \$8k fine (for asbestos-laden items) and would like to know if there is insurance coverage for this. She thinks there should be clear guidelines regarding the clean up.

Katie says that 5 neighborhoods in SE canceled and 10 neighborhoods moved forward, with extra concerns/caution, because of the changes regarding refusing items containing asbestos.

Derwin asks if 2 weeks is enough to prepare. Although Matt has put time and effort and energy into organizing the clean up for the Spring, Leigh suggests we do this in the fall. Matt has some questions about the vouchers and how to move the date. Matt makes a motion to move the Spring Clean up to the Fall. Leigh Seconds.
Vote: 7 yes. Matt Abstained.

Safety & Livability:

Eileen has nothing to report

Land Use:

Andrew said that Vanport (MLK & Alberta lot) permits are under review. They pulled the Zoning Variance request.

The City Council voted to wait to make a decision on the 7th Ave Greenway.

Margaret has a Point of Order. Margaret wants to make sure the secretary is only counting board members votes when there is a vote, to avoid counting hands on non-members. Blaire says she will continue to do this.

Green King:

Green King got selected for a Confluence program fellowship, that will be filled by an Americorp Volunteer for the King Neighborhood, concentrating on Green King.

Alan encourages people to sign up for Northeast Coalition of Neighborhood online updates and check out their events (many of which are held in the same King neighborhood space which KNA meets in).

7:30 pm: meeting ends.