

King Neighborhood Association Board Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 8 2017

NECN Office, 4815 NE 7th Avenue, in the King Facility Building attached to King School

**6:38 pm – Introductions, agenda, previous meeting minutes**

Board: Alan Silver, Matt Anderson, Evan Heidtmann, Emily Leuning, Diego Gioseffi

Neighbors: Margaret O'Hartigan, Zack Sippl, Siobhan O'Kelly (Bureau of Environmental Services sewer repair update), Courtney Hatton, Sharon Bolden, Stephanie Sanchez (Green King)

**6:42 – Siobhan O'Kelly, on the Woodlawn-King Sewer Repair Project**

BES identified pipes in most need of repair – 90 years old on average. Repairs to extend the life of the sewer system, protect water quality. Divided into alleys and streets portions – alleys could start in March, streets anticipated start in June. Each will take about a year to complete. Contractors schedule work two weeks out, so best way to get updates is to sign up for email updates. Night work locations: Alberta St up to six weeks, Rosa Parks night work for about a week, Killingsworth up to six weeks. Almost finished with design of street works. Street art murals: 13<sup>th</sup> and Webster (no effect) and 13<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and Roselawn (manhole will be reconstructed). Special events: movie in the park, farmer's market, rocks and socks, NE Sunday parkways, MLK dream run, Alberta St events – work cannot be done at those locations during those events. Alberta St night work can run from 10pm – 7am. Rosa Parks can start at 8pm. Margaret asks about hook up fee for lateral connections - \$6,000 fee for nonconforming sewer update, says this will force some folks out of their homes because they can't afford it. Margaret says it's not a matter of things falling apart or public health but that the city just wants consistency. Siobhan says the only way folks have to do this is if work happens directly outside their house. Diego says he upgraded the sewer at his house before he bought it – but the city never said anything about private/public hookup info. Matt asks how someone can find out if they have the party line going back to their house. Matt says he had a scope and locate done for \$100 when he bought his house.

**6:58pm: approve December meeting minutes with two amendments**

\*\*\*\*\*Alan motions that the board approve the December 2016 meeting minutes

Matt seconds

Alan, Matt, Emily, Evan vote in favor

Diego abstains

**7:00 – Garner Moody, developer, on proposed 8-unit project at NE Garfield & Failing**

Property ID: R102922

Zoning allows for 2 units on this lot (3,000sf) – asking the city for a variance to put in 8 condos to be sold for around \$185k each, with NE preference policy (preference policy is 20% down payment as a grant from city)

\*\*\*\*\* Matt motions sending the city a letter endorsing Garner Moody design and pricing plans for this development

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

### **7:07 – board business**

- 10 minutes: Emily recap: Mercy Corps presentation last night at King School

Upcoming events:

- Every other Friday at 10 am at North Precinct on K-worth – community peace collaborative partnership between police and community

Saturday vigil in front of Planned Parenthood –

Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – Sunday at 10am – Solidarity Sunday – look on facebook, social/political gathering in 5534 NE Rodney

Friends of Trees planting Feb 18 – Boise/Eliot/King

NECN public safety meeting – Feb 23

Elections in May: if you're interested in being on the board, let us know!

[info@kingneighborhood.org](mailto:info@kingneighborhood.org)

KNA is a charter member of NECN – need representation there

### **7:15pm finance: 10 minutes:**

- We recently uploaded financial docs to the website, first time they have been posted to the web. It is more organized and easier to find. Some info isn't there, but Diego is working to get historical records.
- Budget: First basic budget was created last year – calendar year but NECN and City use July 1 – June 30 fiscal year. We are trying to switch over to using the fiscal year

rather than calendar year. Diego is going to try to organize a finance committee meeting to go over the budget details before the next meeting.

- Approx. \$120 for food for community engagement for King School Park design charrette, need to vote because the previous budget

\*\*\*\*\* Alan motions that we approve reimbursement for the receipts for food at the King School park design event.

Matt seconds

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

### **10 minutes: Green King update from Stephanie**

- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> – first community meeting, was held at King School. ED of good in the hood was there, about a dozen community members
- Architects without borders designed a mock up of the park.
- People were able to suggest different design elements for the park – trees, water features, playground elements, sports facilities, etc.
- One woman pointed out there are benches in the park that overlook the sunset and would like those to remain
- Applying for a \$500 grant for native plants
- Applied for East Multnomah soil and water conservation grant, Oregon Community Foundation grant
- Feb 27 is Green King team meeting – Diego, Stephanie, neighbors, PTA member, others
- Diego asks if you know businesses in the neighborhood – asking for money for movies in the park and Green King redesign
- Stephanie will be coordinating volunteers for King School Event on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be great food, live music and performances by students and adults. If you decide to volunteer, we will be meeting in the cafeteria at 4:30 so that you can be given a tour and able to eat food before the event. We need volunteers to help with various activities such as taking tickets, serving food, set up/break down, etc. We will have three food rotations, so volunteers won't be stuck in one place the whole evening.

**7:33pm 2017 events – neighborhood clean-up; movies in the park; Oregon Humanities Conversations, egg hunt**

- Neighborhood clean up: Matt in contact with Jessica Rojas re: dates. Looking at as early as March, have to check with haulers to make sure they're available to pick up. Diego suggests mid-late April, probably only need one dumpster. Do we want it to be here at the school or North precinct? If we do it here, we need Portland Parks and Rec permit and permission from school. Alan heard from past volunteer coordinators – they could potentially help out with this year. Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> preference, back up date is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Alan will get Matt in touch with volunteers to work on details. Need a couple of trucks to take recyclable items to recycling center. We will brainstorm on how to get the word out and discuss more at next month's meeting.
- Movie in the Park: we applied for the last 3 Saturdays in August, exact date TBD
- Egg hunt: Request for \$75 donation for supplies for egg hunt at Two Plum Park on April 16th. Stephanie asks if Metro church organizes a hunt at King Park – Diego says yes – their event is more religious, associated with the church. Doesn't know how many people who attend that event are necessarily from the neighborhood. Would like to make it more fun. Stephanie says one of the ideas they had to activate the park was to have Portland Free Play come and do an activity then lead into an egg hunt.

\*\*\*\*\* Emily motions that we approve Maureen's request for \$75 for egg hunt supplies

Alan seconds

All board members vote in favor: Alan, Emily, Diego, Matt, Evan

**7:51 Oregon Humanities Conversations**

We've chosen four conversations to host over the course of the summer. Can find full descriptions on the Oregon Humanities website ([oregonhumanities.org](http://oregonhumanities.org)) if interested. Former board members got in touch with Alan to volunteer to help with projects. Margaret asks what Oregon Humanities is

– Alan says civic cultural non-profit to help folks get involved in wider conversations, they send speakers across the state if requested. OH does some publicity.

- **7:56pm 10 minutes: land use/transportation** committee – Evan does not have any updates for us
- **7:57pm 5 minutes: other board business** – Margaret
  - Sharon says she is not in favor of deciding to remove anyone from membership
  - Margaret says: July 9, 2014 vote that gutted the rights of membership – bylaws changes weren't adopted legitimately, KNA fails to follow bylaws and ONI standards, Oregon state law says a vote that restricts membership rules can only be voted on by those members, she says it's clear that the board can't cope with dissention or alternate opinions

Margaret reads the following prepared remarks:

Congratulations to the King Neighborhood Association Board of Directors and Officers for out-Trumping Donald Trump. Our new president hasn't yet called for the revocation of citizenship from Americans who criticize him, while the KNA Board provided the majority of votes in 2014 that bestowed upon itself the power to strip members of membership in KNA. Now the KNA Board takes it upon itself to exercise that power to silence criticism that it well deserves. Spare me the canard that my removal is – as Chair Alan Silver wrote in his February 1 letter to me – because of “on-going, long-term disruptive behavior” on my part. KNA member and board meeting minutes show his lie for what it is. KNA minutes show no disruptive behavior by me whatsoever, nor have there been any admonishments of me -- by any chair -- for any disruptive behavior at any meeting. KNA bylaws give the chair the authority to first warn an individual who is disruptive at a meeting and then to have the individual removed upon a second warning. There is no record of any chair making any such a warning to me, or having me removed from any meeting.

And spare me the myth contained in the Chair's February 1 letter that my behavior “impedes the ability of the association to function effectively.” The Board's history shows it failed to function effectively long before I ever filed grievances or criticized Board members and officers. These failings included but were not limited to deplorable attendance records by certain Board members, the adoption of bylaws on July 9, 2014 that were riddled with numerous and serious errors, failure to produce meeting minutes and the failure to execute – or even detect that failure to execute – an authorized financial donation.

More recently, as evidenced by findings of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, KNA board members and officers repeatedly failed to comply with KNA bylaws governing the grievance process, giving a lie to the Treasurer's 2015 claim that it was I who abused the grievance process: even the December 2016 meeting minutes admit the board failed to follow open

meeting requirements. But it's me who is targeted for removal instead of the board members responsible for violating requirements.

- Diego says he agrees with Margaret on many issues and dissent is not the issue. Things have changed for the better over the past year – bylaws still need some attention, but progress is being made.
- Margaret: says she has submitted grievance after grievance and committee didn't meet. Diego says that's not true. Diego says he's done and gets up to leave.

See additional document with Margaret's prepared remarks.

\*\*\*\*\* Emily motions to adjourn.

Alan seconds.

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

8:11 – adjourn.