

King Neighborhood Association Meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 6:30pm

Board Members Present, Alan, Emily, Andrew, Diego, Derwin

Neighbors present: Margaret O'Hartigan, Stephanie Sanchez (Green King), Meredith Guardino

6:35pm: Introductions, agenda, previous meeting minutes

***** Diego motions to approve the Feb meeting minutes with edits

Alan seconds

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

Diego would like to add a finance update to the agenda

Margaret asks about board absences: says there might be a member who has missed three consecutive minutes and one more could constitute a resignation from the board

6:47pm: Appointing a board secretary

***** Alan motions that we appoint Emily as board secretary

Andrew seconds

Diego asks what the specific duties of the position are

Record and maintain minutes

Maintain non-financial records

Assist the Chair with correspondence

Ensure proper notice is given for meetings

Make public records available for any proper

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

Position begins at the end of the meeting

6:50pm: Green King project update

Stephanie says Green King started from KNA about 5 years ago – did several DePave projects, updated futsal courts, now doing a project to redesign the entire park

Stephanie is engaging community stakeholders re: the design of the park. Meetings with Portland Public Schools, Portland Parks and Rec, Grant funders (E Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, others)

Working on a tri-fold brochure

Charrette: this weekend: Attending Good in the Hood meeting – lot of those people went to school at King, their kids go to school at King. Will do the mapping activity with them.

Next Wed. leading an assembly at St. Andrews from 8-9am to reach students and staff

Architects without Borders is almost done making the mapping activity online – will include online survey

Looking to fundraise for Movies in the Park which will be held in the park this summer

Larger fundraising campaign – build relationships with businesses and neighbors.

Looking to apply for a state grant for construction of the park

Looking for people to join Green King Committee – need people with fundraising skills, event planning, design/publicity, people who like to talk to people

Stephanie met with PPR's Park Rangers, Park Technicians – they suggested getting a permanent metal toilet structure, not porta potties

Emily asks whether there is a concrete date for construction to begin: Diego says concept plan within year and a half or so, then funds need to be secured for the actual construction. Stephanie says funds for concept plan should happen by this summer. Diego says some folks have offered grant writing help for the larger grants.

7:04pm: Board chair's report

Alan shared an email from Scott Breon: "I greatly appreciate everything KNA has done for our neighborhood in the 8 years we lived there. We routinely still find ourselves in the neighborhood, and as such, continue to benefit from everyone's shared efforts in supporting King in its growth and diversity. While I may not have agreed with everyone at every point in time, we always shared a vision of betterment and inclusion."

Alan had originally requested time for vote on Margaret's membership and has withdrawn that. Will update everyone if and when that gets rescheduled.

Margaret requests that she receive notice. Alan says yes, that will happen.

Alan tells a story about Anjala – neighbors had pest control come, rats went into her garage, then her car, and ate the engine. Got a rental car, rats ate the engine out of that within a few days

Anjala has agreed to guide a bylaws revision committee – committee would maybe start in late April. Anjala has been in/worked with NECN for many years and has a lot of relevant experience. Would be an advisory board.

Alan requests up to \$200 for this process.

Margaret says she would like to volunteer for the committee

Alan says we have Margaret's recommendations for the bylaws and those will be considered. Says he does not want Margaret's negativity at the board meetings to continue in committee meetings

Margaret says she thinks there are plenty of people who would disagree with that but that the board does have the prerogative to decide who is on the committee.

Alan says those meetings may not be open to the public – the committee will decide

Margaret says that says enough right there.

Alan says yes it does. He thinks it sends the message about how strongly he feels that about Margaret's negativity should affect volunteer work.

***** Diego motions to approve up to \$200 for Anjala to assist us with bylaws

Emily seconds

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

7:05pm: Planning for upcoming events: Oregon Humanities Conversations, Egg Hunt, Movie in the Park, King Spring clean up

Oregon Humanities Conversations: Homeless in the Land of plenty, Power/Privilege, Space between us, and What we risk: creativity, vulnerability and art

Setting up conversations throughout the summer: esteemed former board chairs and Margot Dobberton and Charles Boardman are taking on this project

Derwin arrives

Neighborhood Cleanup:

Margot has also taken over planning the King neighborhood cleanup and planning is underway.

Have a few volunteers – can get in touch with David Lomax to see if they have more volunteers

Egg Hunt: Two Plum Park 10 am on April 16th

Movie in the Park: Diego is not impressed with the City's response – haven't confirmed a date for the movies. Diego has checked in with them – they don't yet have a date for us. City said there's a lot of paperwork/bureaucracy they are dealing with. Looking at last three weeks of August

Alan says it's possible that esteemed former chair Margot Dobberson may be willing to help in some way with this effort once she's done with the clean up

Derwin asks if the funding info can be done online - Diego says he will check to see.

Derwin says he can help out with Movies in the Park event.

Margaret was asked to create a flyer for the upcoming membership meeting.

7:20pm: Land use committee update:

12th and Alberta – Wagmeester Half block sold- company is Virtuous Development, Stephanie Parrish
Mason/MLK building is in permitting right now – should be under construction in the next few months

7th Ave greenway is still rolling along – Eliot/Irvington/King meeting in the next few months

Diego asks for an explanation of greenway project for those who don't know about it

Andrew: project to turn NE 7th or NE 9th as a greenway. Would be gold-standard almost bike highway with separated lanes, planning is about a year out

City person may be at April land use committee meeting to discuss the project

7th Ave pedestrian bridge over I-84 is also approved

Implemented within 3-5 years probably

Head of **Portland Streetcar** will be coming to April land use meeting

Potential MLK line? Andrew suggests an income-based pass if that does happen.

Alan says Tri Met may be doing that next year as part of the Hop pass

Margaret mentions safety improvement on MLK at Old Town Brewing/Boys and Girls Club area.
Probably put in a signal at some point.

Diego says it's very difficult to see the MLK median at night

Margaret mentions the signs in the median – says she takes them back to businesses and tells them the code

Andrew says he thinks if the MLK Streetcar is passed it will be an entire redesign of MLK

Margaret says Garfield S of Alberta is also scheduled to be dug up as part of the sewer plan – big traffic issues and not sure if access

Portland Playhouse is fundraising to build a one story building next to church – will be used for rehearsals, SERA Architects is working on the project

Guy Bryant: after meeting w/KNA land use development, working on plans for a 3 unit development at 3732 NE 7th

Has also done a project on N Killingsworth and Commercial - rowhouses

Land use comm suggested as few garages and curb cuts as possible, waiting for plans to see what he comes up with

Diego asks about the development next to Two Plum – has it sold? No one knows but the “for sale” sign is gone.

Land Use meets 4th Tuesday at 7pm

Alan says we have 4 miles of commercial street frontage – in the neighborhood

7:40: King Finance update

Last meeting we talked about creating a new budget that follows fiscal year, Diego shares his draft of what it could look like: July 1 – June 30 fiscal year

Overview of income and expenses – sample expenses from previous years, but this could change. Spend more money on outreach/branding? Diego wants to invest money in outreach and increasing neighborhood awareness

Andrew says lawn signs are 89 cents per sign – Diego thinks they are more expensive (\$25)

Derwin says you can get them cheaper than \$25.

Diego says the budget will need to be modified as we go – can't say we'll spend \$1,000 on outreach now without having a specific outreach plan. Thinks we need to include more people and spend more money.

Stephanie asks whether KNA partners with Good in the Hood? Starts here – could be an opportunity for partnership.

Diego says we should try to partner with them – get the word out.

Need to develop a more professional budget – this was just a draft Diego put together quickly

Diego says he will talk to Matt about it

Margaret says “outgo equals income and everything's fine – outgo exceeds income, trouble”

Diego says countries go into debt, businesses go into debt – treat it as an investment, have long term vision in mind

7:52pm: adjourn