

King Neighborhood Association Meeting

July 12, 2017 at 6:30pm

Board Members in Attendance: Alan Silver, Emily Leuning, Christen Cannon, Diego Gioseffi, Andrew Neerman (arrived at 6:40)

Neighbors in Attendance: Sarah Moses, Margaret O'Hartigan, Stephanie Sanchez (Green King), Carolyn Martin, Victoria Hensley & Dan Everhart with Restore Oregon, Derwin Cunningham

6:30pm: Introductions, agenda, previous meeting minutes

***** Alan motions we approve March minutes

Margaret would like to add that she was asked to create a flyer to publicize the upcoming membership meeting. Alan amends his motion to include that addition.

Diego seconds

Alan, Diego, Emily vote in favor of approving the minutes

Christen abstains as she was not on the board then

***** Diego motions to approve the June meeting minutes

Alan seconds

Diego, Alan, Emily, Christen vote in favor

6:40pm: Alan says he accepted Evan's resignation from the board on June 25th

***** Alan motions that we remove Derwin from his position on the board

Christen asks whether it would make sense to ask David to reach out to him.

Margaret points out that Derwin's term ended in May and he was not here for that meeting yet the majority of the people at the meeting re-elected him.

Diego says Derwin's preference was to volunteer, not be a board member – they had corresponded by email. He says he doesn't think Derwin has time to commit to be a board member but we still welcome his participation.

Diego seconds.

Alan, Emily, Diego, Andrew, Christen vote in favor

6:43: Ocobock update: Jeff Moreland (an owner) gave an update a couple weeks ago. Shift in what the interior design/plan will be for the house. They were looking at B & B, now looking at a working/living space combo. Now they are trying to patch together what was left of the house. Work not happening quickly, but

Alan asks whether work/living space would require rezoning. Says no. Since commercial space has gotten so expensive, would be an affordable space.

6:46: Property records show that the Gypsy Jokers apparently own their clubhouse and the house behind it through a trust called Tomorrow RUS Today.

Residential infill: no current standards, hoping to have more by the fall

6:48: Restore Oregon: Carolyn says after the threat of the Ocobock mansion being demolished, a group of neighbors came together to talk about how this can be prevented in the future. Protect history, architecture, meaning of houses in the neighborhood – reached out to Restore Oregon.

Dan Everhart: engaged in efforts behind Ocobock. What is important and what's not? How does growth continue but in a careful and reflective way? Have been involved in discussions about historic designations, demolitions, in the past. Had opportunity here to be more hands on. Take interest of Walnut Park neighbors that we work to document the history of Walnut Park. Walnut Park is a plat – platted in 1904. Three blocks deep is in King Neighborhood, rest is in Humboldt. One of last areas in NE Portland to be subdivided into blocks. Want to document the history and architecture of a section of a subsection of the plat. June 12th had a meeting for neighbors – discussed whether this project was something the neighbors would support. Have moved on and have begun house by house documentation of these 12 blocks – take photos, write down architectural info, look for historic records in Oregonian. At the end of the summer (Aug 17th) at Salvation Army on Williams, Victoria will present findings, project can be a foundation for future work.

Diego asks what neighborhood/blocks boundaries are. Six blocks are in King, six blocks are in Humboldt. That boundary is because that's where the highest concentration of historic homes are.

Diego asks whether they would be trying to create a historic neighborhood designation. Dan says that's a possibility but won't know til they have much more info. Need to finish study and get more info.

Alan says no one knows what's going to happen with historic districts in general. Dan says some new rules written at state level, later amended and passed in different form. Dan says we don't even know if there's a possible historic district here. Rules now say individual cities may designate historic district – in the past, only National historic district designation was possible. Possible that Walnut Park could be groundbreaking if they move forward because no one has done it in 20 years – don't know whether it would be appropriate to pursue that designation until we finish collecting the stories.

Alan asks whether there are other historic districts that cross neighborhood association boundaries? Dan says I honestly don't know. It's not necessarily the neighborhood boundary that determines history and architecture – more about the character of the area. That's why we stop the study area where we do – MLK and Vancouver/Williams create natural boundaries. Is it possible boundaries might extend North or South of the current area? Possible yes, to be determined in future.

Dan mentions: August 17th at Salvation Army on Williams presentation at 6 or 7 pm – exact time TBD

Let Dan or Victoria know if you have questions.

Alan says McCoy Academy (at MLK and Failing) folks are cleaning out that building – if you want to see what it looks like, go now before it's torn out. Vic Remmers has a large new project on the site.

Andrew says his other project on Mason has yet to begin.

Alan says efforts to restore burger barn building has stalled. No idea what's happening there. Dan says it was included in their most endangered places list a couple of years ago – have not been super successful discovering what's going on. Had a conversation w/employee at Prosper Portland last week – project manager who is managing that project is on vacation. There is a proposal to build a family restaurant there – not sure if that is still the plan.

Barbershop on Killingsworth is closing – crowded out by neighboring business that is expanding.

Ursula asks about MLK/Alberta site – where are they with not the anchor tenant but other buildings there? Alan says he is pretty sure he saw something from Prosper Portland saying they are looking for tenants or manager but not sure details. Ursula says there was a lot of talk initially about getting those tenants.

Margaret says she heard there is a music venue going in.

Mason West is breaking ground in a few weeks – permit approved

Failing project – permits being submitted soon, likely next year before construction begins

7:16: August King Movie in the Park: Kubo and the Two Strings – Japanese anime but made in Portland (Beaverton). Christen says there will be concert and then movie. Green King will be tabling. KNA will reach out to neighbors – we need to plan what we want to do. Need more sponsors, other community reps. Parks and Rec staff changed when Christen took on the project so communication has been a little difficult. Looking for other partners/orgs to table. Sponsorship included poster/flyer/slide/etc. Trying to get a designation to have a sort of bazaar/tabling area with lower barrier of entry so that more orgs can be involved. Derwin asks how soon folks can set up – Christen says probably set up an hour before the event.

Alan asks what we need to do to fundraise – Christen says we need to firm up some details first, then can do more concentrated outreach. Keep it local to King neighborhood.

7:21: Alan says August 12 from noon til 2pm– King is co-hosting a picnic in Roselawn Park with Vernon neighborhood

Humboldt asked to postpone til next year on having a picnic at Mallory Meadows

7:22: Bylaws – how do we want to proceed?

Diego says he wants to go piece by piece – and take changes one at a time.

Christen asks can we designate the next board meeting (August) to be devoted to bylaws and fiscal sponsorship? Then we could approve budget and bylaws at Sept meeting. Christen asks is there a committee that could work on that before the meeting?

Emily says most of the bylaws changes are minor – only a couple of substantive discussions need to be had re: how many membership meetings per year and requirements

Alan says yes, we have to post the changes 30 days in advance, talk about the changes, then call a membership meeting to approve the changes.

Christen asks can we call a special meeting? Can we do the budget/fiscal sponsorship stuff earlier – she will not be here in August.

Andrew and Emily say they would be in favor of a meeting. Alan points out that we would probably need a new location – NECN is hosting a lot of orgs/events currently.

Diego says we need an in-depth discussion on the budget – should reflect our values.

Alan calls a special board meeting for Wed July 26 at 6:30pm – St Andrew’s Church most likely (Christen will check with them)

Carolyn comments that she went to a board meeting in the past – there were a lot of minutiae/details discussed and she wasn’t sure if she was super interested in attending future meetings but wants to be involved and engaged in the community.

Margaret says membership meetings reduced when bylaws changed and became more business-y – less fun for members

Alan says lots of volunteers help out behind the scenes and don’t necessarily come to meetings

Christen says we can have multiple channels – be more clear about which meetings are more business and which are more focused on community engagement. Says Margaret has made more challenges and battles and it’s exhausting. Margaret says the board has been dysfunctional since before Christen came on board. Alan says Margaret is making Christen’s point for her. Margaret raises her voice and says she has not brought challenges – she is asking the board to do something that was promised to her.

Bylaws: we will post proposed changes, will discuss in August, might call membership meeting as part of Sept meeting to approve.

7:43pm: Any requests for expenditures: Diego says they have had AmeriCorps member for the last 9 months – Stephanie Sanchez – has been doing a lot of work on Green King, outreach, her time is coming

to an end. Thank you on behalf of Green King and the NA – she is finished in July but will volunteer to help for Movies in the Park. Stephanie is organizing a volunteer recognition – Diego asks for \$100 donation to thank Stephanie for all of her work.

Christen asks if she can volunteer to host a good bye party for Stephanie – can involve NECN as well. Stephanie says that's not necessary but would welcome it – can be a general volunteer appreciation event.

Christen says she will take the lead on planning a thank you/goodbye party.

Andrew motions that we table the discussion for approving the \$100

Alan says if we are going to table at the Movie in the Park event, we should have a good idea of what KNA does and is involved in/wants to do.

Alan asks will there be a Green King table asking for more volunteers? We need more for going forward. Also, who wants to speak on a microphone to make a neighborhood announcement/blurb at the movie.

7:50pm: Alan wants to freshen up our web presence, social media, communications efforts. Diego says we really need someone whose passion is communications. Andrew says maybe that can be part of our board recruitment strategy.

Margaret suggests that filling positions on the board could also happen at the membership meeting to approve bylaws.

7:54: we adjourn.