King Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 18, 2018
Vanport Square Studio

Board Members Present: Margaret O'Hartigan, Rachel Koteles, Libby Deal, Sarah Moses. Excused: Jennifer Jardee-Borquist

Community Members Present: Derwin Cunningham, Brooks Koenig, Darcell Dance

Margaret called the meeting to order. Introductions made. Quorum met.

Old Business:
- Meeting minutes from July 11, 2018 were approved as presented. Motioned by Sara, seconded by Libby, approved unanimously.
- Margaret gave report on NECN board meeting
  - NECN will be issuing a letter of support for Metro’s regional transport plan
  - NECN will also issue letter of support for the 7th Ave option of neighborhood Greenway
    - Derwin and Darcell reported neighbors on 7th were concerned about this option.
    - More discussion about these will take place at next KNA meeting August 8. Meeting agenda will be advertised so stakeholders can come. KNA will make a decision after this meeting.

New Business:
Short-term goals (<1year)
- Outreach
  - Libby will draft letter of introduction that can serve as a template to be sent to other NAs (Woodlawn and Concordia were identified as strong associations with consistent activities), churches, schools/PTAs, day cares, and local organizations/businesses (Portland Playhouse).
  - KNA poster for businesses to display/future yard signs was identified as good outreach tool.
    - Suggested that KNA host local art contest, possibly through King Elementary “Sun School” program, to create design
  - Sarah will look into costs of making KNA buttons, stickers, shirts and magnets.
  - Margaret will contact campaigns of current City Council candidates for a potential “Meet the candidates” event at Abbey in late September/early August.
Rotating “meet your neighbor” events/happy hours at local establishments
  • First event will be evening of Wednesday, Aug. 22. Libby will contact some local bars for possible trivia or extended happy hour. This will be casual event and will be advertised through our social media platforms.

Neighborhood “block” party at Abbey will take place on October. 13
  • More details on KNA’s role to come, Libby is serving on planning committee.

- Recruitment of other board members (goal is to have full complement of 9) will continue “organically” as we try to increase general member attendance and participation through the above measures.
- Amendment of by-laws to empower members and redress current imbalance of power, was identified as a short-term goal however it was tabled until January due to prioritization of outreach activities this summer and fall.
- Articulating a KNA position on demolitions/short-term rentals was also identified as an important short-term goal.
  - Discussion about standard policy vs. responding to individual notifications took place. (elaborate on this?)
  - Libby will reach out to Boise NA and other NA requesting examples of their land-use practices and policies
  - All land use notices will continue to be posted on KNA website
  - Concerning land use notifications, as determined by land use committee, will be advertised on Next Door to increase community awareness/engagement.
  - Time will be designated at each regular monthly meeting for land use

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Long-term goals (>2)
- Boundary change will be tabled until May 2020 (end of current board term) so that KNA can use time to survey neighbors and find out what neighbors want to do.