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**King Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

**KNA Board Members Present**: Amy Wilson, Cheri Folsom, Jacquie Walton, Libby Deal (by phone), John Kim. Sara Moses was absent.

**Community Members Present**: Misha Hashitani, Darcell Dance, Mark Takiguchi (Alberta Abbey), Allen Gurney, Laverne Martin (Franklin Family Foundation), Ann Griffin (Alberta Main Street), Dave Brook, Shanley Lazas, Kellie Shaw, Vanity Thorn, Miachael Sciafe, Linda Nettekoven, Heather Flint Chatto, Roz Scaife

**Old Business**

* **Approval of KNA October Minutes**
	+ KNA meeting minutes from October 1, 2019 were approved as presented. Motioned by Amy, seconded by Jacquie, and approved unanimously.

**New Business**

* **Guest speaker Heather Flint Chatto, urban planner, presentation about Portland Main Street Design Initiative**
	+ The PDX Main Street Design Initiative is a coalition of community and business leaders, architects, designers, planners, artists, and community advocates. They have been working to raise design literacy and empower community members to manage growth and change. They collaborate with local partners to support communities with tools, events, and education to advance historic preservation, design literacy, sustainability and innovation, and density with sensitivity.
	+ The organization began when dramatic new development began on Division St. about five years ago and residents didn’t have the tools to clearly identify what the local community wanted. They created the following design guidelines document for Division St.: https://divisiondesigninitiative.files.wordpress.com/2018/06/main-st-design-guidelines-99-6-18-18-all-pages.pdf
	+ They have created the following design handbook to serve as a guide and toolkit to use when considering changes to Portland’s commercial districts: <https://divisiondesigninitiative.files.wordpress.com/2014/05/main-street-district-design-handbook.pdf>.
	+ Heather said that although Portland’s older buildings are all different, they “speak a common language.” She questioned whether the City has a “coherent vision” with regards to new development.
	+ Heather showed a photo of 1930 Alberta (<https://www.emerick-architects.com/commercial-1#/alberta/>), a new apartment building on NE Alberta St., as an example of “harmonious design.” She said that building a historic-looking structure, such as 1930 Alberta, doesn’t cost more than building the ultra-modern, architect vanity projects currently seen around Portland. She also stated that it’s possible for bigger buildings to be “human scale.”
	+ Heather encouraged people to submit feedback on the Map App (<https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/testify/#/doza>) about DOZA (Design Overlay Zone Amendments), which the City is currently considering. DOZA will update the thresholds for design review. Comments are due by **November 15th**.
		- Critics of the current DOZA proposal have testified that building heights with no public review could drastically change the main street character and cause adverse impacts to adjacent low-rise buildings because of the creation of “tunnels” over the streets and excessive shading, which is already happening on Division St. and N. Williams Ave.
		- To read an article about DOZA, go to https://www.southeastexaminer.com/2019/11/doza-changing-the-citys-design-review-process/.
		- To read the current DOZA proposal, go to <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/79788> or https://www.pdxmainstreets.org/doza.
	+ Amy Wilson (KNA Chair) proposed that the KNA host a PDX Main Street Design Initiative workshop.
	+ Ann Griffin (Executive Director of Alberta Main Street) stated that she wants to adopt the PDX Main Street Design guidelines for Alberta St.
* **Follow Up on Franklin Family Foundation, presented by Laverne Martin**
	+ On November 14, at Prescott Elementary School, 10410 NE Prescott St., at 2 PM, the Franklin Family Foundation will host an event to give clothing, shoes, and other needed items to children in the neighborhood. To get involved, email byfaithlm@aol.com or call 503-967-3308.
	+ In December, the foundation is planning to have a Christmas event.
	+ In February, the foundation is planning to have a Black history dinner theatre event at Alberta Abbey. This event will also be a fundraiser for the foundation.
	+ For more information, go to https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Nonprofit-Organization/Franklin-Family-Foundation-113947126628285/.
* **KNA outreach update, presented by KNA co-chair Cheri Folsom**
	+ Cheri said that the garden clean-up day at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School was a success.
	+ The next KNA-sponsored event will be for the residents of the Walnut Park Shelter. The public is asked to drop off donated adult-sized coats, blankets, and socks at the NECN offices, 4815 NE 7th Ave., between 10 AM and 5 PM, December 2 through 7. For more information, email jessica@necoalition.org.
* **Alberta Abbey update, presented by Mark Takiguchi**
	+ Mark announced the following upcoming events at Alberta Abbey:
		- Nov. 23: Eco Art and Community Fest (<https://www.facebook.com/events/856882974706627/>).
		- Nov. 14: Meyer Memorial Trust Equity Speaker Series: Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II (<https://www.facebook.com/events/2459006590856556/>)
	+ For more information about events at Alberta Abbey, go to their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AlbertaAbbeyPortland/> or visit their website at https://www.albertaabbey.org/.
* **Approval of expenses**
	+ The KNA board members approved funding for the following:
		- Sponsorship of Franklin Foundation -- $1000
		- Lift Ev’ry Voice showing at Alberta Abbey -- $250
		- PUSH showing at Alberta Abbey -- $250
		- Truthout -- $250
		- PCA Pocket Lap Monitor -- $350
		- Sponsorship of Good in the Hood Movie in the Park event -- $500
		- Portland Main Street Design workshop -- $500
		- Neighborhood association social at Alberta Abbey -- $75
		- Reimbursement to Cheri Folsom for garden cleanup -- $21.98
* **Vote to confirm new board members**
	+ The KNA board members approved the following new board members:
		- Laverne Martin, at-large position #3
		- Kelli Shaw, at-large position #1
* **Announcements**
	+ Darcel Dance announced the Gospel Christmas with the Oregon Symphony event in December. For more information, go to <https://www.orsymphony.org/concerts-tickets/1920/gospel-christmas/?performanceId=4124>.
	+ Roz Sciafe talked about disaster preparedness. The KNA will discuss this topic in more detail at a future meeting.