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### King Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

**KNA Board Members Present:** Amy Wilson, Cheri Folsom, Jacquie Walton, John Kim, Sara Moses, Laverne Martin, and Kellie Shaw. Libby Deal was absent.

**Community Members Present:** Misha Hashitani, Darcell Dance, Mark Takiguchi (Executive Director of Alberta Abbey), Emily Coleman (Transition Projects), Scott Moshier (US Census), Paxton Rothwell, and Kellie Shaw's son.

#### Old Business

- **Approval of KNA November Minutes**
  - KNA meeting minutes from November 5, 2019 were approved as presented. Motioned by Jacquie, seconded by Sara, and approved unanimously.

#### New Business

- **Guest speaker Emily Coleman, Transition Projects (<https://www.tprojects.org/>)**
  - Emily talked about the Walnut Park shelter at 5411 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., which is managed by Transition Projects (<https://www.tprojects.org/rumpl/FAQ%20Walnut%20Park%20Shelter%20August%202019%20FINAL.pdf>).
  - The Walnut Park shelter opened about a year ago. Originally, the shelter was supposed to be open only during the winter months, but their contract was extended because of community need.
  - The building that houses the shelter will eventually be redeveloped by Multnomah County, so Transition Projects is currently renewing their lease for six months at a time.
  - Transition Projects manages nine homeless shelters (805 beds) in Portland. The Walnut Park shelter is one of the first shelters in Portland to allow couples to stay together. Guests can visit the shelter between 5 PM and 8 PM.
  - The Walnut Park shelter allows overnight stays only. Reservations are required (people cannot line up outside the shelter). Transition Projects routes people to available beds. After a person gets a bed, they can stay for as long as they need to. This time of year, the shelters are mostly full.
  - The Walnut Park shelter relies on the community to provide meals. To volunteer, see <https://www.tprojects.org/rumpl/FAQ%20Walnut%20Park%20Shelter%20August%202019%20FINAL.pdf>.
  - Most people find out about the shelter by word of mouth. People can also call 211 to ask for help. If a community member sees a person in need, they can call 211 and a cab will pick up the person and take them to a shelter.

- During severe weather conditions (defined by Multnomah County as under 25 degrees Fahrenheit when not raining and 32 degrees Fahrenheit when raining) no one can be turned away from a shelter.
- **Guest speaker Scott Moshier, US Census**
  - Scott is recruiting people to be volunteers for the 2020 US census. Pay is from \$18 to \$20 an hour. To apply, go to [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs). Hours are flexible and the work is mostly on weekends. Jobs include office jobs and visiting people door-to-door.
- **Franklin Family Foundation events, presented by Laverne Martin**
  - On November 14, at Prescott Elementary School, 10410 NE Prescott St., at 2 PM, the Franklin Family Foundation hosted an event to give clothing, shoes, and other needed items to children in the neighborhood. About 650 people attended the event.
  - On December 21st, the foundation is planning to host a Christmas event at Prescott Elementary School. Clothes, hot dogs, and toys will be provided.
  - On February 15th, 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/>, or call 503-328-9280.
- **KNA outreach update, presented by KNA co-chair Cheri Folsom and at-large member John Kim**
  - John talked about KNA's outreach to MLK Jr. Elementary School and nearby neighbors about traffic safety around the school.
    - Nick Falbo of PBOT confirmed that speed bumps will be installed on 7th Avenue in conjunction with the 9th Avenue Greenway Project.
    - Jamie Jeffrey of PBOT said that she will provide cost comparisons for different traffic control options.
    - John said that he has received good, but not enough, feedback so far. He plans to canvas neighbors on nearby streets in January. He will leave flyers and ask school staff for help with questionnaire distribution. He wants to increase the sample size to make sure that his survey is accurate. He also wants to increase awareness about traffic safety. He currently has one volunteer to help with flyer distribution. He plans to ask for more volunteers in January.
  - Cheri talked about the coat/sock/blanket drive (see <https://kingneighborhood.org/coat-blanket-and-sock-drive-dec-2-dec-7/>) and Portland Playhouse's blood drive (see <https://kingneighborhood.org/american-red-cross-blood-drive-dec-9-11-am-to-4-pm/>).
- **Alberta Abbey update, presented by Mark Takiguchi, Executive Director of Alberta Abbey**
  - Mark announced the following upcoming events at Alberta Abbey:
    - On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Alberta Abbey will host a screening of "Lift Ev'ry Voice" (see <https://www.albertaabbey.org/event/portland-civil-rights-lift-evry-voice-screening/>). This screening is co-sponsored by the KNA. A \$4 donation is suggested to attend to cover costs.
    - On December 7<sup>th</sup>, Alberta Abbey will host a holiday market (see <https://www.albertaabbey.org/event/art-of-craft-holiday-market/>).
  - Alberta Abbey is currently involved in a fundraising drive. Your gift of \$50 or more will be matched up to \$10,000 by December 31, 2019. To give, go to <https://www.albertaabbey.org/support/>.

- **KNA expenses, presented by KNA treasurer Sara Moses**
  - The KNA has about \$7,500 in funds available to support the community.
- **Announcements**
  - Darcell Dance announced the Gospel Christmas with the Oregon Symphony event. For information, go to <https://www.orsymphony.org/concerts-tickets/1920/gospel-christmas/?performanceId=4124>.
  - Amy Wilson talked about whether the KNA should sponsor a collection event next year.
  - Amy Wilson described the Solterra development that is in planning stages at 1130 NE Alberta St. and talked about whether the KNA should appeal the development.