

## DRAFT

### King Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Virtual (Zoom) Meeting

*Note about the December 2020 KNA Board Meeting: there was no “official” December KNA meeting due to a lack of a quorum. With only three board members present, there were insufficient members present to legally hold the meeting, which was then cancelled as a result. There were no community members present at the aborted December meeting. January’s meeting includes some items that were meant to be reported on, back in December.*

#### **KNA Board Members Present**

John Rooney (Chair)

Laverne Martin (Co-Chair)

Sarah Moses (Treasurer)

John Kim (Secretary)

Libby Deal (At-large representative / KNA Land Use)

Absent: Cheri Folsom (At-large representative)

**Community Members Present:** Martha Gies

#### **Old Business**

- **Approval of KNA November and prior Minutes**
  - Since KNA minutes could not be approved in December, all previous Draft meetings were approved to be moved to final. This was done at the end of the evening as the last meeting item.

#### **New Business**

- **Laverne Martin, Franklin Family Foundation, Co-Chair Update**
  - The Franklin Family Foundation’s annual community Thanksgiving Dinner was once again a success, though this was done differently this last year on account of the pandemic. For the past few years, the KNA has contributed to this annual event that serves local families that might otherwise go without. The KNA looks forward to continuing to support this worthy event, with hopes that we will once again be in a position to volunteer live, along with other community members, once the pandemic is over.
  - The Franklin Family Foundation’s annual holiday toy give away for children was again a success, much of it due the diligence of community volunteers and members of the Franklin Family Foundation. The toy distribution was initially interrupted by protesters

occupying the toy distribution area. Volunteers then scrambled to hand-deliver toys so that all children who were expecting toys for the holiday received their gifts.

- **John Rooney, Chair Update**

- Polled for ideas on how to get community members outside of the board to come to meetings. Would like to connect talent to people.
- Finding ways to be relevant in the time of pandemic. With the pandemic stopping usual activities, like outreach and school cleanups.
- Multnomah County Commissioner, Susheela Jayapal, has reached out to the KNA, asking how she can be of help. Commissioner Jayapal met live with the KNA and King Neighborhood Residents in 2020 at the NECN offices. There was discussion on how to better advertise this, since any meeting in the near term would likely be virtual. And there was expressed a desire that if Commissioner Jayapal were to come again, that the KNA would want to make sure that her time was put to best use by having community attendance and input.
- There was discussion and input about how to best reach out to the community, in order to get more participation during a time when we cannot meet in person. Ideas posed were advertisements in Facebook, email blasts, putting out the word to community organizations, such as churches, that are in King Neighborhood, to mention it to their congregations, and also to utilize KGW's free community announcement service, which is often just a text crawl at the bottom of the screen
- John mentioned that KATU television had reached out to interview the KNA. It was requested that there be more information.
- Posed getting our own KNA Zoom account so that we could use it to run some community events without having to get permission to use NECN's Zoom account, as is currently done.

- **Libby Deal, KNA Land Use Update**

- Libby gave an overview of the December 17<sup>th</sup> Alberta Alive Projects Discussion where Community Development Partners (CDP) and associates presented the architectural plans for two large affordable housing developments on Alberta, one at Grand and one at 8<sup>th</sup>. The CDP architects presented their plans and answered questions from the KNA . community organizations, and community members present. SEI, who will partner with CDP, to run these projects, likewise answered questions from community members.

- **John Kim, Neighborhood Uplifting**

- Posed some ideas to help bring community back together in this time of self-isolation. Ideas floated were to use the KNA Zoom account, if the KNA were to get their own, to host community events, such as having volunteers read children stories, perhaps to partner with theatre groups to perform live on Zoom, or when the weather is better, possibly to have community gatherings for performance with safe social distancing.

- **Sarah Moses, Notice of Leaving Portland and the KNA**

- Sarah announced that she and her family would be leaving Portland and that as a result, she would no longer be able to serve as treasurer.
- Sarah gave the KNA a rundown of the expenses that the treasurer manages and pays for.

- John Kim reminded everyone that he was using his personal credit card to pay for the KNA's web hosting, getting reimbursed afterwards, and would like a better solution that didn't require using his personal card.
- **Martha Gies, Community Perspective**
  - Martha was kind enough to talk about some of her history in Portland. Martha had lived 26 years in Elliott Neighborhood, and recently moved to King after her marriage to her partner of four years in May.
  - She's undergoing an expedition to walk the entire boundary of King Neighborhood, getting to know her new neighbors, which is something she did back in Elliott, meeting and listening to people, learning the about the rich experience and history from long-time residents.
  - Back in Elliott, Martha taught on Monday night. She's a writer and has been putting her isolation due to Covid 19 to good use, by finishing her manuscript.
  - Like many King neighbors, Martha is concerned about gun violence and property damage downtown.
  - Recommended the Black Resilience Fund ([www.blackresiliencefund.com](http://www.blackresiliencefund.com)) as a good organization to talk to and potentially partner with