

King Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 2, 2021
NECN Office

KNA Board Members Present

John Rooney (Chair)
Laverne Martin (Co-Chair)
John Kim (Secretary)
Libby Deal (At-large representative / KNA Land Use Chair)

Absent: Cheri Folsom (At-large representative)

Community Members Present

Jennifer Harris
Nat Kim
Paxton Rothwell
Sierra Dawson
Teresa McGrath

John Rooney called the meeting to order.

Old Business

Previous Minutes approved.
John Rooney stated that ongoing, meetings would be recorded as a backup.

New Business

Portland Clean Air Support Letters

Portland Clean Air is requesting support letters from the KNA Board, to ultimately include in a communication to legislators regarding efforts to improve air quality in and around the Portland Metro area.

To learn more about Portland Clean Air, please visit their [website](#).

It was requested of Board members to review these proposed letters, which are located in the Board's cloud storage area.

Libby relocating to Budapest

Libby informed the Board that she would be temporarily be remoting in from Budapest but would be working on Land Use issues from there while remote.

KNA Outreach

- There was discussion about building a space where more of the community could have a part in meetings and projects. A start for this would be creating of a Community Outreach Committee, that would enact outreach via social media; there was some discussion about what would be good best-steps, such as work on new areas of social media not being utilized, printing of flyers, and election of youth board members, the later requiring some changes of bylaws to allow for youth community members to serve. Sierra mentioned that she had worked with R-street PDX, which was organizing trash cleanups, and how they are Covid-friendly activities, being relatively safe as volunteers could work outdoors and maintain social distance. And it was low-cost as well. Libby said that having signs might be another way to reach out to people, as well as doing a flyer. It was suggested by John K. to add a QR code to any printed material, leading back to a KNA site or social media landing page.

Monthly goals for Community Outreach:

- Working with existing community organizations
- Get more people on KNA Board and into committees
- Attract more followers to social media by broadening social media outlets and being more active in social media
- Have attainable monthly goal
- Reach out to parents of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School about participation and working with them for community needs (There was discussion that this might need to be pushed back as the school's in-person reopening has been pushed back to March)
- Creation and hosting of virtual events (eg. Storytime for kids, puppet shows, working with existing community partners, such as libraries and theatre groups); it was suggested that any such programs be made relevant to the issues that children are actually facing, such as addressing bullying.

Community Aid

Paxton took a moment to for an introduction, with particular interests in the Green New Deal and Mutual Aid / Disaster Preparedness. Paxton had some very good ideas about a tool lending program, volunteer programs to clean up streets and neighborhoods (like adopt a highway, but this one for city streets and neighborhoods), and recruiting local businesses to get onboard and participate.

Libby noted that some of these great ideas have already been put into practice, such as [NETs \(Neighborhood Emergency Teams\)](#) and the [Northeast Portland Tool Library](#). She recommended reaching out to these organizations as to not duplicate effort.

Everyone loved the neighborhood block cleanup idea and Sierra and Libby both volunteered to work with Paxton.

Alberta Mainstreet

Libby reported on her meeting with [Alberta Mainstreet](#). She discussed the possibility of the Board having some space in the Alberta Mainstreet offices, or perhaps just having a sign to post, advertising KNA presence and activities. There was discussion about canvassing businesses to discuss partnerships and see what their current needs are, as business members of the community.

Byline Revisions

Proposed Byline Change Considerations Proposed:

- Have a position for a younger board member, 16+, serving for a year, this to help foster community engagement by youth community members
- Change bylaws so that any KNA Board member could be terminated as currently there is no termination mechanism for when board members just become absent.
- Change general membership quorum to 3+ members.
- Eliminate proxy voting
- Need to allow for electronic meetings. Even though that is the current format, current bylaws stipulate in-person meetings
- Change quorum for Board members to allow for smaller Boards, but shift workings to Community committees, which would be larger.

Libby pointed out that any bylaw changes needed to be run by the NECN.

Jennifer Harris Presentation

Jennifer was going to give a presentation, but who was unfortunately Zoom-bombed and had to be kicked out of the Zoom meeting.

New Committees

The following new committees were proposed:

- Arts, Culture, and Commerce
- Community Enrichment and Environment
- Community Outreach
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Fundraising
- Housing, Land Use, and Transportation (perhaps add Civic)