

King Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Virtual Meeting

KNA Board Members Present

John Rooney (Chair)

Laverne Martin (Co-Chair)

Libby Deal (Treasurer, Land Use Chair)

John Kim (Secretary)

Eryca Morris (At-large representative)

Paxton Rothwell (At-large representative)

Martina Steinkusz (At-large representative)

Absent: Cheri Folsom (At-large representative),

Community Members Present

Martina Steinkusz

Jona Davis

John Rooney called the meeting to order.

Old Business

March and April Minutes approved.

New Business

Chairman Update

Lack of a quorum: Insufficient community members present to hold annual KNA Board elections. Martina Steinkusz elected by majority vote as an acting At-large representative #7, with the assumption that they would assume that position formally once a quorum could be achieved. – Martina is an experienced community member. She has a Masters degree in Urban Studies, has knowledge about sustainable urban development, and has worked in both the public and private arena (eg EU Trade association). She has worked on renewable hydrogen initiatives at State level both in Oregon and Washington.

The Neighborhood Cleanup Event was a great success. Working with [Solve Oregon](#) was a great partner and there was a fantastic turnout from the community, including 30 Lewis & Clark football players. There was discussion about making this a quarterly cleanup.

Adopt a Block – Discussion about getting every street block in King Neighborhood adopted by local volunteers – getting them supplies if needed, organizing by an interactive Facebook page being a possibility as well as distributing flyers. Paxton showed everyone a sample flyer with a QR code to lead to <https://www.adoptoneblock.org/>. Paxton volunteered to work with Shona to get some prints done. John R recommended that the flyers use a grayscale to save money on prints. Eryca volunteered to help post flyers.

Co-Chairman Update

Laverne had no updates, other than for being happy to be back.

Fundraising

Libby asked for ideas for fundraising, to raise money for the KNA to fund more community initiatives.

John K suggested a neighborhood flea market, where neighbors could bring items to sell, the proceeds going to the KNA. Leftover items could be donated, where appropriate, to participating organizations, that themselves could be invited to participate.

Outreach at Portland Farmers Market

There was discussion about using a table at the Portland Farmers Market, held Sunday in the parking lot adjacent to Dr. MLK Jr. Elementary School and King School Park. It was suggested that having some free swag might be a good incentive for neighbors to come talk to volunteers, get to know more about neighborhood associations, and learn how to volunteer with local neighborhood associations (not everyone that goes to the local market is from King Neighborhood but their own NAs could likely benefit from participation. Laverne could also donate some swag and loan some decorations from the Franklin Family Foundation.

Noise Disturbances

There was continued discussion about how to effectively help neighbors deal with excessive noise coming from gatherings at King Elementary Park – noise on the level of being harmful to hearing.

As a follow up, it was verified that Civic Life is responsible for noise ordinances and dealing with noise issues.

Guest NECN representative, Operations Manager, Jona Davis, was asked if she had any ideas. Jona suggested engaging those causing the noise, hopefully to encourage some dialogue. But it was pointed out that the neighbors in question reported trying that but that

those causing the noise were not interested in a discussion nor in changing their practices. Jona did admit, that many processes that should be functioning for dealing with issues are not currently functioning. But perhaps there could be some resources that neighbors and the KNA could tap into, such as Good in the Hood.

Jona suggested that engagement is still key and that it is important to engage people at their level and build relationships. One suggestion was to invite them to a community event, like a hosted BBQ, allowing everyone to get to know each other as people.

Laverne emphasized that it was important to calm trouble from the inside, not point fingers.

Open Forum

As there were no community members present (Martina having become an acting board member), there were no issues discussed during the open forum.

Meeting was adjourned.