

# ***King Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting Minutes***

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting

## **KNA Board Members Present**

John Rooney (Chair)

Laverne Martin (Co-Chair)

John Kim (Secretary)

Martina Steinkusz (At-large representative #2)

Absent: Libby Deal (Treasurer, Land Use Chair), Cheri Folsom (At-large representative #1), Rothwell (At-large representative #3), Eryca Morris (At-large representative #4)

## **Community Members Present**

None. Because of the short notice due to scheduling conflicts, it was decided beforehand to host this meeting as a Board meeting, as there was insufficient time to notify the public.

**John Rooney called the meeting to order.**

## **Old Business**

Previous meeting drafts were approved.

There was a vote to reimburse John Rooney for the cost of renewing Zoom in conjunction with the Vernon Neighborhood Association, in order to share costs.

## **New Business**

### **Project Based Board**

John R. stated that he is still looking to organize the KNA along the lines of project-based teams in order to focus and provide more structure.

### **New KNA Chair**

John R. announced that with his new job, his free time has become more limited and as a result, he will not be running for the chair position once his term expires in May.

## **Franklin Family Mission Foundation**

Laverne reported that the Franklin Family in conjunction with Highland Church provided 600 family dinners to be delivered or picked up for Thanksgiving. There would be a similar effort along with toy distribution for the Christmas season and that they were looking for donations of time, money, and toys.

The Board voted for and approved for the annual donation by the KNA to this end.

## **Alberta Abbey Tour**

Since the Alberta Abbey Foundation had volunteered their space for the Franklin Family Foundation, a space that was not utilized as the Highland Church, who had been previous partners, had come forward, there was thought that the abbey space might be good for other community efforts. It was decided that John R. would reach out to the Alberta Abbey Foundation to arrange for a board tour in order to review the space.

## **Message Board at King Farmers Market**

Martina reported on efforts to organize KNA presence at the local farmers market. She went to the NECN offices, but they were still closed. She reported that she was unable to reach them by email or phone.

Martina reported that she had been in contact with those organizing the farmers markets in Portland. They offered the KNA space for two appearances anytime from May to end of November.

## **Portland Clean Energy Fund**

Martina reported on her efforts to secure grant funding in order to help underwrite efforts at community outreach, such as bonus spaces at the farmers market.

- There are mini-grants that can be applied for every three months, for up to \$5000
- The consideration was to couple community outreach with an effort to educate the public about solar panels
- Such an effort would be a cooperative effort in conjunction with the Solar Oregon, who would co-host such and would have representation at the farmers market, along with the KNA
- The next step would be to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- Preliminary talks with Solar Oregon continue, and Martina reported back that they were interested in cooperation and in helping to write the grant application.

### **Block between Shaver & Mason**

Neighbors have been very concerned with shooting in the area. Bullet casings give testament to the frequency and danger of such incidents in areas with families and children, including what appears to be evidence of high-powered automatic rifle casings from guns that can easily penetrate walls in apartments and homes.

### **Gun Violence**

Because the KNA is limited on what it can do regarding gun violence, it was decided that the KNA can best act as an impetus and facilitator for community meetings where the community can learn about current efforts to address such as well as voice their experience and concerns. It was discussed who might be best to reach out to. Commissioner Mapps was mentioned as being the only person on the current City Council who seems to be responding to outreach. John R. took on the action item of contacting Adam Lyons, the former head of the NECN, who now works for Commissioner Mapps, with the hopes of securing an agreement to come and talk to the King Neighborhood via a virtual meeting, and to see about the logistics of such a meeting, since the KNA's Zoom license has a limit on the number of seats.

### **Open Forum**

None as no community members were present

### **Meeting was adjourned**