

King Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 1, 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 #4)

Martina Steinkusz (At-large representative #7)

Absent: Cheri Folsom (At-large representative), Paxton Rothwell (At-large representative)

Community Members Present

Jona Davis

Teresa McGrath

Nat Kim

John Rooney called the meeting to order.

Old Business

Still did not have a quorum, as insufficient community members were present. Elections would need to be postponed.

New Business

Alberta Abbey

Suggestions that the KNA Board invite the Alberta Abbey Foundation Board to a meeting and encourage the public to attend, regarding the Alberta Abbey Foundation's application to serve liquor up to 2 AM, including weekdays, with music up to midnight.

Pick It Up Portland

Pick It Up Portland city cleanup with [Solve Oregon](#) in 20 locations is scheduled for June 25/26. Libby asked if Eryca and Paxton would be willing to lead. UPDATE: This was moved to July 5th.

Noise Issue

Jona attended to follow up on noise issues from the previous meeting (excessive noise to dangerous levels reported at King Elementary Park). Went back to Executive Director Rojas of the NECN. NECN sees limited options on how to address the issue without getting police involved. Wanted to follow up to see what the KNA is doing. The KNA reported they had made no progress on this, but would follow up. There were some suggestions to put the park to alternative uses, such as a Yoga Crowd Out.

Jona reported that she had been in contact with the head of the park rangers for the city, Vincente Harrison. His department is hoping to get funding for 25-60 rangers, which if successful will result in increased patrols without having a specific person having to report it.

Co-Chairman Update

Gun Violence

Laverne pointed out that upturn in gun violence has had a terrible on communities and especially children, and it needs to be addressed. Posing what might be done, Laverne suggested a mentorship program to help kids with issues, such as gun violence. There was further discussion about solutions, such as the disbanded Youth Gang Violence Task Force and how attempts to resurrect some form of it have failed at the time. Other suggestions were to reach out to the Community Police Collaborative to see how neighbors can help – contact Andre Miller from Commissioner Hardesty's office.

Open Forum

There was some discussion about deadlines for the Portland Energy Fund and the need for grant funding in general, an item that Libby and Martina would pursue.

Meeting was adjourned.