

King Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Virtual Meeting

KNA Board Members Present

n/a

Absent: n/a

Community Members Present

John Kim
Helena Kruger
Martina Steinkuzs

Without Board Members to call meeting to order nor to vote, meeting proceeded as an informal meeting

Old Business

None (Without a functioning board, cannot vote on minutes)

New Business

None (Without a functioning board, cannot proceed with board matters)

Open Forum

Portland Farmers Market

Helena Kruger is the new Community Engagement Manager for the Portland Farmers Market. She was gracious enough to come by our April meeting to let us know what's happening about volunteer opportunities, and how to take advantage of getting a free Community Booth space. Helena let us know that the Community Engagement Manager position had been vacant for the past two years prior. The Covid Pandemic had put a pause on all volunteer programs. Helena started in August last year, and will be restarting volunteer programs this year.

The best way of keeping in touch with opportunities, events, and schedules is to subscribe to the free Newsletter:

<https://www.portlandfarmersmarket.org/newsletter/>

There will be volunteer programs for special events, cleanups and help setting up, taste tests, school programs, such as germinating seeds, and helping with the Community Booth

Those interested in volunteering should check the URL below, to see requirements and fill out the contact form.

Join the Portland Farmers Market team of volunteers

https://www.portlandfarmersmarket.org/volunteer_2022/

Helena also wanted to point out that the Portland Farmers Market organization offers a free Community Booth space, for organizations who want to use this opportunity to meet the general public and get their message and services out the communities they serve. This service is free to qualified organizations. The KNA has used it in past and I have to say, with the number of people who come to the markets, this is a great way to get your voice out to a larger audience. Some markets have specific requirements. For example, the Saturday market's community booth tends to be reserved for student organizations. Other markets have different requirements, or are more open. If you're interested, visit the URL below and fill out the form, and Helena or one of her staff will get in touch.

Sign up for a Community Booth

<https://www.portlandfarmersmarket.org/community/community-group-booth/>

And for general information, such as locations of the markets, and the latest news, you can find all that from convenient links at the main site:

<https://www.portlandfarmersmarket.org/>

The King Neighborhood Association Community Booth

Some exciting news is in the works. Martina has been hard at work with NECN to secure some grant funding for a KNA community booth at the King Farmers Market, on Sundays. This booth would be co-hosted by other sponsors working in the clean energy field. Right now, this is on hold until such time as the KNA has a functioning board that can vote on matters. So if you find yourself wanting to get involved and you live within the King Neighborhood, consider volunteering to work as part of the KNA.

Other business

- John will reach out to Alberta Abbey to ask if they can send a representative to the KNA as a guest speaker
- John will post some info on the blog about what to do if you are hit with a sidewalk repair bill
- John will post some info about what to do if you find an abandoned vehicle on your street.

Meeting was adjourned