

King Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

KNA Board Members Present

n/a

Absent: n/a

Community Members Present

Joe Cowan
John Kim
Libby Deal
Martina Steinkuzs
Nat Kim
Rosie Willis
Theresa McGrath

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

1. Amend Mailing List

Action item for John to amend the KNA distribution list, to remove inactive board members, and to add Joe, since he intends to continue as a board member once KNA board elections take place.

2. Commissioner Mapps Town Hall on October 22nd

- John reported that the date has been agreed at October 22nd; both Alberta Abbey and Commissioner Mapps' team have agreed to this date
- KNA needs to figure out who is volunteering and for which role, and to contact NECN and neighbor NAs to help fill out. Most important role will be the moderator who will introduce Commissioner Mapps and read out questions from the stage. Need someone with experience doing this preferably. Also will need volunteers to review and assemble questions for the Commissioner from the live audience and to help screen questions submitted beforehand via the blog and Facebook page; these questions will be given to the moderator to ask as many as time allows. Other volunteers will be needed to help with directing the crowd, and gathering filled out question forms to hand to the volunteers doing the review.
- Commissioner Mapps' team will provide security. Will need to appraise them that there are two spaces, the main auditorium, and balcony. Alberta Abbey Foundation will have a sound technician on hand as well as staff for the café/bar area adjacent to the auditorium.
- A flyer needs to be designed and potentially posted
- Press will need to be notified in case they wish to attend
- Leah Mocsy at the Abbey, suggested that the KNA have some material on-hand to solicit volunteers and let the public know what the KNA is doing

3. Intersection Painting

At the time of the meeting, Joe had reached out to the City Repair Project, but had not received any response. He noted that if the design remains the same, such as restoring or touching up an existing intersection painting, that his research indicates that a new permit will not be required. But permits will need to be acquired for new projects, and that all four corner homes need to agree to the project beforehand; also 80% of houses within one block also need to agree, before a new street painting project can take place.

Rosie mentioned that Bobby Foucher, who is an artist with long-standing ties to the King Neighborhood and community, would be a good resource to get in touch with. Rose also mentioned that the Black Artists of Oregon is a current exhibit at the Portland Art Museum.

<https://portlandartmuseum.org/event/black-artists-of-oregon/>

4. Kids Lacking Resources

Rosie brought up that kids in King are facing challenges without the community support that they could once count on. She pointed out that when she was growing up in King, there were non-parental contacts and programs that could provide children mentorship, guidance, and security, but that kids today have little to none of that and that that needs to change.

5. Late Paperwork and Fines

Some time back, the NECN notified the KNA that the KNA had failed to fill out a necessary form with the state and as a result was fined more than two-thousand dollars. Since the KNA had no functioning treasurer, there was no one monitoring this requirement. Libby said that, as previous treasurer, she would look into this as it might have happened on her watch and that she would see what she would do to see about getting that fine cancelled (since it amounts to a third of the KNA's funds used to do community work).

6. Bulk Trash Event

Possibility of KNA cooperating in a bulk trash event, such as the KNA used to organize in the past, pre-pandemic. Will keep tabs on this.

7. Bluehost

Bluehost is running out of space. John will at some point take a look and see if there are some large files that could be deleted. Otherwise, the KNA will need to look at getting more space for the blog.

Meeting was adjourned