

West Keizer Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

Sept. 6, 2018

Carol Doerfler's home

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA secretary

Attending: Carol Doerfler, Rhonda Rich, Art Mauer, Carolyn Homan, Kris Adams, Gary Blake

Absent: Dennis Phipps

Call to order – President Carol Doerfler called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of May 3, 2018 Board meeting minutes – A correction was noted – change time of “next Board meeting” to 7 p.m. Carol moved approval of the minutes as amended. Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Budget for 2018-19 – Rhonda said there has been no expense so far from the approved 2018-19 \$500 budget. She said we can look at printing expense in early 2019 given printing she has done for meetings associated with the shooting into West Keizer from the Polk County gravel pit, as well as informational flyers for neighbors regarding those incidents.

The Board discussed WKNA's efforts to inform West Keizer neighbors about the dangers presented by the shooting incidents from the West Salem gravel pit and to monitor efforts to curtail the problem. Gary moved that WKNA continue to support measure to monitor the shooting situation and urge City Council to pursue official channels for remedies, all pursuant to WKNA's mission to support public safety. Kris seconded. Motion carried.

Getting the Word Out –

Website – Carol worked with Barb Smith on some updates, including adding Keizer Chamber to the “Hot List” on the left as well as Men in Action, the Keizer Parks Foundation and the Salem-Keizer School District. Party Depot was removed as a sponsor. Barb has posted the narrative created outlining the gun shot incidents, as well as the map, sans addresses of those affected. The reference to street clean-ups remains because it says WKNA “has participated.” Carol would like “N.A.” posted on the summer-month minutes slots. The number of neighborhood associations needs to be changed to three (not two). Barb also needs to scan the new WKNA brochure and change the number of West Keizer residences to 3,200.

Facebook, Nextdoor.com-- No changes.

KYKN, K-23 -- Kris said there are no plans to post any notices on KYKN in the wake of controversy that arose over the station's coverage after the Parkland High School shootings. Meeting notice PSA has been provided to K-23.

Signs, brochure boxes – Art said nothing new re: signs or brochure holders. Gary said that the brochure box at Sunset has disappeared. He'll check to see about a replacement. It was noted that we still need to get website stickers for the brochure boxes, so that there is some WKNA contact information even if the brochures have run out.

SJ, KMUZ, Keizer Chamber, KT – Carolyn said all calendar notices are done.

Little Library – Carol said she has a lot of kids' books now but needs adult books. She has emailed the secretary at Keizer Library with our thanks for their generous donation of books earlier this year.

Discussion Topics --

- 1) Parks** – Carol is dismayed that Parks plans repairs to Bob Newton courts yet Willamette Manor courts continue to be unplayable. She plans to attend the next Parks Board meeting to lobby once again for a true fix at Willamette Manor.

- 2) **Sunset, gunshots** – Rhonda updated the Board on the summer's activities. On June 27, she, Carol Dan Dietz and Shirley DeShon attended the Marion County Commission meeting to report on the incidents. On July 5, 47 people came to a meeting at Sunset Park and many reports of other shooting incidents surfaced. On Aug. 1, she was at a meeting at Tom Bauer's office re: his \$2.7 million lawsuit. On Aug. 8 a West Keizer contingent attended a Polk County Commission meeting to seek redress. The Polk commission position there was that the ordinance for reckless endangering was sufficient and that no new laws were needed to address the risk to the public. Rhonda has been in touch with legislators, including Bill Post, Kim Thatcher and Paul Evans (the West Salem representative). And a week ago Monday, Tom Bauer filed a preliminary injunction that stipulates no shooting on the Lance Davis property (the gravel pit). Tom said insurers for NW Rock (Davis's business) and Davis personally are involved (because of the liability potential and potential for costly claims) and the Bauers think there's a good chance the injunction will be made permanent. In addition, Kim Thatcher is working with Sen. Peter Courtney on legislation addressing this kind of incident. No particulars are known right now. Rhonda said officials feel the best bet for a solution is the Bauers' civil action.
- 3) **Cummings Elementary clean-up** – Principal Magda Romero was very happy with school grounds clean-up efforts of about 23 people on June 23, including volunteers from Keizer Chamber's Men in Action, WKNA and the neighborhood. Volunteers worked from 9 a.m to noon weeding and spreading bark dust around the school. Jim Taylor also showed up to edge along sidewalks and planting beds.
- 4) **Delight Street sidewalks** – Carol reported on the “walk about” this summer with, among others, Bill Lawyer, Magda Romero and Hersh Sangster from the Traffic, Safety, Bikeways, Pedestrian committee. Sidewalks are included in the recently approved school bond measure. The path will go inside the fence on the west side of Delight, from Dearborn (and eventually Chemawa) to the school. The group discussed the need for an education piece to make sure kids use the path. Timing of construction is to be worked out between the city and school district because of combined financing. A Safe Routes to School grant is available, too, and the city and school district are pursuing. Pat Fisher, from the TSBP committee, has talked with Carol and wants the city to pursue the full Safe Routes program, which is a 3-4 year process that involves the entire neighborhood. **Carol asked the Board to read up on the program and be ready to discuss at the next Board meeting.**
- 5) River Road Revitalization – Kris said there are no new developments.

Topics for Upcoming General Meetings – Kris said September speakers are Reed Carlson with Marion County, re: the new recycling rules; Chief Cowan from Keizer Fire District on the upcoming bond measure; and Eric Bandonis, Marion County parole/probation officer, with his quarterly report. She said October's speaker is to be Cloe Wells with IS Living (Integrated Supports for Living, which used to be Spruce Villa and Oregon Housing and Associated Services.) There is a Candidate Forum that night in Council Chambers. It was decided to encourage people to attend that before adjourning for the WKNA meeting.

Discussion Topics

Due to the time, Carol postponed until October discussion of two items: What can the Board do better and What can the Board do differently, as well as the Safe Routes to School program discussion.

It was noted that WKNA Board members attended the Volunteer of the Quarter presentation to Richard Boyes on July 16 and the Aug. 11 John Knox barbecue.

Upcoming meetings and activities --

Next WKNA general meeting – 7 p.m. Sept 13, 2018.

“Changes in Waste Management” forum -- 6-7:30 p.m. Sept. 26, City Hall.

Next WKNA Board meeting – 7 p.m. Oct. 4 (location TBD)

October WKNA general meeting – 7 p.m. Oct. 11, City Hall after Keizer Candidate Forum, 6-7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.