

WKNA Board Meeting
Oct. 3, 2024
At Rhonda's home
Submitted by Carolyn Homan

Attending: Rhonda Rich, Carol Phipps, Kris Adams, Robb Witters, Art Mauer, Carolyn Homan

Call to Order: Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of Sept. 5 -- Art moved approval; Carol seconded. Minutes were approved.

2024-25 Budget – No changes since September, with expenditures of \$433.53 and a balance of \$766.47.

Getting the word out

Website – We need to figure out Admin responsibilities, per City request. Rhonda will check with Barb Smith to set up a training for Rhonda, Robb, Carol and Carolyn so all can step in as administrators when needed.

Brochures/boxes – Carol will bring brochures to Oct. 10 General for Board members who need them and she'll get some to Rhonda for the Keizer Fire open house on Oct. 7.

Little Library – Kris reported some book rearrangement “issues” especially at the Rafael site. A neighbor has taken it upon herself to take/replace/rearrange books, and not in a good way. Kris is moving books from library to library as needed (between the 3 in West Keizer). Rhonda said she would put a sign in the Rafael library to clarify that it is sponsored by WKNA. Carol said there is another new Little Library at the corner of 3rd and Hollyhock.

Kris said things are still going well at Keizer Community Library and the new Spanish outreach coordinator is great. She has been focusing on community events. She also has redone some of the Spanish signage (to correct language usage) and has created a larger Spanish language section. The new Library manager is on board and also doing well. City funding remains an issue and if it isn't renewed, the Library won't make it. The Library still needs volunteers.

Facebook -- Carolyn posted notice of the meeting and Keizer Fire Dist. Open house. Kris said to check Library for Halloween and other holiday events there.

Keizer Chamber calendar – Rhonda said the Chamber calendar now lists WKNA and SE Keizer NA meetings.

Cummings Connection -- Rhonda is connecting with Principal Kronser to try to get WKNA info listed.

Keizer Times – The paper does have an ongoing meeting listing and WKNA meetings are included.

REPORTS

Food barrels – Collections are down, need is up. Over 160 families served in the most recent week. Sept.: 27 lbs. at Bi Mart; 29 lbs. at Keizer Fire, 75 lbs. at Copper Creek. We don't know about cash donations because QR code on the barrels takes people straight to food bank's website. We need to look for ways to promote the barrels. Rhonda wants to promote the barrels at Keizer Fire Open House. Carolyn will post notices on Face Book.

Keizer United -- No report from Sept. Rhonda and Carolyn instead attended mayoral debate hosted by Keizer Chamber's Govt. Affairs Committee. There will be the Oct. 22 mayoral debate, as well as the contested Council position, hosted by Keizer Times at City Hall at 7 p.m. Rhonda said there has been no

further information from Lyndon about neighborhood association assistance with this event. Rhonda was hoping NAs would be asked for topic suggestions.

Cummings PTA – Kris attended the Sept. meeting. They are planning a variety of fundraisers. Their account was low, causing a delay in the usual \$100 payment to teachers at the beginning of the school year. But the Jogathon was just held, allowing those payments to go forward. Next up is the butter braids sale in November. Rhonda said WKNA can help get the word out if we get details. Then in December there is a “survey” fundraiser. The school gets \$1.60 per completed survey. Rhonda wondered about the security, since the surveys are online. February will bring the annual Chucky Cheese event. A McMenamain’s night is planned (the school gets 50% of proceeds).

Neighborhood Family Council -- Rhonda and Kris attended the Cummings’ Neighborhood Family Council organizational meeting on Sept. 19. Kris was named chairperson (for now at least) and they got 5 people to volunteer for the Council, including RJ Navarro, Elizabeth Heredia and Craig Potts. The council needs at least 9 members and diversity is paramount. Council members are required to take 5 training sessions and the next is Oct. 16.

School plantings – Carol said there’s not much to do right now. She will pull the pots after the first frost and replace them come spring. She is contemplating some frost-tolerant plants that will overwinter for some of the pots.

Parks

Palma Ciega – Rhonda said Gary is still monitoring conditions.

Willamette Manor – Carol said the hillside plantings are doing well. She plans to remove the “crime scene” tape as soon as the rains start.

Wallace House – Rhonda noted the new pathway that a volunteer crew built during the September volunteer work day. The crew also put down bark chips and did a lot of clean up, weeding, brush clearing, etc. The work day was organized by the LDS church.

City Council/Parks Board tour, Sept. 9 – This was the annual joint session. Carol attended the first stop at Keizer Rapids. The turf field ribbon cutting was Oct. 1. The fields are to be managed and scheduled by a third party group comprised of reps from Mid-Valley Soccer Club and Women’s Football Club. The city got a \$625,000 grant to complete Phase II of the turf field project. And the Council has OK’d a Community Prosperity Initiative grant from the County to investigate possible changes to the Parks Master Plan to allow construction of a pavilion that would be used by Keizer Fest, as a wedding venue and for other activities. Rhonda said she thinks WKNA needs to get involved in any changes to the Master Plan.

TSBP -- Robb said Tammy Kunz (Greater Northeast Keizer Neighborhood president) submitted a letter regarding Little Legue parking and some other issues at the Sept. 19 TSBP meeting. There may be ADA issues, but Councilor Kohler said there is a cement area that would accommodate special needs access. The committee also went through their list of ongoing projects. There were questions about a pedestrian flashing light at the Roundabout. Green paint to denote bike lanes at River Road and Lockhaven and elsewhere was said to cost \$29,000 because it would require special abrasive additives. The city wants to wait until next budget cycle. Red light cameras also were discussed and the committee will keep this on the list for discussion. Council has accepted the Neighborhood Traffic Management program.

Planning Commission -- There was no September meeting. The group meets again Oct. 9 and Climate Friendly/Walkable areas will be on the agenda.

KFD open house -- Rhonda reminded those coming to help out with the WKNA info table at Keizer Fire District’s open house to wear your WKNA T-shirt.

St. Edward Community Dinner Nov. 27 -- Robb will contact them about WKNA volunteering at the annual Thanksgiving dinner again this year.

Other meetings

Oct. 7 – KFD Open House

Oct. 8 – 6 p.m. Parks Board, Carol

Oct. 8 – 6 p.m. Cummings PTA, Kris

Oct. 9 – Planning Commission, Robb

Oct. 14 – noon, Keizer United

Oct. 17 – 6 p.m. TSBP meeting

Oct. 22 – Keizer Times candidate forum

Nov. 27 – St Edwards Community Dinner

WKNA General Meetings – Speakers and Topics 2024-25

Oct. 10 –Hector Blanco, Anne Marie Storms, Keizer Fire; Eric Bandonis, Marion Co. Sheriff Deputy

Nov. 14 -- Willamette Valley Bank, Jane Lowery, Fraud Protection

Tentative

January – Chief Copeland/Lt. Hein, KPD/ Eric Bandonis

February – Taylor Swan, Energy Trust of Oregon

Keizer Community Library/Keizer Heritage/Keizer Art

March – State of the City, Mayor – WKNA Host

April – Shane Witham, City Planner

May – Jenny Ammon, Environmental Services Education Coordinator

Alternates: Robert Johnson, Parks Director; Adam Brown, City Manager; YMCA Outreach coordinator re Veteran's housing

Meeting adjourned: 8:54 p.m. Next Board meeting: Nov. 7; site TBA