

WKNA Board Meeting

Nov. 12, 2020

Lobby of Keizer City Hall

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA Secretary

Attending: Carol Doerfler, Carol Phipps, Dennis Phipps, Rhonda Rich, Kathy Lincoln, Art Mauer, Carolyn Homan, Gary Blake

Call to Order: Carol D. called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. (Meeting was moved from the second Thursday so it could be held at City Hall, just prior to the General meeting. This was done because of Covid concerns. Since the Board and General meetings are held back to back, the city only has to sanitize once after the meetings.)

Approval of minutes – Gary moved to approve the minutes of the Oct. 3, 2020, Board meeting with three typographical corrections. Under Parks/Wallace House: Carol P. will **send** out a **reminder**.... Under Discussion, Neighborhood Traffic: Carol D has decided to **table** it... . Art seconded. Motion carried.

2019-20 Budget – Rhonda said \$137 had been spent: \$55 to “wrap” the second food donation barrel with the WKNA logo and \$82 for stands from which to hang signs above the barrels listing most needed foods. There is a \$413 balance.

Getting the Word Out

Brochures, signs, Art, Gary – Art said sign supply is good. Gary will remove excess brochures from the holders for the winter, leaving just two at a time because of the damage done by winter rains. He’ll monitor the holders every week or two.

Facebook, Nextdoor, Little Library, Website, Carol D. – Carol said she will resume regular posts on Facebook and Nextdoor. The new Little Library is getting visitors and there’s a need for more children’s book, especially toddlers. Carol P. said she has a source of picture books for kids. The website is up to date but we need to add Mommy and Maddi’s as a sponsor for hosting one of the food donation barrels. Carol noted that this barrel may be moved to Bi Mart for the holidays since Mommy and Maddi’s may need the space back for their Christmas tree. Rhonda wondered if we could put a barrel at City Hall. We could rotate with other neighborhood associations, which are also sponsoring donation barrels.

SJ, Chamber, Keizer Times, KМУZ – Carolyn said notice of the meeting was posted to all but KМУZ. She keeps getting a notice that the website can’t be accessed.

REPORTS

Parks

Keizer Parks Advisory Board, Carol P. – She and Dennis attended the recent advisory board meeting. Dustin Karstetler is a new Board member. Various park projects, problems and/or needs were reported on, including construction on a new play structure at Claggett Creek, a nonworking water feature at Ryan Hill Park (at Keizer Station), and the need for a park bench and/or picnic table at both Clear Lake and Palma Ciea. No mention was made of the uncut brush, grass and weeds at Palma Ciea. In his staff report, Robert Johnson highlighted the upcoming Parks Master Plan update. A meeting is planned in December to get input from people who worked on the original plan. No date was given. He reported that Eagle Scouts had finished a greenhouse project at the Chalmers Jones community garden. Eagle Scouts also finished repainting the Chalmers Jones gazebo – a project that took much more time and money than anticipated. It has been suggested that a plaque honoring all fallen soldiers be installed at Ryan Hill park. Any change there would have to be OK’d by Ryan’s mother.

Wallace House, Kathy – Kathy said there was no update. She did speak at City Council Nov. 9 regarding the replanting plan. The city wants to wait to next spring to see what regrows and what needs to be removed and what needs to be planted.

Willamette Manor, Sunset, KRP, Dennis – He said the sign on 3rd Street still hasn't been fixed.

Palma Ciega, Gary – He is discouraged by the park's condition. The grass is rarely mowed, there are no amenities (benches, tables, etc.) and there is so much brush and downed tree branches that it's dangerous to get down to the river. The conditions should be addressed as part of the Parks Master Plan update process.

DISCUSSION

Food Barrels

Donations have fallen off. They brought in 1,000 pounds in September but only 385 in October, plus \$100. Carol said she will put a notice on Facebook and Nextdoor. Donations should pick up during the holidays. Need is as great as ever.

Neighborhood Traffic – Carol D, said has been tabled until January.

Candidate Forum – A recording of the event is up on the WKNA Facebook page. Board members felt it went very well.

Cummings School – Carol D. took the issue of repainting the Cummings Cougar mascot (the mural was bisected by the recent construction) to the Keizer Arts Commission but no action has been taken.

Future Board meetings – These can continue to be held at City Hall if we piggy back on the General meetings so that city crews only have to sanitize once. It was agreed to meet earlier – at 5:45 – so that the Board meeting can conclude before people start arriving for the General meeting.

Upcoming meetings – City Council, Monday, Nov. 16 and 30, 7 p.m.
Planning Commission – Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m.

December meetings
WKNA Board and General meetings CANCELED

January 2021 meetings
WKNA Board – **Thursday, Jan. 14**, 5:45 p.m., City Hall lobby. Covid dependent
WKNA General – Thursday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m. City Hall lobby. Board elections to be held. Covid dependent

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.