

WKNA Board meeting
Oct. 14, 2021 5:30 p.m., City Hall prior to General Meeting
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

Attending: Carol Doerfler, Carol Phipps, Rhonda Rich, Robb Witters, Gary Blake, Carolyn Homan
Absent: Art Mauer; Parks Liaison Dennis Phipps

Call to Order: Carol Doerfler, 5:30 p.m.

Minutes of Sept. meeting – Gary moved approval as submitted; Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.

Budget – Rhonda said expenses total \$95.35 for brochure boxes, leaving a balance of \$454.65 from the approved \$550 budget. Carol P. turned in other expenses for plexiglass to repair some brochure boxes, reducing the balance to \$434.65.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

Newsletter – Carol D. asked if there had been any feedback to the first edition. Carol P. said she had received none but copies of the newsletter had disappeared from some of the brochure boxes. Carolyn reported that the copies in her brochure box were gone. Carol P. said Dennis had a conversation with a new neighbor and he was interested that WKNA has guest speakers every month. Carol D. will post an item on the Facebook page about the newsletter and will ask for feedback. It was agreed that we should do another edition. Carol P., Robb and Carolyn will meet the week of Nov. 15 in order to get another edition out by the end of November so neighbors can be alerted to the January meeting and launch of the “traffic blitz,” to be discussed later in the meeting.

Keizer Times, Keizer Chamber, KМУZ, Salem Reporter – Carolyn said KМУZ apparently has done away with its events calendar. She could find no link on the website and an email inquiring about it has gone unanswered. Keizer Times, Salem Reporter and the Chamber meeting notices were posted, although there’s a question about whether Keizer Times has an events calendar. Carolyn said she would contact Joey Cappelletti about it. Rhonda suggested contacting the KT about the possibility of Carol D. submitting a guest column about WKNA, the traffic blitz and other activities. Carol said she would email Lyndon. Another suggestion was KT possibly running a monthly roundup of the meeting times and speakers of all three neighborhood associations.

Brochures and signs – Carol P. reported that there should be enough brochures to get through the winter. She said Dennis got prices from various printers but still needs an estimate from FedEx. It was decided to plan on printing more brochures next spring. We need all printing estimates in place by then.

Carol said Dennis would like to buy more of the sturdier sign frames. Rhonda checked through old receipts and found that they were purchased from One Day for \$5.50 each. Dennis will look into it.

Carol P. also said we need to get a new brochure box for Wallace House because that box is falling apart.

Little Free Library, Website, Facebook – Carol D. said she has some Halloween books in the LFL now and is trying to put seasonal books in when she can. She does a Facebook entry every 2-3 days and her Web postings have been focused on City Council meeting topics.

REPORTS

Parks – Carol P. and Dennis watched the last Parks Board meeting and she said they have questions because there were some unanticipated topics. Carol D. attended, as did Carolyn, and reported on the presentation by the MIG consultant who is helping the city with the update of the parks Master Plan. The presentation included some of the priorities identified in the public survey process and other events that gathered comment. Among those were regular maintenance, access to water, more trails, sports fields, play equipment, etc. Carol D. said the consultant started with Keizer Rapids and then went through each

park and what was being recommended. She was disappointed that some kind of sports field or sports court was recommended for almost every park. Rhonda said she felt we need to prepare a written statement on Palma Ciega to oppose the consultant's recommendation that the city divest itself of this park and let the neighbors take over maintenance. It is another river access site in Keizer and there is historic information that it has to remain a park because it was donated to the city on that basis. Gary said the City has been doing regular mowing at Palma Ciega and people have been encouraged to visit based on better upkeep.

Carol P. said she has the map and 11-page document pertaining to the County's proposal for soccer fields. She can share with other Board members. Matt Lawyer is scheduled as the November meeting speaker to talk about this. She said she will print information to distribute to the Tate Ave. neighbors to let them know about that meeting so they can get the latest information and provide input on the plan.

Food barrels – Carol P. reported that Dennis checked and the barrels were empty today. Donations have been sparse. Carol D. said she planned to decorate the barrels for fall to help call attention to them. She also said the outside sign at Bi Mart announcing the donation barrels is missing and asked Carol P. to print up a new sign for placement. Carol D. will post the need on Facebook and Nextdoor. Carol P. said it's a good idea to share ideas like Buy One Get One offers (buy one and donate one) and using coupons to buy extra items for donation.

Cummings School – Carol D. complimented Carol P's work on the reader board flower bed and the front door flower pots, which all look great. She asked about the cement pots and Carol P. said she plans to do something with those in the spring. Rhonda said it "looks like someone cares," which is a great message to send to the school kids.

National Night Out/John Knox Presbyterian event – Carol D. is tabling this for now because she has not heard back from anyone at the church.

Discussion

Traffic – Carol D. said WKNA is going to have to spend some money on signage or door hangers in order to get the word out to people and get them engaged. Rhonda suggested using door hangers (which are cheaper than signs) to concentrate on the main roads (Shoreline, Cummings, Dearborn, Sunset, etc.) where speeding is most prevalent. We also need to get information about the January meeting and the traffic discussion in the next WKNA newsletter.

There was discussion of who to invite to lead the discussion and whether to have one or two meetings. It was decided to focus the November Board meeting on the format for the January session (Carol D. was concerned about getting people to two separate meetings.) Carol P. said she will not be at either the Board or General meeting in November. It was decided to hold a Board meeting Dec. 2 to make decisions about the January meeting format.

Carol P. will prepare information for the door hangers to inform Tate area neighbors about the parks plan discussion at the November meeting before she leaves. Carol D. said we need to distribute these to neighbors on Tate Ave. as well as along 15th, Rafael Court and the new development on the north end of 15th.

Door hangers for the traffic discussion can go out in early January. Carol D. will invite Chief Teague to that meeting.

Board meetings – Carol D. requested input on whether to hold Board meetings at member's house or at City Hall. Decided on member's houses. Rhonda volunteered to host the November meeting at 6 p.m. at her house.

Paint the Town Red idea – Carol D. had heard from Jeannie Gillette about an idea to gather people to

paint houses for people in Keizer who can't afford it. It was agreed it was a noble idea but that there are other groups in Keizer with more people power to handle this kind of volunteer organizing, such as Keizer Rotary and Keizer Chamber, including the Men of Action group.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Next meetings:

WKNA Board, 6 p.m. Nov. 4 at Rhonda's house

WKNA General, 7 p.m., Nov. 11, City Hall