

**WKNA Board Meeting**  
**Sept. 5, 2024**  
**At Rhonda's home**  
**Submitted by Carolyn Homan**

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

**Call to Order:** Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Minutes of Sept. 5 --** Art moved approval with corrections to upcoming meetings and Next Meeting listing. Kris seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**2024-25 Budget –** Rhonda purchased 4 yard signs with stands (\$124.80). Board had OK'd 2 signs when cost was projected at \$60 each. One-Day signs quoted \$45 for 2 but could not find WKNA logo. She went to Pronto and he quoted r for the \$124.80 (thanks in part to still being listed as a sponsor in the newsletter.) She also got 2 Realtor brochure boxes for \$83.99 and a display box for the Chamber lobby plus one spare (\$21.99). Newsletter copies (250) cost \$202.75 for an expenditure total of \$433.53. Balance is \$766.47.

**Carol D.'s recognition, Aug. 5 --** Rhonda reported on WKNA's presentation to Council that night, attended by Rhonda, Kris, Carol and Dennis P. and Carolyn. The group then went to the Doerfler house and gave Carol as a thank you for all she did for WKNA and Keizer in general.

**Getting the word out**

**Email list --** Rhonda said 32 emails have been added to our list this summer: 17 at Back to School Night at Cummings; 6 when she handed out meeting notices to Tate Ave. residences re: turf field lighting; 5 at the Family Council barbecue; and 4 at National Night Out events. Rhonda, Kris, Carol P. and Carolyn attended 5 NNO gatherings in W. Keizer, met a lot of neighbors and gave out 50 newsletters.

**Website –** We need to figure out Admin responsibilities, per City request. Robb, Carol and Carolyn all said they would be willing to sign up. Rhonda will set up a meeting with Barb Smith for training so all know how to work with the website if needed.

**Newsletter –** About 210 have been distributed, with 40 remaining.

**Brochures/boxes –** Carol and Dennis handling distribution to the boxes at parks. They cut down on this during the rainy months.

**Little Library –** Kris checks on the box at the Rivercrest/Hollyhock intersection and the one at KRP, as well as WKNA's box at Shoreline/Rafael. Robb will print more bookmarks for distribution at the WKNA library.

She said the Community Library is doing well and has a new librarian.

**Facebook --** Carolyn posted notice of Trashy Tuesday at Wallace House and then the Community Dinner, Aug. 28.

**Keizer Chamber calendar –** Rhonda will check with Corrie Falardeau about NA meeting listings and also newsletter and brochure supply in their lobby.

**Cummings Connection --** Rhonda passed WKNA meeting information along to Principal Kronser.

**Keizer Times –** The paper does have an ongoing meeting listing – basically date and time.

**REPORTS**

**Food barrels** – July: 31 lbs., BiMart; 98 lbs., Copper Creek & 0 lbs. Keizer Fire  
Aug.: 22 lbs. BiMart; 86 lbs. Copper Creek; 15 lbs. Keiz. Fire. Carol has added a QR code to the barrel signs. No way to track how many donations are coming in that way. The food bank reports that need remains high; cars are lining up 2-3 hours ahead of distribution times.

**Keizer United** – Carolyn attended the August meeting but had to leave early before the speaker from Salem-Keizer Education Foundation finished speaking.

### **Cummings School**

**Book donation** – The school donated 12 boxes of books to WKNA on Aug. 30. Rhonda said they are really nice books for the Little Library.

**Back to School Night, Sept. 3** – Rhonda, Kris and Carolyn (and Rhonda's sister-in-las) staffed the WKNA table. Seventeen new emails were gathered and many brochures and newsletters were handed out.

**Cummings School Liaison to WKNA** – No success as yet finding a parent to serve

**Neighborhood Family Council** -- Rhonda, Kris and Carol attended the group's Aug. 17 barbecue. Another organizational meeting is set for Sept. 19 at 5:30 p.m. Rhonda still not sure how WKNA fits into this effort. Robb suggested offering an invitation to them to attend WKNA's meetings to present updates, share volunteer opportunities, etc.

**School plantings** -- Carol has put two of the pots back out and replanted the pot by the brochure box. She deadheaded the reader board pansies, which are pretty much spent. But they lasted well during a long hot summer.

### **Parks**

**Palma Ciea** – Gary said it's in decent shape but doesn't appear to be prioritized. City crew repaired the path to the river.

**Willamette Manor** -- Hillside plantings still doing well. Carol is watering with City water and weeded area around the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. sign. A fence has been tagged again and the porta potty was tipped over.

**Wallace House** -- Rhonda and Carolyn attended Trashy Tuesday there Aug. 20. Over 250 pounds of trash were collected and a record number of volunteers participated (16 or more?) There will be a service project here Sept. 7 (LDS church). Since there will be 150 or more volunteers, WKNA will plan to help out Claggett Creek Watershed with another work party planned for October.

**KRP Soccer Fields** -- Carol and Carolyn testified at Parks Board regarding timing of field lighting, requesting lights be dimmed at 9 as a signal for folks to get ready to leave. Lights would then go out at 9:30. Five Tate Avenue neighbors also testified, requesting lights be dimmed. Rhonda had canvassed Tate Avenue and passed out fliers asking people to attend Parks Board. Rhonda, Carol and Carolyn testified again at City Council on this issue and 3 or 4 neighbors also attended and testified. This appears to be policy for now. The idea of erecting a pavilion where events could be staged has come up but no formal presentation has been made. There are concerns that the park's open spaces are being crowded out.

**Parks Board meeting June 11** – Rhonda said a cricket club came to ask for a site to play and KRP is being considered.

**Traffic Safety** – Robb attended the August meeting. The committee reviewed their project list. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program still has not been approved.

**Planning Commission** – Robb said an August meeting was held but June and July and now September meetings have been cancelled. Shane is rewriting code around the accessory structure size to match it to accessory dwelling unit dimensions. There was a Council of Governments presentation on climate friendly areas. Keizer has three possibilities in the Cherry River Road overlay and have to designate one. The Lockhaven area appears to make the most sense when looking at the housing requirements for these climate friendly areas because of vacant land and the current apartment construction in the Lockhaven area.

**Candidate forum** -- Rhonda said the Keizer Times is hosting this Oct. 22 with Lyndon Zaitz as moderator. Rhonda and Carolyn met with Lyndon and Quinn Stoddard in June but hadn't heard any more until Lyndon testified at Council on Monday, requesting a fee waiver to use a room at the Community Center. WKNA needs to get suggested topics to him. Possibilities include the UGB, street trees, sidewalks, fees and more.

#### **Upcoming meetings**

Rhonda asked about possibly volunteering at Keizer Fire's open house Oct.7. We could also put the food barrel out for donations. Another possible volunteer opportunity is the Thanksgiving Community Dinner. There was interest in both events.

**Sept. 9, noon -- Keizer United**

**Sept. 9, 6 p.m. – Joint Parks Board/ Council parks tour to KRP, Little League fields, Ryan J Hill**

**Sept. 11 – Planning Commission cancelled**

**Sept. 17, 6 p.m. – Cummings PTA**

**Sept. 19, 6 p.m. – TSBP meeting**

**Sept. 19, 5:30 p.m. – Cummings Neighborhood Family Council**

**Oct. 1, 5 p.m. – KRP turf fields ribbon cutting**

**Oct. 7 – KFD open house**

**Nov. 27? – St. Edward Community Dinner**

#### **WKNA General Meetings 2024**

Sept 12. – Bill Lawyer, Public Works

Oct. 10 – Asst. KFD Chief Hector Blanco; Anne Marie Storms, KFD; Eric Bandonis, Marion Co. Sheriff's deputy

Nov. 14 – Fraud protections with Jane Lowery from Willamette Valley Bank who spoke to June Keizer United meeting

#### **TENTATIVE**

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

**February – Taylor Swan, Energy Trust of Oregon; Keizer Community Library/Keizer Heritage/Keizer Art Commission**

**March – State of the City, Mayor**

**April – Shane Witham, City Planner**

**May – Jenny Ammon, Environmental Education Coordinator**

**Alternates: Robert Johnson, Parks Director**

**Adam Brown, City Manager**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:45 p.m. Next Board meeting: Oct. 3; site TBA**