

WKNA Board meeting  
July 27, 2022 7 p.m. Rhonda's house\  
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

**Attending:** Rhonda, Kris, Carol, Dennis, Carolyn, Art, Robb, Gary  
**Guests:** BJ Toewe and John Goodyear, Keizer Public Library representatives

**Minutes of June 22** – Art moved approval as submitted; Gary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Budget report** – Rhonda said we've spent \$289.07 for brochures; \$127.98 for ink cartridges so Rhonda can handle other printing for the year (agendas, newsletters, etc.); and \$14 for labels in the Little Library books. The \$800 City-approved budget includes \$150 for printing, \$300 for brochures, \$150 for brochure boxes and signs and \$200 for the website.

### **Getting the Word Out**

**Brochures** – Carol has all the brochures so Board members should check with her for refills. Dennis is refilling the boxes at parks. We'll need to add the newsletter copies when those are ready.

**Newsletter** – Robb said he'll fine tune it, make edits that have been provided and plan to get it out by Friday for final edits. It should be ready for printing and distribution by Monday.

**Little Library** – Kris said things are going well and book donations have been generous in response to Facebook postings about the need. She has 6 boxes of books and there are more in Carol D's shed. She's adding the labels denoting WKNA's sponsorship of the Little Library to most books.

Dennis noted a complaint that had come online about the Little Library on Rivercrest just south of Sunset. It has been turned into a little food pantry and someone complained that some of those getting the food are also loitering, looking into parked cars, etc. But since it's on private property, there's nothing WKNA can do.

**Facebook postings** -- Carolyn will handle postings from Kris (Carol can't open them).

### **Reports**

**Food barrels** – Donations were better in May and June but down again in July: May – 145 lbs. \$0; June 164 lbs. \$110; July 83 lbs. Dennis said Bi Mart is the best site. Copper Creek donations have fallen since they moved the barrel outside – people have a hard time finding it. Carol will send Robb a list of foods the Food Bank needs so it can be listed in the newsletter.

**Cummings School** – Carol said the water connection at the school is broken so water will have to be carried there. Gary said he will handle the watering while Carol is gone this summer. Carol said she plans to replant the Reader Board and the pots when she returns in Sept.

**Parks** – Bark chips are still piled up at Palma Ciega and Carol said Robert has staffing shortages so the City hasn't had time to spread them. Carol said it would be an easier job if the City could get a BobCat in there to do the job. She will suggest that at the Aug. 9 Parks Board meeting. An Eagle Scout plans to build a new path down to the river this summer. WKNA plans another park cleanup on Sept. 10, the Saturday after the first General meeting of the year.

**Traffic mitigation** -- Robb said the City is doing studies on Cummings Lane and Shoreline as a result of WKNA's request for calming measures on those streets. There was an issue about the need for WKNA to make the request formally via the city's Traffic Neighborhood Management Plan process. The Traffic Safety committee also suggested getting a letter of support from the Cummings Elementary School Principal, which would add credence to the request for a speed table at Cummings and Delight by the school. Carol said she will contact him in August. The Traffic Committee also would like to meet with WKNA representatives about the need to revise the Traffic Neighborhood Management Plan. Robb said we're still pursuing several avenues with

the City to get action on our requests.

Rhonda said the Committee was interested in having WKNA do a petition to gather neighbor support of the mitigation requests but she is not willing to go door-to-door since we've had two well-attended traffic related meetings to gather input. We will have a petition available for signatures at our future meetings.

**KRP Soccer Fields** – Rhonda and Carolyn attended a meeting with City staff recently along with representatives of other interest groups to talk about various issues related to this turf field project. The City and Marion County are using federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to install two fields at KRP. WKNA will continue to attend as more planning meetings are scheduled.

**Keizerfest update** – Rhonda shared a map from Chamber of Commerce showing the planned layout for the event Aug. 11-14. Rhonda talked with Corrie at the Chamber to make sure there is signage on 15<sup>th</sup> Street to direct traffic to the event entrance. The Chamber said signage is planned from Windsor Island Road all along Chemawa to KRP.

## Discussion

**Library ballot measure discussion with Library Board representatives BJ Toewe and John Goodyear --** A \$2.50 fee to be added to City Services bills is to be voted on by residents this November. A draft of the ballot measure is to come to the Keizer Council Aug. 1. Any tweaks will be added and the new draft has to be publicized to ensure it's not biased. It would then go to the County for publication in the Voter's Pamphlet.

Public funding is a necessity if the Keizer Community Library is to become a Public Library. Membership in Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library System is necessary for Public Library status but it is a possibility. BJ said the library might need a larger facility eventually but that would be driven by public demand. And with a \$2.50 fee, moving to a larger space would be no problem. They are already looking for possible "store front" locations should that possibility arise. They said the Cultural Center won't work because it isn't fortified to handle the weight of shelved books. Any future space will need a large meeting room and much more shelf space, they said.

Among tweaks the Council might make to the ballot measure are adding a fee cap or setting up a Cost of Living Adjustment that would be the same as that for employee salaries. Any increase in the fee level other than a COLA would have to go back to the voters.

The Library Board is working with the "Every Library" organization, which advises libraries on campaigns. They are planning a full page ad in the Keizertimes in October featuring people who endorse the campaign. It will be as diverse a list as possible, they said, and feature a variety of community leaders, they hope. They are setting up a Political Action Committee and will be accepting donations. On-the-ground volunteers are needed, as well as people willing to have a lawn sign. Letters to the Editor will be solicited from September on through to the election. There will be a website and they hope to get pictures of people with their yard signs showing their support.

Volunteer sign-up sheets were distributed along with information on the kinds of services the Library can provide at the \$2.50 fee rate.

## Other upcoming meetings

Aug. 1 – WKNA newsletter

Aug. 2. – National Night Out (Gary and Robb's neighborhoods participating)

Aug. 9 – Parks Board

Aug. 18 – Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Committee

Sept. 1 – WKNA Board

Sept. 8 – WKNA General – **Topic: Keizer Public Library**

Oct. 6 – WKNA Board

Oct. 13 – WKNA General – **Topic: Election Candidates/Adam Brown**

Nov. 3 – WKNA Board

Nov. 10 – WKNA General – **Topic: Public Works, Bill Lawyer**

**Adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next Board meeting:** July 14 or Aug. 4