

WKNA Board meeting
May 6, 2021 6 p.m., Carol D.'s deck
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

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

Call to Order: Carol Doerfler, 6:10 p.m.

Minutes of April 8 meeting – Art moved approval as submitted: Rhonda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget – Rhonda reported spending of \$548.31, leaving \$1.69 to spend before July 1. Expenses include \$29.64 on signs for last fall's candidate forum; \$143.80 on the GoDaddy website; \$82 for sign holders; \$55 for the food donation barrel "wrap"; \$140 for yard signs and stakes and \$97.79 on brochure boxes.

Getting the Word Out

Signs, brochure boxes – Art said everything's in order. Carol D. said she has 4 new signs and new sturdier stakes and two new brochure boxes. Carol P. said she needs a brochure box and Gary would like one in front of his house as well. Rhonda said the lid to her brochure box is broken; Carol P. said she would try to fix it. Carol D. would like to put one brochure box off Tate Ave. at the walkway entrance to Keizer Rapids Parks if there's ever an extra. The brochure supply will need replenishing in the coming year. Gary has about 30 and Carol has 100 left. More could be ordered in July when the new budget funds are available.

Little Free Library – Carol D. said it's going well but getting short on kids' books – toddler to middle school.

Website/Facebook – Carol has refreshed these again. Rhonda noted that we need a new Board photo to put on the website. Robb said his name is misspelled on the web and **Carol D. said she would contact Barb.**

Newsletter – Carolyn said there's nothing new to report here. Two versions were produced as prototypes; both are outdated. Board agreed to produce a newsletter to distribute this summer – probably August to recap what's been going on and lead into the fall meeting season.

Discussed how to distribute. In addition to emailing to the names we have on the WKNA list and posting a copy on the website, Rhonda said we could put some copies in the brochure boxes and also in the Monster Cookie doorhangers (to be discussed later in the meeting.) Carol D. suggested putting copies in the Little Free Libraries in West Keizer (there are 8). She will check with the other coordinators to get approval.

Carol P., Carolyn and Robb to work together on a format and copy, aiming for August release.

REPORTS

Parks, Carol P. – She said the McNary Jr. ROTC supervisor presented a 10-page proposal for a "Spartan" training course at Keizer Rapids Park. This would be used for training but they also hope to host competitions. The general public also could use the facilities, which would be constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers. Jr. ROTC is planning to handle the fundraising and cost is put at about \$200,000. The facility has to be included on the Parks Master Plan in order to be built, but the plan has been delayed until September and Parks Board approved going ahead with this facility. The exact location in the park isn't known.

Parks also has been working with the Keizer Points of Interest Committee on new informational signs for all the parks that would give more history of the park, where its name came from, etc.

In other matters: *Storm damage clean-up continues.

*The park fountains are not on because of Covid.

*Claggett Creek Watershed Council plans another clean-up in the lower area of Wallace House Park on May 22. The focus is clearing blackberries. WKNA is asked to help with volunteers. **Carol P. will send a notice to our email list.**

*Mike diBlasi is seeking a joint Parks-Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Committee meeting to talk about pedestrian/bikeways throughout the city and including access to the parks.

Food barrels, Carol P. – She said Dennis checks the barrels every Monday. This week there was no food but \$100 in donations.

Cummings School – Carol D. and Carol P. have been watering and fertilizing. Discussed having another clean-up this fall before the kids go back to school. **Carol D. will check with Principal Magda Romero to see if there is an area they would like us to focus on. Matter was tabled until we find out.**

Monster Cookie bike ride – This event (Aug. 28 or 29) is leaving from Keizer Rapids Park this year and the main route will head east on Chemawa before heading out of town. There is a new Mini-Cookie ride, however, that will wind through West Keizer streets. WKNA has done door hangers in the past to notify neighbors of possible parking issues and the need for caution with many bike riders on the streets. **Carol D. will get the Mini Cookie route so we can evaluate the possibility of doing door hangers (it could be a lot more houses this year.)**

Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.