

WKNA Board Meeting

May 1, 2014

Rhonda Rich's home

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Homan, secretary

Attending: Rhonda Rich, President

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Art Mauer

Clint Holland

Ron Freeman (at 7:30 p.m., after attending the REI grand opening)

Absent: Gary Blake, Carol Doerfler

Rhonda called the meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m.

Approval of minutes -- Board reviewed minutes from the April meeting. Art moved approval and Clint seconded. Minutes were approved.

Budget for 2013-14 -- Rhonda said the city's budget hearings will begin May 6. She has asked for \$500 to cover the website, brochures and signs to advertise meetings. She noted that Greater Gubser Neighborhood Association has asked for \$1,500 because they want to do a newsletter. She asked the Board if WKNA should ask for more than \$500, noting that WKNA could do a mailing as well. The group gave Rhonda the OK to ask for more as well.

Getting the Word Out -- Carolyn said she has sent a meeting notice to the SJ and gotten the information on the SJ calendar but had not notified the Keizertimes. She said she would check with Carol, who is returning Friday, about notices on K23, the Chamber website and KYKN. Rhonda will get information to Davis for the website update.

Rhonda said she has had no contact with Rachel Blake regarding Facebook page updates. Carol has offered to take over this task.

Art said yard signs are going out.

Adopt-A-Street: Rhonda said she would contact Gary about the need for more vests for the Adopt-A-Street Clean Up days.

Medical Marijuana Task Force -- Rhonda asked Art how he represents WKNA on this group. He explained that the group basically looked at the law and its requirements and how to apply them to policy for Keizer. He said the basic requirement for distance a facility must be from a school is 1,000 feet, but in its recommendation to Council, the group increased the distance to 1,500 feet. There was concern that 1,000 feet would allow a facility in the shopping area where Quiznos is located. A lot of McNary High students hang out there, so adding the extra distance seemed prudent. As for zoning, the group recommended that facilities be limited to commercial zoning areas, rather than mixed use, which would include housing. In addition, the group recommended that all employees of a marijuana facility be required to pass a background check, not just the owner, as required in the law.

The task force has completed its work, Art said, unless the council has need for clarification on an issue. He didn't think the group's recommendation would be on the May Council agenda. The city has until May 2015 to adopt policies, although they can make a decision at any time before then.

WKNA Parks Reporter -- Rhonda asked Clint when volunteers planned to install sprinklers at Sunset Park. He said it should be Monday or Tuesday of the coming week. She pointed out that because of city meetings on Monday (Council), Tuesday (budget) and Thursday (WKNA general meeting), it might be best to plan work next weekend if additional volunteers are wanted. She will send out an email to neighbors if help is needed. She said she didn't think WKNA would be putting in for any of the Parks Board's matching grant money, since major projects already have been done at Wallace House and Willamette Manor parks.

Iris Fest Fun Run -- Rhonda said she has purchased doorhangers in order to distribute informational flyers to the WKNA neighborhoods that will be affected. Rhonda said she will need help distributing the flyers, probably on May 10, but sometime that week before the Fest opens.

Cummings Elementary School and sidewalks on Delight St. -- Rhonda said she discussed the prospects with Bill Lawyer and he will be checking the street project schedule for an estimate of when improvements to Delight might be planned. Rhonda attended the recent Traffic/ Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee meeting for any updates. She spoke there with Eric Peterson, who represents Cummings Elementary on the Safe Routes to School Committee. She said he is supportive of sidewalks on Delight. The Safe Routes to School program is meeting from 3:30 to 4:30 on May 19 at the Keizer Civic Center.

Tow Trucks Parking in the City of Keizer – This issue came up at the April Council meeting, with citizens testifying that tow trucks parking in neighborhoods cause problems, and Rhonda had urged Board members to watch the K23 coverage. There will be a public forum on the topic at 6 p.m. June 2 at the Civic Center. The Board was in agreement that tow truck parking shouldn't be allowed on residential streets.

Public Hearing – City Council, 7 p.m. May 5 -- The UGB Amendment/Comprehensive Plan Change/Zone Change/Annexation Case No. 2014-15 will be the subject of a council hearing May 5. It was unclear if the play structure siting would come up. Rhonda said she plans to testify once again that WKNA is in favor of the UGB expansion and also of then Master Planning the new areas.

Clint had to leave at 7:30. Ron Freeman arrived at the same time. Rhonda recapped the agenda so far for Ron, including the Marijuana Task Force, Sunset Park work, the Iris Fest Fun Run flyers, Safe Routes to School, and the fact that WKNA has agreed: no tow trucks in Keizer. Rhonda will attend the public forum on the tow trucks issue and make a statement that the Board is not in favor. She noted that the council talked a bit about trucks possibly being OK on “wide” streets but she questioned whether there would be enough room on Rafael. Large truck parking would make traffic flow difficult even there and then there is the issue of noise from diesel trucks starting up in the middle of the night to respond to tow requests.

Keizer Rapids Playstructure report – There was a question whether City Council would discuss postponing the Big Toy at its Monday, May 5, meeting. Ron said he didn't think so. The Big Toy committee meets Wednesday and the Parks Board on May 14. Rhonda said she will attend the Parks meeting and speak once again in favor of Master Planning the whole area. The council will be deciding on whether to OK a compressed Master Planning process or a longer process.

There has been talk of postponing the Big Toy project. Ron said he felt that Keizer has been going at the process backwards, compared to other cities that have done Big Toy projects. Other places have selected their site and then planned their project, while Keizer planned the project and is still contemplating where to put it.

Ron weighed in on the WKNA budget request and the consensus was that WKNA should ask for more if the Council is going to allow budgeting for a mailing. Rhonda said she probably would not ask for a full \$1,000 more, as Gubser has done.

Upcoming meetings -- Rhonda noted the WKNA general meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 9. She asked the Board to put 6 p.m., June 5, on the calendar as a possible Board meeting, even though the Board does not normally meet in June, because of recent developments around the play structure and depending on what the Council does regarding Master Planning.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.