

West Keizer Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes  
Feb. 4, 2016

Rhonda Rich's home

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA secretary

Attending: Gary Blake, Rhonda Rich, Carol Doerfler, Sarah Head, Art Mauer, Carolyn Homan

Absent: Clint Holland

Call to order – President Gary Blake called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and briefly recapped his involvement with WKNA, starting about 9 years ago when his friend Eric Petersen encouraged him to get involved. He has continued to be involved and was honored to receive Keizer's Volunteer of the Quarter award last year.

Rhonda said she would get a certificate ready recognizing the service of outgoing board member Ron Freeman.

Approval of minutes – Rhonda moved approval of minutes from the November board meeting and Art seconded. Motion passed.

Budget for 2015-16 – \$100 has been spent for the WKNA logo leaving a \$400 balance. Rhonda said the GoDaddy renewal for the website will be due in a couple of months, which will cost about \$100. She said the 2016-17 WKNA budget will be due to the City in April.

Getting the Word Out –

Website – Barb Henke handles the updates. Carolyn will get the minutes to Barb to post after Gary Oks them. Rhonda said we need to get a picture of the Board to post on the web and hopes to do that at the general meeting next week.

Rhonda has gotten the Living on Shaky Ground February program information to Barb to post. She distributed copies of a flyer to Board members to share with their neighbors as a way to boost attendance at the first of two meetings on this topic.

Signs – Art said he needs new frames for 2 signs. Rhonda has 6 signs and stands. Carolyn still has an extra sign.

Facebook and Little Library – Carol

Carol did some Facebook posts while in New Jersey to care for her mother but has resumed regular updates since her return. She reposts a lot of items from Mayor Clark's page (with her permission) and monitors the Chamber, McNary Estates, Keizer Homegrown Theater and other sites for items of interest.

She said the Little Library has been wrapped in plastic because of the rains but it's getting a lot of positive comments. Although the idea was to promote literacy in kids, there has been a lot of adult interest, too. She said she needs to add some books that would interest high school-age kids.

KMUZ invite – This community radio station in Salem contacted WKNA last year about the possibility of appearing on the Willamette Wake Up show. Carolyn will call to find out more about what's involved. The contact is Melanie Zermer, president of the KMUZ governing board, 503-559-1457.

Brochure holders – Rhonda said she has about 6 stands to get out and plans to this weekend. Carol volunteered to replenish the stands at parks with brochures as needed.

NextDoor.com – Rhonda gave a bit of background on this alternative social media site for neighborhoods. Gubser has an account, as does Inland Shores and McNary Estates. A couple of different ones have been created for West Keizer, one specifically relating to Palma Ciega Park. There was discussion about whether to pursue this. Gary said it would require someone to lead the effort and keep it updated. It was agreed to talk about it further. Gary said we would need to find a chairperson and see if it's viable.

Neighborhood Watch – Carol said she wants to renew this effort, starting with her new neighbors on Rafael street.

Board member responsibilities – assignments: Rhonda reviewed for Gary the various Board responsibilities, including minutes/Carolyn; signs/Art; website/Barb; brochures/Carol; stands/Rhonda; Facebook and Little Library/Carol.

Big Toy update – Rhonda talked with Ron Freeman, who couldn't attend the Board meeting. The task force group is still fine-tuning the grant request for a pour and play surface, restrooms, paths and other accessibility items. WKNA has been asked for a letter of support, which Rhonda said she would write. The community has also been asked to send emails supporting the grant request and Rhonda will share an email from the city with tips for an effective message. The granting agency is looking for a lot of emails as a way to gauge community interest and support for the project.

Publicity – Rhonda is writing the WKNA annual report this weekend. Gary will present it at the Feb. 16 council meeting. Board members are asked to attend, if possible, to be introduced to the council. Carolyn agreed to take over the task of compiling meeting highlights throughout the year to be used to compile the annual report at year's end.

Palma Ciega Park update – Gary said the city parks board has asked neighbors to compile concrete ideas about what to do with the park. Ideas include a community garden and a viewing bench. The park issue, with Gary as a presenter, is on the agenda

of the Feb. 9 Parks Advisory Board meeting. Gary said he would send out information this weekend to get more ideas ahead of that meeting.

Adopt-A-Street – The next cleanup is set for 10 a.m. March 12. Gary wants to recruit a new organizer for this effort but will continue in the interim. Rhonda suggested Ron and Kim Freeman. Gary said he would call them.

2016 Topics for General Meetings – Feb. 11 Marion County Department of Emergency Management will provide a speaker and PowerPoint on disaster preparation and background on earthquake potential. The meeting will be in the Iris B Room, a larger venue.

March 20, Keizer Fire Dept. (Chief Cowan) and CERT will present the local picture of emergency preparedness, including what to include in an emergency kit.

For April, Rhonda shared an email she received from Sarah Sparks with Marion County Commissioner Janet Carlson's office regarding public safety. Rhonda suggested this might tie in to the February and March programs and might include Eric Bandonis from Marion County Sheriff's office and maybe Neighborhood Watch information from the Keizer Police. Sarah shared concerns about meetings with full agendas that don't leave enough time for neighbors to visit and get to know one another.

For the May meeting, Willamette Riverkeepers/Greenway/Water Trust is a possibility. Sarah agreed to contact them about the possibility of being program presenters.

Next meeting – March 10 before the general meeting, 6 p.m. at City Hall. Carol will continue to provide cookies for general meetings. Rhonda will bring the water and beverage items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.