

WKNA Board Meeting

Sept. 4, 2014

Rhonda Rich's home

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Homan, secretary

Attending: Rhonda Rich, President

Carol Doerfler, Vice President

Carolyn Homan, Secretary

Art Mauer

Clint Holland

Gary Blake

Absent: Ron Freeman

Rhonda called the meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of minutes -- Board reviewed minutes from the June board meeting. Carol moved approval and Art seconded. Minutes were approved.

Budget for 2014-15 -- Rhonda said expenditures for the current \$900 budget to date total \$69.99 for printer ink.

Getting the word out --

Keizertimes, K23, Chamber website, KYKN, SJ -- Rhonda said the Keizertimes has had information on the Sept. 11 meeting. Carol said she would have time to post information to K23, the Chamber site before she leaves on vacation. Carolyn will contact the SJ. Rhonda will contact Davis to update WKNA website for the upcoming meeting. Carol has contacted Barbara Henke about taking over the website update duties and will follow up with her before she leaves. Carol also will post Sept. meeting and KRP Design Charette information on the WKNA Facebook page.

Brochures and Cummings School Poster -- Rhonda will have the brochures (\$250 already approved for the printing) in about a week and will order the brochure holders (\$75 already approved for these). She also has a poster about WKNA for Cummings School.

Adopt-A-Street -- Rhonda said one more needs to be scheduled this year. Gary will check his schedule to pick an appropriate Saturday. Rhonda said Bill Lawyer has told her the City would get more safety vests so everyone on the clean-up crew has a vest. The city also needs another traffic alert sign to warn drivers that work crews are out.

Keizer Rapids Playstructure report and WKNA Parks Report -- Clint reported on the Big Toy in Ron's absence, saying that Wednesday's meeting provided updates, mainly on fundraising. He said last week's Keizertimes report on funds raised was accurate. He said the Keizer Rapids Park master planning process could delay the Big Toy if the plan is contested. He said costs for the Big Toy have risen because of design changes and probably more are ahead.

He said picnic tables have been assembled but haven't been distributed to city parks. The Parks Board plans a tour of parks with City Council, including Sunset Park and the new irrigation system. He said a meeting is planned before the tour to discuss a new sign to be placed at KRP.

Cummings Elementary School – sidewalks on Delight -- The issue of sidewalks is on hold at the moment but there are positive signs from the city. Art said the city has had a traffic counter on Delight in recent weeks.

Safe Routes to School Program -- Rhonda said the hope is that some Cummings parents will pick up on this. Carol said she would follow up in October to see if a connection can be made with the Cummings PTC re: Safe Routes.

Tow Trucks Parking in the City of Keizer -- Rhonda noted the city council's Aug. 18 decision not to change the ordinance banning tow truck parking in the city. It was a unanimous decision.

KRP Master Planning – Rhonda asked for input on the agenda for the Sept. 11 WKNA General meeting, how to run it and what information to present re: the Master Planning process. The City has asked for three representatives from West Keizer and Greater Gubser neighborhood associations (note: this was later changed to one representative each) at the Sept. 27 Design Charette. Rhonda said she wanted to be one of the representatives and noted that Clint would be there as a Parks Board member. Clint moved and Carol seconded that Art and Carolyn be the other two WKNA representatives. The motion was approved.

The Board reviewed information from the June 12 special meeting of WKNA held to develop a list of preferred amenities for KP. The top items were picnic tables and areas, rest rooms, parking (both neighborhood associations listed these first three), an educational facility, an observatory, and the Big Toy.

Parks Board priorities were the Big Toy, drinking fountains, picnic areas, an indoor sports facility, flush toilets, multi sport fields, educational facility, parking, sport courts, softball fields, concessions, trail system, sand volleyball courts, covered shelter. These all will go to the design charette to be placed.

It was noted that Keizer Soccer Club has request space at KRP for two full-size soccer fields and 120 parking spaces.

Carolyn said she felt it was important at the WKNA meeting to get input on placement of the Parks Board amenities but to also get input on the possibility of keeping KRP more natural than the current direction would indicate.

There was concern about making sure the neighborhood was aware of the parks planning process and the potential disruptions to the neighborhood that some design elements might present – increased traffic, noise, etc. The Board discussed possibly developing a newsletter to members after the Parks Board comes up with a preferred design. The newsletter would encourage people to attend the November 3 council meeting that will consider the Master Plan in order to make sure the neighborhood's concerns are considered before any plan is approved. Clint said a newsletter would enlist help regarding plans for KRP but also would help build WKNA membership. A newsletter would have to be distributed door to door and it was suggested that distribution start at Tate Ave. and work east to Shoreline so that neighbors most affected would receive the information.

For the Sept. 11 meeting, Rhonda suggesting having templates so people can get an idea of the room various amenities will require. She said she would get back to the Board with a plan for the general meeting. She also plans to ask for suggestions for meeting topics.

Carolyn noted the birding field trip at KRP planned for Sept. 24. The tour, sponsored by Salem Audubon Society along with WKNA, will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the boat ramp.

Topics for meetings – September: Placing amenities in KRP, police report and suggestions for upcoming meeting topics

October: Candidates for local office and initiatives. Rhonda will invite Cathy Clark, candidate for mayor, and council candidates Roland Herrera, Amy Ripp and Matt Chappell, and Brandon Smith.

Rhonda said she will get a copy of the Greater Gubser newsletter that was sent out. She suggested that if WKNA does a newsletter, perhaps we could use the new brochure boxes as a distribution tool.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.