

WKNA Board meeting
March 2, 2023 7 p.m., at Robb Witters'
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

Attending: Rhonda Rich, Art Mauer, Robb Witters, Carolyn Homan

Absent: Gary Blake, Kris Adams, Carol Phipps, Dennis Phipps (illness, vacation)

Call to Order: Rhonda Rich, 7 p.m.

March newsletter -- Rhonda had checked with Garten Industries about printing the WKNA newsletter. Cost is \$25/50 copies, which is cheaper or at least no more costly than printing at home so she is arranging that. Carolyn will forward turf field and other information to Robb for layout by Tuesday. Garten needs copy by Tuesday to get them back in time for distribution at the March 9 General meeting.

Minutes of Feb. 2 meeting – Rhonda noted an addition mistake in the budget figures and a correction to note that it's the Four Winds area of West Keizer. Art moved approval as corrected; Robb seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Budget – Rhonda said we have about \$174 left from the \$800 budget. She will order more signs and brochure holders with the remainder: \$36.99 for two small brochure holders; \$91.94 for two outdoor “real estate” type holders with stands; and four meeting signs from One-Day Signs at \$5.50 each. Another idea is buying some dry erase tent table cards. We can get 30 for \$19.98. Meeting participants can take one as they sign in – it will help us identify people and become familiar with names. The cards can then be erased and used for subsequent meetings. That all totals \$170.89.

With the \$1,200 budget that the City has proposed for each of the neighborhood associations, Rhonda proposed getting more lawn signs with a speed or traffic safety message, along with the WKNA website.

Getting the Word Out

Signs, brochure boxes –Rhonda said a map of our meeting sign placements is coming so we can vary placements and cover new neighborhood areas.

Brochures – Carol and Dennis have the bulk of our supply but Rhonda has a stack as well.

Little Library – Kris Adams told Rhonda things are going well. Book supply is good.

Facebook – Carolyn doing updates, meeting notice postings, etc.

KMUZ, Chamber calendar notices – Carolyn doing these.

City website – At the all-neighborhood budget meeting, question arose about the city adding meeting information to its website. It has been done, along with an agenda for each meeting. The City already had maps of the neighborhood boundaries on its site.

Website narrative – The “about WKNA” narrative on the website may need updating. Rhonda asked Board members to read for edits so we can discuss at the April meeting.

Reports

Food barrels – February totals were 55 pounds at Bi-Mart and 6 pounds and \$100 at Copper Creek. Carol and Rhonda are working on thank-yous and recognition certificates for the merchants.

Cummings School – Rhonda said we need to work on getting a parent liaison. She will try to make a connection with the school's outreach coordinator.

Keizer United – Their “Operation Encouragement” to get food trucks to all Keizer schools during conference week March 23--24 is on. Rhonda

Parks – Carol asked the City to supply more bark dust for Palma Ciega. Robert agreed but asked for WKNA help in spreading it. However, City just this week blew in more bark chips on the north bank at Willamette Manor where erosion has occurred. Rhonda, Carol and Carolyn recently met with Parks Board liaison Lisa Cjeka to discuss potential solutions for the erosion. Lisa said she would follow up at the next Parks Board meeting.

Traffic Safety -- The flashing speed limit signs are installed on Shoreline near Dearborn. Rhonda said we need to follow up with neighbors in April to see what their perceptions are of any effectiveness.

KRP turf fields -- Rhonda got an update from Adam Brown. A conceptual site layout is done and the project is going out to bid end of April. Construction is expected in 2023.

Community Library, Kris Adams – Rhonda said Kris hopes to provide a thorough update at the General meeting.

Walkable Mixed-Use Areas update – Rhonda and Carolyn sat in on this Zoom call with officials from Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, City of Salem and City of Keizer, among others. These areas were identified in a state law passed in 2022. Cities have to have a plan to address them by June this year. The idea is to have walkable areas that will help the state meet its goals to cut pollution from transportation. Keizer’s Planning Director Shane Witham said a public open house on the issue is planned in April but no date has been set.

Joint General meeting plans -- Rhonda said she will be at the Civic Center at 5:30 March 9 to start setting up. She will bring some pizzas. Northwest Keizer neighborhood is bringing water. Other NAs have been asked to bring cookies and Robb, Carolyn and Rhonda also are bringing cookies. Carolyn will bring sign-up sheets. Rhonda said an ad is running March 3 in the Keizer Times and information has been or will be put on Facebook and the Chamber calendar. All neighborhoods are bringing information to display (brochures, maps, etc.) Rhonda will have brochures and copies of the WKNA annual report. All neighborhoods will do a brief introductory talk and then Cathy will present her State of the City. Rhonda will get flowers for Cathy. We need to add “bring food donations” info to the PR.

Future events – Gubser Neighborhood wants to do a candidate forum in April for the special election candidates (School Board, Chemeketa Community College, Keizer Fire District, Marion Co. Fire District.) Southeast Keizer donated its meeting night for the event (April 6). WKNA has agreed to support the joint event but will proceed with its own General meeting April 13 as planned, since a speaker has been contacted. The owner of Oregon Guided Kayak tours will do an Earth Day/environmental focused presentation on the Willamette River and related recreation.

For the May 11 General, Rhonda will contact Keizer Code Enforcement Officer Ben Crosby to see if he can do a presentation. Rhonda still wants to recognize the Eagle Scout for the Palma Ciega trail construction as well.

For the newsletter, we need to add the April and May meetings, if we can confirm speakers, plus a “no meetings during the summer” notice.

Looking ahead to fall, Kevin Mannix might be a potential speaker to discuss any plans around a third bridge.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Next Board meeting: TBA, pending joint neighborhood “candidate forum” April 4