

WKNA Board Meeting

Sept. 3, 2020

On Carol Doerfler's deck, due to COVID-19

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA Secretary

Attending: Carol Doerfler, Carol Phipps, Rhonda Rich, Kathy Lincoln, Art Mauer, Carolyn Homan, Dennis Phipps, Gary Blake **Guest:** Barb Smith Henke, website "guru."

Call to Order: Carol D. called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Approval of minutes – Kathy moved to approve the minutes of the May 7 Board meeting and Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.

2019-20 Budget – Rhonda said \$55 had been spent to "wrap" the second food donation barrel with the WKNA logo.

Getting the Word Out

Brochures, signs – Because Dennis is handling collections from the WKNA food barrels, she has assigned brochure restocking to Gary. Brochure inventory is good – Carol has about 250, Dennis has 45 or 50 and Gary said he still has 50.

Facebook, Nextdoor, Little Library, Carol D. – Carol D. said she continues to post on Facebook and Nextdoor, mostly to seek donations for Keizer Food Bank because the need is so high. Collections have been strong – 1,000 lbs. one month and 800 to 900 lbs./month now.

Website – Carol D. said there's nothing new. The website continues to have a notice about meeting suspensions due to COVID-19.

SJ, Chamber, Keizer Times, KMUZ – Carolyn said notice of the September meeting was posted to all but Keizertimes. Missed the calendar deadline for KT because of uncertainty over particulars of a September meeting. For the others, meeting information was shared with a note to watch the WKNA website for changes. Notice said the meeting would be held in the Keizer Community Center lobby following Covid 19 rules including a mask requirement.

REPORTS

Parks

Wallace House, Kathy – She noted the recent brush-clearing performed by the city in the lower section, which definitely removed any cover for homeless encampments but left little for birds, deer and other wildlife. She also worries that the debris that's left will wash into the river once the waters rise. Matt Lawyer has said they plan to replant the area with native shrubs but she's heard no time table. She said there doesn't seem to be any record that this activity was approved or discussed by the Parks Board. Despite that, Carol D. said we need to keep on top of Parks Board discussions. The upcoming rework of the Parks Master Plan will include some major proposals for Keizer Rapids Park, including an indoor recreation facility and neighbors need to make their feelings known.

Kathy said she would keep in touch with Matt Lawyer regarding volunteers to help with replanting native shrubs and other plants in the lower section of Wallace.

Rhonda suggested WKNA Board should show up for the Council's annual Parks tour Sept. 14. Wallace House and Willamette Manor are both on the tour.

Gary noted the need for improvements and maintenance at Palma Ciega Park. He said most people don't use the park because access is difficult and there are no amenities.

Willamette Manor, Dennis – He said the redone pickle ball and tennis court is getting a lot of use. Carol P. said one of the toys in the play area is broken. She will notify the city. Dennis said the sign also needs to be fixed.

Sunset – The new fence is finished and the WKNA box is back up. The city signed an agreement with Darryl Richardson to grant the right-of-way for the access path to the back of his property. He said he would have had a hard time selling his house without the agreement.

DISCUSSION

Little Library – The new library is up but Carol asked for Board input on whether it was time to restore the stock of books and open it up for use again. The Board agreed it's time. Carol said she has stock to use – the new library came with two boxes of brand-new books.

Meetings during Covid – Board agreed that going forward, Board meetings could move inside. Kathy offered her home as the October meeting site.

Regarding General meetings, Keizer homes in lieu of meetings. The idea's not new but it's always been too expensive to pursue. However, Jeff Anderson said he would consider funding it. Carol D., Carol P. and Carolyn met in August and broached the idea of sending a newsletter to West In the meantime, the City has said that WKNA can meet in the lobby at City Hall.

Benefits of a newsletter include the fact that it could be sent to all households in West Keizer. Jeff said his shop can print and mail it if WKNA can produce the copy. Barb Smith said she can handle the layout. A quarterly timeline was discussed. A newsletter was seen as a way to stay in touch and let people know WKNA is still meeting and working on things in spite of Covid.

It was decided to hold off on the newsletter idea until the October Board meeting. We can see how many people show up for the September general meeting and also get more information from Jeff on funding possibilities. In the interim, Carolyn, Carol P. and Rhonda agreed to meet to discuss possible content and layout design possibilities, and then set up a meeting with Barb to talk about layout and next steps.

Food barrels – The second collection barrel is wrapped and ready to be placed. Board discussed where to put it – Sherwin Williams? The Quilt Store? Carol D. said she would contact Sherwin Williams.

Cummings School – Carol called Principal Magda and she is putting together an update for WKNA's General meeting on construction and other items, including the cougar mascot mural, which has been affected by the construction.

Neighborhood Traffic – Art has been monitoring traffic on Delight and the parking situation on the new multi-use path from Chemawa to Dearborn. He said there hasn't been much foot traffic but various neighbors are parking in the pathway. We'll have to see how it evolves once there is more student foot traffic in the area.

Traffic on 5th Avenue and elsewhere continues to be an issue. We will need to decide if this is something we want to pursue. Issues can be brought to the Traffic Safety/Bikeways Pedestrian Committee but Keizer Police position is that they don't see speeding as a major issue and their policy is education first and tickets later.

Upcoming meetings – Sept. 10, 7 p.m. -- WKNA General meeting, City Hall lobby. Bill Lawyer speaker City Council meeting, 7 p.m., Sept. 21, City Hall.

Next WKNA Board meeting – Oct. 1, time/place TBD but Kathy Lincoln offered to hold it at her house.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.