

West Keizer Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

Nov. 10, 2016

Keizer Civic Center

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA secretary

Attending: Gary Blake, Rhonda Rich, Carol Doerfler, Carolyn Homan

Absent: Clint Holland, Sarah Head **Guest:** Mark Akimoff, Keizer Public Works, guest speaker for the November general meeting following the Board meeting

Call to order – President Gary Blake called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Oct. 6 Board meeting minutes – Rhonda moved approval and Carol seconded. Motion carried.

There was discussion of a request from Debbie Lockhart at the City to send her the minutes of WKNA Board and general meetings, something that has not been done before. Rhonda said she would check with Debbie on this, since the minutes are posted to the WKNA website and there is a link to that from the City's site.

Budget for 2016-17 – There have been no expenses so far. Rhonda said we need to replace the sign inserts advertising the Adopt-A-Street cleanups in order to reflect the new 9 a.m. starting time. She estimated at least \$15 each for two signs and asked that the Board approve spending up to \$50. Carolyn so moved; Carol seconded. Motion carried.

Getting the Word Out –

Re: the website and klicky.com – Rhonda said we don't have to use klicky.com. Barb Smith said the GoDaddy service shows the website statistics (number of views, etc.) Barb said she could provide Board members with instructions to log on and check or she could do it and send Board members a screen print. The Board elected to have Barb send us the screen print.

Facebook/Little Library, Carol – She said Facebook's being updated. The Little Library continues to be used. The children's books are disappearing, however. Kids "borrow" them but replacements don't come back. Carol has been purchasing stocks. She will alert residents on Facebook that we need kids' books and ask them to bring some to the January meeting. Rhonda also suggested a donation can at meetings to collect funds for Little Library purchases.

SJ/KMUZ /Keizertimes, Carolyn & Carol – Calendars are being updated. Carol said she now has to submit information monthly to the KT, even though it's just a time/date listing.

Brochure holders, Rhonda – Rhonda's goal is to get these up by January. She said we may need to print more brochures for next year, with cost estimated around \$200. There should be sufficient funding budgeted.

Adopt-A-Street – Ron and Kim Freeman will lead the effort, starting at 9 a.m., the new earlier time. Mark Akimoff, with Keizer Public Works, guest speaker for the November general meeting, said there are a lot of streets up for adoption in Keizer. Carol said she would put a notice about the availability on Facebook.

SMART at Cummings School – Rhonda said the program may need a site coordinator. The contact is Jenn Columbus at jcolumbus@getsmartoregon.org. The program meets Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The coordinator recruits volunteers to help students with reading and book sharing. Rhonda said the coordinator information is a couple of months old (it was announced at City Council and Kim Freeman contacted Rhonda) so the status of the opening is unclear. Carol said she would check up on it and then WKNA can announce the post and/or the need for other volunteers.

2017 general meeting topics – The Jan. 12 program will be Bill Lawyer, Public Works Director, and Board elections. For February, Rhonda would like to set up a Parks Board presentation, following up on their Power Point presentation next week to City Council at a meeting to talk about funding sources for city parks. The Parks Board also is doing a survey of citizens to find out what people want to pay to support parks. By February, they will have more information to share on the topic. Re: Board elections, the Board set a meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 5 at Gary's house to discuss Board candidates and set 2017 agendas. One potential Board member name mentioned was Carrie Maher, who has attended several recent meetings.

Other business – Rhonda brought up the possibility of seeking a "no smoking" ban for City parks. She said this came up years ago but didn't happen. Salem has passed a ban. Given Keizer Parks Board's recent move toward a HEAL (Healthy Eating, Active Lifestyles) designation for the city, Rhonda would like to discuss a ban because of the health and fire hazard implications, especially at Keizer Rapids. Carol brought up enforcement. Gary favored framing it as bringing the issue to people's attention without making it a policy. Rhonda said she would check with Salem re: how it's working.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

