

WKNA Board Meeting
May 7, 2015
Rhonda Rich's home

Attending: Rhonda Rich, President
Carolyn Homan, Secretary
Art Mauer
Ron Freeman
Clint Holland
Sarah Head

Absent: Carol Doerfler, Vice President

Rhonda called the meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m.

Approval of minutes – Rhonda asked for approval of the minutes of the April 2 board meeting. Clint moved approval and Art seconded. Minutes were approved

Budget for 2014-15 – Rhonda asked to revisit the budget in part because Carol is absent because of a death in the family and therefore has not had time to do anything regarding the Little Libraries idea. The Board had put purchasing more yard signs on hold because of that. Rhonda proposed flipping those expenses, getting 6 signs for \$150 with funds from this year's budget and spending nothing on Little Libraries this fiscal year. That expense would be moved to 2015-16. Next year's budget requested \$100 for the website; \$200 for printing; and \$200 for signage and stands. The Little Libraries money in this year's budget will go for signs and then some of the signage money in 2015-16 can go for Little Libraries. The Board approved.

The plan also is to spend \$75 on brochure holders to attach to a kiosk or fence and \$75 on brochure holders on stands. She will get this done by the end of June.

Rhonda also wants to work on the logo design, to be funded this fiscal year. Carolyn volunteered to help. Total expenditures for 2014-15 will probably be about \$880 of the \$900 budgeted.

Rhonda presented the 2015-16 budget request on Tuesday, May 5, to the budget committee.

Getting the Word Out – Rhonda had the Keizer Iris Fest flyers that will be used to alert West Keizer neighbors to the marathon and fun run route, as well as the bike route. The flyers need to go out by Wed., May 13. She had maps of the affected streets where flyers need to be distributed so Board members could divide up the packets for delivery. Joe Egli, chairman of the Iris Fest, said the notification system was very effective last year and encouraged WKNA to take on the task again this year.

Rhonda purchased the door hanger plastic bags from Amazon (200 for \$21.81) and the Chamber printed the flyers. She also had WKNA brochures to stuff in each bag as well. We will have about 200 brochures remaining.

Rhonda said that Carol is continuing to update Facebook from New Jersey and website updates continue thanks to Barbara Smith-Henke.

KMUZ invitation – Rhonda said she had been contacted by a representative of the local radio station KMUZ at 100.7 FM to participate in its Willamette Wake Up show. They are looking to increase coverage of Keizer and are interested in talking with the neighborhood associations, as they have done with Salem associations. Rhonda will talk with Carolyn to discuss responding to the request and perhaps setting up something for this fall.

Big Toy Update – Ron said the group met unofficially on Tuesday because there was no quorum. He said a third consultant is coming in to help with the build because it is such a big project.

Volunteers are coming through, including commitments from groups. Commemorative pickets for the fence to surround the project will be sold at the Big Toy's Iris Fest booth. They have ordered the first set, of which 180 have been paid for.

He said the project is drawing a lot of in-kind donations and matching funds. The ground cover is costing less than budgeted, in part because volunteers will wheelbarrow it in, avoiding the cost of having it blown in. The overall project is about \$60,000 short of full funding, but things are looking good because of the in-kind and other donations.

They will hold a call-a-thon to solicit volunteers on May 13 and signups also will be taken at the Iris Fest booth.

Adopt-A-Street – The next clean-up is set for June 13, which is during the Big Toy build, but Rhonda said we would stick with that date so that people can plan ahead. The fall clean-up is set for Sept. 12.

West Keizer Parks update – Clint confirmed that Willamette Manor Park's tennis court is set for resurfacing this summer. Extra picnic tables will be going in at Sunset Park, despite some complaints from neighbors who object to the amenities. A proposal to ban smoking in Keizer parks, including marijuana, was turned down by council.

Clint said that there have been problems at the Little League park. Roland Herrera and Clint are going to take that on because the city doesn't have funding to address the issues. He said that they are hoping the budget will include funding for another full-time parks employee.

The Parks Advisory Board is considering a proposal to sell Palma Ceia Park. Clint said he was in favor of selling it and using the funds to help maintain the other parks. Rhonda reported that Lois Bose, a Palma Ceia pool member, has proposed, in a letter to Bill Lawyer, donating her portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Palma Ceia pool property (which is being developed for housing) to upgrading trails to the river at Palma Ceia Park.

In other parks matters, Rhonda said she is going to talk with Bill Lawyer again about improving the path into Keizer Rapids from Tate Avenue. The path is not suitable for use by wheelchairs. Bill wants to delay any improvement until the path can be extended to the Big Toy. Rhonda also noted that she had been notified that a bike/pedestrian plan into the southeast corner of KRP that was initially included in the Salem/Keizer transportation plan has been removed.

Infill Development Discussion – Rhonda distributed copies of information provided to the Planning Commission by Nate Brown regarding proposed changes to infill development regulations. After some recent complaints about some infill projects (including one on Sunset Avenue in the West Keizer neighborhood), staff wanted wording to help neighbors understand and to avoid having 2 different codes for infill and subdivisions. Nate had asked if WKNA wanted to provide input. On short notice, Rhonda met with Nate and Sam Litke on Wednesday.

Compatibility with existing neighborhoods was deemed a priority during the Board's discussion. It was generally agreed that a 6-foot high site-restricting wall, fence or hedge would help neighbors deal with a new development. The Board also discussed regulations proposed to address parking and emergency vehicle access and agreed that emergency vehicle access is a priority.

There was discussion of the shared housing proposal, specifically "accessory" residential housing, or so-called "mother-in-law" dwellings. The proposed regulations limit the size to 750 square feet and required that the dwelling be at least 5 feet from the primary residence. But they also would now allow such dwellings to be constructed in a front yard, rather than just the side or rear. The Board had no consensus opinion on this proposal.

Rhonda said she would come up with something and send it in advance of the Wednesday night Planning Commission meeting. She said the issue will come up before the City Council after that Planning Commission session. Rhonda said she believes there has to be a balance between the wishes of developers and neighbors.

General meeting update – Ron will run the May 14 meeting in Rhonda's absence. Rhonda said she will call Mary Jo Emmett, with John Knox Community Garden, to make sure she can still attend. Carolyn said she had confirmed with Jenny Meisel, with Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District, that she will be there for her presentation. Carolyn agreed to provide cookies and Ron said he will bring bottled water.

Rhonda noted that June 4 is the next Board meeting and the last of the year until September. Fire Chief Cowan has agreed to present at the Sept. 10 meeting on the upcoming Fire District levy. Rhonda will get Nate to present in October or November on the UGB expansion and other planning issues.

She reminded everyone to get signs out for next week's meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.