

WKNA Board meeting
May 6, 2023 7 p.m., at Robb Witters' home
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

Attending: Rhonda Rich, Kris Adams, Art Mauer, Robb Witters, Carolyn Homan, Carol Phipps, Gary Blake

Call to Order: Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of March 30, 2023 meeting (technically April meeting)– Art moved approval; Carolyn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget – Total expenditures are \$796.99 from the \$800 budget. Rhonda has submitted her request for reimbursement. For 2023-24, the \$1,200 budget request is in, which is the same for all 5 neighborhood associations this year. Rhonda will attend the March 8 city budget session in case there are questions.

Getting the Word Out

Signs -- The sign placement discussion was postponed until the summer meeting.

Brochures -- Carol said supply has dwindled and we'll probably need more by the end of the year. We still have 2,500 or so. Carol has talked to Davis about updating the photos for the next printing and he's agreeable.

Next newsletter – Next one should come out in early August before Keizer Fest. Board should meet in early July (maybe July 6?) We can go over content suggestions then.

Little Library -- Kris said she still needs more kids' books, as well as adult. She's put information in the Little Library about where to drop off donations.

Facebook postings – Carolyn is doing. Will post info on upcoming meetings and summer events.

General meeting – Rhonda said the agenda is done. Speakers are Eric Bandonis with his regular report; Ben Crosby, Keizer Code Enforcement officer; and City Manager Adam Brown with a turf field update. Rhonda has talked with Bob Shackelford, Chamber rep, about Keizer Fest. He can't be at the meeting but said the festival will be in the same location as last year.

Keizer Community Dinner -- Rhonda asked if WKNA could host as a way to raise awareness. Kris said the Library hosted one month, The group has to plan a menu and have volunteers to prep, serve and clear tables. Kris said cost runs about \$400. Rhonda asked if Kris could find out more and perhaps all NAs could host together?

Reports

Food barrels – Carol said April totals were very low and May is starting out the same way. Rhonda said Judy Leichthy, with Keizer Community food bank, testified at Council Monday that need is spiking because of the recent end to extra food stamps that were tied to Covid relief. WKNA needs to talk to Copper Creek about the placement of their barrel. It's been behind a sign for awhile and barely visible. Rhonda said she and Carol would work on thank yous to barrel hosts and have something ready to discuss at the July Board meeting. Need to talk about how to present them.

Keizer United -- Carolyn and Kris attended. Speaker was from Salem for Refugees. Information on upcoming events was presented: Car-seat clinic May 9 and Mother's Day pancake breakfast at Keizer Fire; Earth Day events at Keizer Rapids; Keizer Community Dinner April 26; Keizer's City Anniversary celebration June 16-17, among others.

Cummings PTA -- Kris attended. Last meeting of the school year, so planning graduation and other year-end wrap-up issues. Carol said all the flower pots have been planted. She put drought-tolerant, low maintenance perennials in the pots in front of the gym. Rhonda said she talked with Bill Lawyer about the muddy parking area east and north of the school that teachers use. He said he would take a look and that WKNA doesn't have to be involved. He said it's in the city right-of-way so it is their responsibility.

Parks – The City delivered 2 loads of bark chips to Palma Ciega. Gary has spread the first load in the picnic area. For the bank stabilization project at Willamette Manor, Carol has picked up the kinnickinnick plants and is working to weed the hillside before planting, which is to start May 9 at 10 a.m.

Traffic Safety Bikeways -- Robb presented an update on the flashing speed signs at the April 20 meeting, which included feedback from neighbors as to the effectiveness. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Program was discussed. Committee members are to bring comments to the next meeting – they are limited in what changes can be suggested because of City requirements. Once revisions are compiled, it will be presented to Council. Rhonda said getting petition signatures is still an issue – doing door hangers is one thing but asking for signatures is another.

The crosswalk "flag" program was discussed but a sponsor is needed to defray the cost. Committee member Brenda Lamb is spearheading this program and gathering information.

Planning Commission -- Robb said they did a lot of cleanup around language dealing with ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Units) and cottage clusters. One issue of

concern may be the size of covered patios for cottage clusters. Shane wanted 200 sq. ft. but the commission said no.

Keizer 's 40th anniversary -- Rhonda wondered if the NAs could have a group table at the event. Other upcoming events include the Cookie Monster ride which will leave KRP and head out through West Keizer again. That event is this coming weekend. In addition, a Bike Skills Fair is planned June 10 at City Hall.

Turf Field update -- Rhonda has turned in a letter of support from WKNA for the project, which is still \$900,000 short of full funding.

Community Library, Kris Adams – She said the Library has a new librarian and is working on grant proposals to fund large print books, more computer stations and neon signage to display library hours. Kids summer programs start in June. Volunteers and donations always needed.

Upcoming meetings -- City Budget Committee May 8-9 (Parks Board cancelled.) Planning Commission on May 10 and Traffic Safety May 18 (Robb will be out of town.)

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Next Board meeting: July 6 (tentative)