

**West Keizer Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2016**

Gary Blake's home

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA secretary

Attending: Gary Blake, Rhonda Rich, Carol Doerfler, Sarah Head, Art Mauer, Carolyn Homan,

Absent: Clint Holland

Call to order – President Gary Blake called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at his home, after a Cinco de Mayo taco feast.

Rhonda distributed information sheets on the Water Trail provided by Richard Walsh in advance of the general meeting. She said she would have Barb Henke add them to the website meeting notice.

Approval of April Board meeting minutes – Carol moved approval and Sarah seconded. Motion carried.

Budget for 2015-16 – Expenditures totaled \$500.03, including \$100 for the logo development, \$82.99 for printing, \$92.05 for the website and \$224.99 for the new brochures. Rhonda passed out copies of the new brochure, which has been updated with the new logo and some new picture. She said the cost rose -- \$225 this time, compared with \$180 last time for 500 brochures. She will submit expenditures to the city next week for reimbursement (less the 3-cent “overage”) and that will close this budget cycle.

Budget request for 2016-17 -- \$500. Gary, Rhonda, Carol and Carolyn attended Tuesday's budget committee session. The proposed city budget does include \$1,000 for Neighborhood Associations. Approval of the WKNA request could come at tonight's budget session. The full budget still must go to the City Council, but no changes are anticipated.

Gary thanked the Board members who worked on the new brochure. Rhonda suggested Gary email Davis Dyer, who handled the actual revamps to the layout, to thank him for his work on the project.

Getting the Word Out --

Website – Barb Henke planned to attend the meeting to talk about changes at GoDaddy that will require rebuilding the WKNA site. This doesn't have to be done until year's end, however. (Barb did not attend after all. Rhonda will contact her and copy everyone with the information Barb shared re: website changes.)

Facebook and Little Library, Carol – She said both are going well. People are looking at the Little Library every day. She has been adding books but not at the earlier pace. She got some picture books after a request came in. She also is sending some comments to the Little Library national coordinators, at their request.

The Facebook page is getting close to 200 “Likes.”

Signs, Art – He said he has enough signs and frames. Carol plans to put the “extra” sign (the one that’s been mounted on a wood frame) at Cummings School.

SJ, KMUZ, Carolyn – She said both have been notified of the upcoming general meeting.

Brochure holders – Rhonda has the new brochures and will get the holders out this weekend, using up the old brochures first.

NextDoor.com – Rhonda is still considering this as a possible communication tool. She hasn’t talked to anyone about being the coordinator. Gubser has up to 400 users on its account now.

Flyers for the Iris Festival Run, Rhonda – Board members discussed whether to repeat last year’s effort to disseminate information to West Keizer households along the route for the Iris Fest marathon, half-marathon and bike ride. Gary, Carol, Sarah, Rhonda, Carolyn and Art all agreed to distribute flyers. Rhonda said she thought Ron and Kim Freeman also would help. Rhonda will distribute maps of street sections to be covered, as well as door hangers for the flyers and WKNA brochure. Board members are free to distribute to their portion of the area to be covered on whatever day works for them, as long as it’s by Tuesday or Wednesday of the week Iris Fest starts (May 19)

Palma Ciega Park, Gary – He said the intention is to present the WKNA proposal regarding the park to the Parks Board at its next meeting, May 10. Robert Johnson, parks and facilities division manager, supports the proposal.

Previously, the parks board urged WKNA to go for a match grant, but that fund is depleted and won’t have new funding until July. Sarah suggested applying now, with the understanding that it’s for July and after, so that the request is first in line for the new funding.

Rhonda suggested getting a Scout interested. Eagle Scouts are responsible for lining up funding, labor and materials for any project they adopt. WKNA could help, but the impetus could be the Scouts. Gary said he had made a presentation to the Boy Scout Council. Another suggestion: to involve another group, such as Claggett Creek Watershed Council.

Gary said we can wait to hear what the Parks Board says and go from there. He will attend the Tuesday meeting. WKNA Board may need to set a special meeting after the Parks Board session.

Adopt-A-Street – The next cleanup is June 11. Ron and Kim Freeman are the new coordinators. Gary will pass the coordinator folder to Kim at the Thursday WKNA General meeting.

Topics for General meetings – The last general meeting for 2015-16 will be May 12 and topics are the Water Trail and updates on the Iris Fest and Palma Ciega Park.

Topics for fall are tentative: Sept. 8 – Bill Lawyer, Public Works. It was suggested he could update WKNA on the Round-About project at Verda and Chemawa, set to start June 15 and finish in early September.

Oct. 13 – Election candidates and measures and a representative from Cherriots. Rhonda asked Board members to pass on any input on what we might cover and who might be asked to speak.

Nov. 10 – Nate Brown with an update on the UGB changes.

Jan. 12 – Chief Teague.

Rhonda will ask at the May general meeting if anyone has topic or speaker requests.

Next Board meeting?? This may depend on the Parks Board results. We could have one June 2. Possibly a barbecue in July?

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.