

WKNA Board meeting
June 22, 2022 7 p.m. Rhonda's house\
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

Attending: Rhonda, Gary, Carol, Dennis, Carolyn, Art and Robb. **Absent:** Kris

Minutes from April 28 meeting -- Art moved approval as submitted and Robb seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Budget report – Rhonda said she will turn in receipts for the 2021-22 expenditures by month's end for reimbursement. The \$289.07 spent to print brochures will come out of the approved \$800 budget for 2022-23.

Getting the Word Out

Brochures – Copies of the brochure were distributed to those who needed them. Gary needs a brochure box. Rhonda will buy one if we don't have enough parts to assemble one for him.

Newsletter – The summer edition will include updates on the new soccer fields, the Community Library proposal to become a Public Library, Keizer Fest plans, a recap of last year's accomplishments and a preview of upcoming meeting topics, food barrels, Palma Ciega cleanup with photo, Holiday Pool upgrades, and progress on the traffic control requests for Shoreline and Cummings Lane. Copy is due to Robb by July 20 so it can be ready for distribution late July/early August.

Rhonda asked about printing for the newsletter and Dennis will check on his FedEx discount. As an alternative, Rhonda said she could buy color and black cartridges at a cost of about \$120 and make copies. We need about 50/edition to put in brochure boxes and distribute at meetings, etc.

Little Library – Kris could not attend but gave Rhonda a report. She has finalized the info stickers to put in books distributed through the Little Library. She said she has a strong stock of books now, including lots of children's books.

She is working with the Community Library Board on plans to get out the vote for the November election on a fee to support the plan to become a Public Library. The Council will take up the matter of amount of fee to be sought at its July 5 meeting. BJ Toewe is scheduled as WKNA's speaker for the September meeting to provide details of the library's election campaign.

Facebook postings -- Carolyn and Carol are now administrators for the WKNA Facebook page and can create official postings for the association. The group discussed an issue that arose on Facebook recently regarding "flag walks" that Gary has done many evenings along River Road. Another group showed up recently and created a bit of controversy on Facebook about who's involved and was WKNA a sponsor. Gary has temporarily postponed future flag walks until he can be sure his efforts are completely separate from the other group.

Website and email notifications – Carol is in charge of the email list and will coordinate website postings with Barb Smith.

Reports

Food barrels – Donations are down but still coming in. April 95 lbs. and \$40; May 145 lbs. and \$0; June 87 lbs. and \$40.

Cummings School – Carol has reached out to the teacher who contacted John Knox School about helping with the PTA-sponsored cleanup this spring. We want to coordinate landscaping efforts with them if possible. The teacher has not called back but Carol will check in again. She also will plan to replant the reader board again this fall as usual and will keep things watered this summer as needed.

Parks – Carol said more trees are to be limbed up June 24 and they will use the chips as mulch throughout the

park. Gary has done some more trimming and clearing since the spring cleanup. Carol will call Robert to see if they need any help spreading the mulch.

Discussion

Traffic mitigation on Cummings/Shoreline – Robb attended the June Traffic Safety Committee meeting and just reported that we are trying to keep the issue front and center. The staffer reported that 2 of 3 traffic studies have been done on Cummings and the Shoreline study also is complete. Rhonda had attended the June 6 Council meeting.

KRP Soccer fields -- Rhonda testified at the June 6 City Council meeting. She asked that the Association be included as part of the Keizer Rapids Park Turf Fields Task Force and shared past participation of the Association with various amenities at the park. She urged that adequate funding be allocated for sufficient paved parking with landscaping, landscape buffering from adjacent residents and possible purchase of available adjacent land. [Rhonda also spoke April 18 Council work group meeting and shared background information related to WKNA involvement in the proposed turf fields. She read a Resolution passed by the Board which indicated that WKNA is in favor of the plan with certain conditions. Mayor Clark explained that a work group or task force was planned and it will include a representative from WKNA and other interested groups. So far that has not happened.]

Carolyn said Council on June 21 approved the contract with Marion County for ARPA funds to support the project. No project details were outlined in discussion before the vote.

Palma Ciega Park cleanup -- We're looking at Sept. 10 as a possible date for another cleanup. That will come right after the first General meeting of the year.

Bike Skills Fair follow-up -- Kris and Carolyn volunteered at the May event, which was sparsely attended. Hersch had mentioned having another event this summer but there's been no further word. Hersch and Maryann are organizing bike rides from KRP this summer.

Keizer Fest – Carolyn gave Robb a list of events and dates posted so far on the Chamber of Commerce website. He will follow up for a newsletter item. Rhonda wants to make sure there is signage regarding parking, etc., posted on 15th Street.

Candidates speaking at WKNA meetings – Group discussed how to handle this. Richard Walsh spoke briefly at the May meeting and handed out brochures. It's a special case in a way because he's a WKNA member. Robb suggested informing candidates they can talk to folks who want to stay after we adjourn the meeting. Rhonda said she would like to approach the other neighborhood associations about holding a joint candidate fair. She will follow up and we can talk about it in September as a way to reach out to candidates in a fair and nonpartisan way.

Rhonda also mentioned adding Adam Brown, new city manager, as a possible October speaker.

Joint meeting with other neighborhoods – Rhonda offered to reach out to other neighborhood Boards about a joint "get to know you" meeting at her house **July 14**. She'll follow up.

Other upcoming meetings

July 5 – City Council – **Public hearing re: Keizer Public Library**

July 12 – Parks Board

July 21 – Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Committee

Aug. 4 – WKNA Board (tentative)

Aug. 9 – Parks Board

Aug. 18 – Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Committee

Sept. 1 – WKNA Board

Sept. 8 – WKNA General – **Topic: Keizer Public Library**

Oct. 6 – WKN Board

Oct. 13 – WKNA General – **Topic: Election Candidates/Adam Brown**

Nov. 3 – WKNA Board

Nov. 10 – WKNA General – **Topic: Public Works, Bill Lawyer**

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Next Board meeting: July 14 or Aug. 4