

WKNA Board Meeting

April 4, 2019

At Carol Doerfler's home

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA Secretary

Attending: Carol Doerfler, Carol Phipps, Rhonda Rich, Art Mauer, Gary Blake, Carolyn Homan, Kathy Lincoln

Call to Order: Carol Doerfler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Approval of minutes – Carol Doerfler called for a motion to approve the Board minutes from March 7. Art so moved and Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.

Budget – Rhonda said we have \$220 remaining and need to decide expenditure. Carol Doerfler said she has 200 brochures left. The last order of 1,000 cost \$260. Carol Phipps said Dennis P. had researched sturdier stands for the meeting signs and found some at One-Day Signs (on S. Commercial) for \$5.50 each. She had a sample and it was determined that the signs fit on this sturdier frame. Art said he needs 20 to replace the original sign stands. It was decided to get 20 new stands.

Rhonda said she also needs to get some door hangers so we can distribute WKNA brochures and Iris Fest run information to neighbors along Manbrin and Shoreline. We should have enough brochures for the door hangers and can then order more brochures from the new budget in July. We need to contact the Keizer Chamber to once again print the informational flyers for the Iris Fest. Rhonda said she will have the flyers at the next Board meeting. The door hangers with the flyers need to be distributed along the run route some time mid-week before the Iris Fest event May 18.

Senate Bill/Bauer Case update, Rhonda – Senate Bill 1040 being put forward by Sen. Thatcher had a hearing this morning. Carol D., Rhonda, Mayor Clark, Keizer City Manager Chris Eppley, West Keizer neighbors Jere Clancy and Dan Dietz, and former Keizer City Councilor Tom Anderson all testified. Rhonda said Mr. Clancy did not support the bill because he believes it does not go far enough to restrict shooting range operations. Next Monday, April 8, legislators on the Senate Judiciary Committee are to decide whether to move it to the full Senate for consideration. Rhonda also said that the next hearing in the Bauers' case against Lance Davis, owner of the West Salem gravel pit, has been postponed because the parties are trying to settle out of court.

Budget for 2019-20, Rhonda – In addition to \$250 for brochures, this request also seeks \$150 for the website fee, \$75 for printing and \$75 for signage and stands. Carol D. will attend the May 2 budget hearing to make WKNA's formal request and answer any questions the committee might have. Other Board members are also asked to attend. WKNA can also support funding to Delight sidewalks, which is said to be included in this city budget cycle.

Wallace House Clean-Up, Kathy – She said Matt Lawyer is interested in getting neighbors, the City and the Claggett Creek Watershed Group engaged in an effort to clean up this park to make it less attractive to the homeless. He would like to come to the next Board meeting or at least provide information for the Board to evaluate. Kathy, who lives just south of the park, said she knows there are neighbors who are interested in helping. Carol D. voiced concerns about potential hazards to volunteers who would be helping out with this work. The City hired Haz-Mat professionals for the last cleanup a few years ago because of the presence of needles and other hazardous materials. Kathy said Matt is focused on a cleanup of the upper area and not in the homeless camp areas but there needs to be a discussion of who is going to do what and where.

Another concern is clarifying with the City the need for follow-up given what happened with a past cleanup at Palma Ciea Park where neighbors put a lot of effort into clearing out brush and brambles and trimming trees. The City then just let everything grow back. Kathy will contact Matt to see what he wants to do and

get back to the Board with a plan and timeline. She also will ask him to contact interested neighbors, such as the Dunns, about helping.

Willamette Manor Park – Carol P said Dennis has nothing new on plans to redo the tennis courts. Dennis had requested the city move the basketball hoop so that balls don't fall into the playground area. The city wasn't receptive to that but did say they were interested in what neighbors wanted, although no plan was shared about how input might be provided. Carol D. said Bill Lawyer had told her at the Council meeting Monday that they planned to “pave over” the courts, not tear them out. Carol D. said she would follow up with Bill and Robert about this.

Cummings School project, Rhonda – After last year's beautification project, what's next? Rhonda wondered if we should ask the school. Kathy noted that with construction planned there this summer, beautification efforts might get in the way. It was suggested that we do a big cleanup every other year and perhaps refresh the planters and reader board the end of August for back-to-school as an interim effort. Carol D. said she will let Principal Romero know that we plan to do the major cleanups every other year. She also asked Art to put one of our WKNA meeting signs at the east entrance so parents know of our monthly gatherings.

Keizer Revitalization, Carolyn – There is nothing new to report.

Buildable Lands Inventory/Housing Needs Analysis study, Carol D. – She said Portland State University has done studies that tell cities how much housing they need for the next 20 years. Keizer does not have the land or housing it needs to meet the projections if they split their Urban Growth Boundary from Salem. The committee has more meetings in April and May and an open house is planned for community input.

An ad hoc role for Dennis Phipps, Carol D. – She would like to keep him as a parks liaison to the Board. Carol P. said she thinks he would be interested. Carol D. to talk with him.

Upcoming speakers, Carol P. and Carol D – Carol P. said representatives from Garten and Loren's Sanitation are set to speak April 11 to clarify the new recycling rules. Carol D. said that Betty Hart, Keizer Fire District Board member, is up for re-election and had requested 5 minutes

The May 9 speaker right now is Krista Carter with Marion County Emergency Preparedness. but Salem-Keizer School District Board candidates also are interested in speaking. It was decided that Carol P. will contact Krista about postponing until fall and having SKSD candidates Chuck Lee and Danielle Bethell (the 2 who are vying to represent Zone 6, our area, even though everyone votes for all candidates) in May along with a Parks update.

Upcoming meetings:

WKNA General, 7 p.m. April 11, City Hall – Speakers from Garten Foundation and Loren's Sanitation, along with Betty Hart, Keizer Fire District Board.

WKNA Board, May 2– 7 p.m., at City Hall after the Keizer Budget Committee meeting

WKNA General, May 9 – Salem-Keizer School District Zone 6 Board candidates Chuck Lee and Danielle Bethell. Others?

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.