

West Keizer Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2018

Carol Doerfler's home

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA secretary

Attending: Carol Doerfler, Rhonda Rich, Gary Blake, Art Mauer, Carolyn Homan and Dennis Phipps.
Absent: Kris Adams

Call to order – President Carol Doerfler called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of March 1, 2018 Board meeting minutes – Three corrections: Rhonda was present; minutes from February 2018 (not 2017); and Dennis to handle talking with Pronto about brochures. Art moved approval of the minutes as corrected and Dennis seconded. Motion carried.

Budget for 2017-18 – Rhonda said Dennis had submitted a \$4 bill for a sign repair. Total expenses have been \$240.05 so far. We need brochures and budgeted \$225. We spent \$189 last year for 500 at Staples, with a coupon, but Staples has not renewed that coupon. The estimate is \$230 for 500. Pronto Signs estimated \$239 for 500. It was decided to ask Pronto if they would print 1,000 for \$260 (the rest of our budget.) In exchange, we would let them put their logo at the bottom on the back of the brochure, replacing our web information, which would move to the bottom of the front page. Dennis will pursue this.

Budget for 2018-19 – Rhonda has submitted our \$500 request to the city. Budget Committee meets 6 p.m. May 1 (a Tuesday,) May 3 and May 8, the last is if needed. It was decided to attend the May 3 session and hold the Board meeting afterward. Carol will check to see if a room is available; otherwise, we will meet in the lobby.

Getting the Word Out –

Website – WKNA project information has been added to the website under Neighborhood News and is listed in chronological order.

Facebook-- Carol said she is updating when she can.

KYKN, K-23 -- No word from Kris on this.

Signs – Dennis and Art have this worked out

SJ, KMUZ, Keizer Chamber, KT – Carolyn said all are done except KeizerTimes. She missed the submission deadline this time.

Brochure holders – Dennis will check with Pronto about printing stickers listing the WKNA web address to affix to our brochure holders.

Little Library – It continues to do well. Children's books seem to disappear, so she is only putting out 2 or 3 at a time.

Discussion Topics --

1) Parks –

a) KRP burn – Carol said the city estimates the debris from the hazlenut orchard removal will be burned sometime at the end of April. Crews will follow agricultural burn protocols for temperature wind, humidity, etc., to limit smoke problems for surrounding neighbors. Rhonda said bids for the Keizer Rapids restroom project were too high so the project will be rebid for a fall/winter/spring build when construction companies are less busy in the hopes the bids will be lower.

Carol noted that the Parks Board has shuffled park oversight assignments of its members. For West Salem parks, Jim Taylor oversees Sunset, Dylan Juran has Palma Ceia and Willamette Manor, and Azira Flores Marin has Wallace House. All Parks Board members share responsibility for Keizer Rapids.

b) **Willamette Manor tennis courts** – Dennis said the courts continue to deteriorate. The rips are bigger than ever and represent a safety hazard. Carol suggested contacting Parks Board member Dylan Juran, who is charged with Willamette Manor oversight, to review the situation. Dennis said he'd contact Dylan. Carolyn will get Dylan's contact information from the January sign-up sheets and email Dennis.

Art said the city should file a complaint with the contractor board but Dennis said the contract contained a 20% fail estimate and the city says the problems are within that estimate.

c) **Keizer Revitalization Plan** – Carolyn, Gary and Kris all attended sessions. Carolyn said Dennis Blackmon, Copper Creek owner, also attended the session she and Gary attended. All voiced concerns about the speed of traffic on River Road, although Gary believes slowing traffic very much will negatively affect the amount of cars traveling through and thus hurt local businesses. Dennis favored planting more trees, adding bus turnouts and creating a more “boulevard” feel for River Road, along with new developments that would have shops on the lower level and housing above. Gary said more businesses need to get involved in the planning effort. Carol said she thinks the approach used at Keizer Station, with treed “islands” in the middle of the traffic lanes, would work on River Road.

d) **Delight Street Improvements** – Carol attended a recent PTC meeting at Cummings to talk about sidewalks and future landscaping improvement projects WKNA could do at the school. She said Cummings has a business partnership with Kohl's and if they notify Kohl's 4 to 6 weeks in advance, they can get employees to sign up to help. Rhonda is working to get a bark dust donation from Highway Fuedl and the plan is to set up a work day to pull weeds, spread bark dust and complete other grounds clean up in late summer before classes resume. It was decided to set a date for the work party at the next WKNA Board meeting and notify Cummings so that Kohl's employees can be involved as well.

e) **Traffic Safety, Bikeways, Pedestrian Committee meeting** – The committee recently debated projects to support to receive grant funding through the Keep Oregon Moving transportation package passed by the Oregon Legislature. Potential projects include sidewalks around Cummings and Kennedy elementary schools. However, the March 8 meeting discussion centered on lack of sidewalks on roads leading to Kennedy. It was agreed to have a presence at the April 12 TSBP meeting (6 p.m.) with a reminder that WKNA has been working to get sidewalks at Cummings since 2014. Carol said it appears that Kennedy has more sidewalks in and around it than Cummings.

f) **Sunset Park gunshots** – The letter Carol sent to the owner of the gravel pit/shooting range in West Salem came back and has been resent to the P.O. Box. The gravel pit is where gunshots originated last fall that traveled across the Willamette River and into Sunset Park and beyond.

g) **June meetings** – Carol asked if we should schedule June Board/General meetings. It was agreed not to.

h) **Park reports** – Carol asked if the Board wanted to “adopt” West Keizer parks to follow issues. Gary said he's tracking Palma Ceia and Dennis follows developments at Willamette Manor. It was decided not to set up any formal park assignments. Gary said problems are cropping up again at Palma Ciea and he and a neighbor plan to talk to the police about the issues.

Topics for Upcoming General Meetings – April speaker is Dylan Juran on a municipal Internet

project and Karma Krause, Salem-Keizer School District, on the upcoming district bond measure vote. In May, Allan Edinger will talk about his work with inmate populations.

Upcoming meetings and activities --

Traffic Safety Bikeways, Pedestrian Committee meeting -- 6 p.m. April 12, 2018

Next WKNA general meeting – 7 p.m. April 12, 2018

Keizer Budget Committee Meeting – 6 p.m. May 3, 2018

Next WKNA Board meeting – At Keizer Civic Center after Budget Committee

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.