

West Keizer Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2017

Carol Doerfler's home

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA secretary

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

Call to order – President Gary Blake called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He welcomed Kris Adams, who has expressed interest in serving on the Board. She lives on Moneida and has lived in Keizer since 1964. She said she's interested in serving on the WKNA Board because she's always interested in learning and wants to be more involved in the community. She also serves on the Keizer Points of Interest Committee.

Approval of March 2, 2017 Board meeting minutes – Art moved approval and Carol seconded. Motion carried.

Board member vacancy – A Board vacancy remained after the January elections at the general WKNA meeting. According to WKNA bylaws, a Board vacancy can be filled for the remaining term by a majority vote at the next Board meeting. Gary thanked Kris Adams for her interest in joining the Board and asked for a vote to approve her membership. The vote was unanimous in favor of her membership. Board members then introduced themselves for her benefit, relating some of their connection to and history with WKNA.

Budget for 2016-17 – Expenses so far from the \$500 budget are \$362.72: \$30 to replace sign inserts for street cleanup; \$13.98 for printer paper; \$92.05 for website domain name and builder; \$16 for brochure stands; \$183.99 for 500 brochures; \$26.70 for neighborhood flyers. Rhonda said she had estimated \$229 for brochures, but the clerk had a coupon that brought the price down. With the rest of the budget funds, she suggested \$100 for 4 replacement signs and up to \$30 (they are \$6 per 100 online) for door hangers to distribute neighborhood flyers for the Iris Fest races.

She said the new budget is due April 19 and the City has called for the “status quo” – \$400 for neighborhood associations. But since the associations have gotten \$500 in recent years, she suggested asking for \$500 again this year.

Because of the possibility of a leaner budget in 2017-18, getting 4 replacement signs while we have the funds was deemed wise. We need to get a brochure sand and yard sign to Kris. Rhonda said she would check with Sarah to see if she is still displaying her sign and if not, to retrieve it for Kris. Gary will give Kris his brochure box, since his street doesn't get much foot traffic and Kris's does. Art said he would make a list of sites where he typically has put out the yard signs in case anyone wants to take another area to put out signs.

Gary will present the budget request to Council on May 2, 6 p.m. It was agreed to ask for \$500 again.

Getting the Word Out –

1) Website – Still being maintained by Barb Smith

Facebook & Chamber of Commerce, KYKN and K23 – Carol is still doing regular Facebook updates and welcomes ideas from any Board member for items or events to post. Meeting info goes to the Chamber site and to KYKN and to K23 television for PSAs. She also sends information to the Keizertimes and said the process has changed. Information has to be sent each month and about 2 weeks in advance.

SJ, KMUZ – Carolyn said calendar postings have been done for the April meeting.

Brochure holders – Rhonda is working with Gary to get these to Keizer Rapids, Sunset, Willamette Manor and Wallace House parks. She is providing 10 brochures each Carol said she will check the brochure holders every 2 weeks or so and restock with brochures as necessary.

Nextdoor.com – After discussion of overlapping boundaries with existing Nextdoor areas, Carol said she will try to register for West Keizer Neighborhood Association using the WKNA boundaries. Rhonda said that WKNA may not be validated since Nextdoor sends a post card out to each address in the area and if West Keizer addresses are already registered under other Nextdoor domains, it may be a conflict. But it was agreed it would be good to try to get a presence for WKNA since Keizer Police and other entities are using this format to share information.

Little Library – Carol said it's booming. She had to take some books out it was so full. Gary dropped off a sack full of donations recently.

Cummings School beautification – Carol said she had driven by the reader sign at the school to check on the pansies she and three others (Martin, Rhonda and Carolyn) planted recently. The plants are growing and look good!

Delight Street improvements – Rhonda said she had emailed Bill Lawyer about the timing of this potential project. Despite what WKNA thought, he said the project is “on the radar” for the city but has not been budgeted. It was our understanding that the Claggett Creek bridge on Dearborn was set for this year and Delight Street next year. Rhonda said it's important for WKNA to keep pushing for this and she and Carol agreed it would be good to get the Cummings principal, Martina Mangus, involved because she also is on board with safety improvements to Delight.

Rhonda noted that Hersch Sangster, chair of the Keizer Traffic/Bikeways safety committee, will be a speaker at the April WKNA general meeting and that committee will be a good forum going forward to pursue this issue. In addition, Kathy Lincoln is a member of that committee and a resident of West Keizer and she has said she will push for improvements. Rhonda said we need to work through the Traffic/Bikeways committee to get improvements similar to the resurfacing of Sunset Avenue, which brought extended pedestrian/bike lanes on each side of the traffic lanes. She said it's clear adding sidewalks along Delight is not in the cards because of the expense.

It was agreed to form a subcommittee to put together a presentation to the Traffic/Bikeways committee meeting in May. Gary, Carol and Art agreed to participate. Rhonda said she would work up a chronological history of contacts and conversations regarding Delight St. improvements. It was agreed that WKNA representatives should go to the April Traffic/Bikeways committee meeting to see if they should testify at the May Budget committee as to the importance of budgeting these improvements. Rhonda said Martina won't be able to attend the traffic committee because the Cummings PTC meets at the same time, but she could write a letter in support of Delight Improvements. Carol said she would contact Martina.

Adopt-a-Street – Future 2017 dates are May 13, August 12 and November 11. Gary will contact Kim Freeman to see if arrangements are in place for the May 13 cleanup. It was agreed to stick with work along Chemawa Road for now, rather than select an alternative in the neighborhood because of the intermittent work of inmate crews along Chemawa.

May Board meeting – Carol offered to host again – 7 p.m. May 4. Carolyn will provide cookies. T

Topics for general meetings – The April 13 meeting will feature Hersch Sangster, chair of the

Traffic/Bikeways Committee and president of Salem Bicycle Club, to talk about the Monster Cookie Ride April 30, which goes through West Keizer, and other traffic safety issues. Carolyn said the Chamber will send Carlos Soto, Iris Festival Run Director, to talk about the annual festival runs that go through West Keizer and other plans for the 2017 Iris Festival in mid-May. Also speaking will be Kelsey Tullis, who is with the Chris Dudley Foundation, to talk about the Diabuddies Dash run/walk event April 22 that is to begin at Keizer Rapids Park and proceed through West Keizer.

The May speaker is tentatively Mayor Clark. Gary said he will email her again to confirm she can attend. Eric Bandonis is also scheduled for his quarterly report. This will be the last regular meeting until September. Rhonda said she will contact Jerry McGee to see if he can speak in September on the history of Keizer. She said only two people replied to her request for meeting speaker preferences and both mentioned Jerry.

Future project possibility – The board discussed attending one of the community dinners held monthly at St. Edward's church. These are held on the 4th Wednesday and would be an opportunity to network with neighbors.

Goals for 2017 – The Board will go over goals at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.