

## West Keizer Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

Sept. 13, 2018

Keizer Civic Center

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA secretary

**Call to order** – President Carol Doerfler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed about 25 attendees, including guest speakers Eric Bandonis, Marion County Parole/Probation officer; Reed Carlson, Marion County Environmental and Recycling Services, and Chief Jeff Cowan, Keizer Fire District. Introductions were made around the room. Carol gave a brief recap of WKNA activities over a busy summer, including meetings held and attended in relation to shootings into West Keizer from the gravel pit across the river in Polk County and attendance at the annual John Knox Presbyterian Church's community barbecue.

**Approval of Minutes for May 10, 2018** – Carol called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10 meeting, as submitted and posted on WKNA's website. Kris Adams moved to approve and Gary Blake seconded. Motion carried.

**Budget for 2018-19** – Rhonda Rich reported that the city-approved \$500 budget was effective as of July 1. So far, \$50 for printing has been spent.

**Guest Speakers: 1)** Carol introduced **Eric Bandonis, Marion County Parole and Probation officer**, who is housed at Keizer Police Department. He said the parole/probation caseload countywide has continued to drop – down 6.8% or 232 clients. His own caseload is up a bit at 53. He attributes the overall drop to use of evidence based practices that provide clients with the skills, treatment and education they need to adapt to life and not re-offend. He alerted anyone interested to openings in the Citizen's Academy where people can find out about the County Sheriff's operations through ride-alongs, etc. Information is on the web at [co.marion.or.us/SO/Operations](http://co.marion.or.us/SO/Operations). The deadline is Oct. 1.

2) Carol introduced **Chief Jeff Cowan, Keizer Fire District**, to talk about the local option levy for emergency services funding to be voted on in November. This levy funds ambulance operations and has to be renewed every five years. The rate has not changed – 59 cents/\$1,000 valuation. He noted that the district has seen a 45% increase in call volume since the last levy vote in 2013. However the response time, which is critical, is less than 6 minutes averaged over 5,419 responses last year. He noted that Keizer Fire personnel have deployed to help fight wildfires in California and elsewhere. Dave Bauer, Fire District retiree, urged everyone to vote for the levy, since Chief Cowan isn't allowed to promote a yes vote. He can only present the facts of the levy request.

3) Carol introduced **Reed Carlson, Marion County Environmental and Recycling Services**, who works with the county's garbage haulers' association and the eight haulers operating across the county. Keizer's primary hauler is Loren's. He gave a slide presentation on the recent changes in recycling rules for the county, which resulted when China stopped taking recyclables from the West Coast because contamination levels were too high. Contaminants include medical waste, film plastic, Styrofoam, ropes/hoses, clothing, diapers, etc.

Major changes include: Plastics – Not taking any plastic tubs, jars, film plastics or clamshells, only bottles and jugs 12 ounces and larger, no caps. No cups, such as Starbucks. Not recyclable.

Mixed paper – OK are newspapers, junk mail, office paper, gray board, cardboard, magazines, brochures, copier and printer paper. No shredded paper (that goes in the main trash bin not the blue recycle bin), no cold-storage containers (frozen meals, etc.) no aseptic containers (milk and broth cartons, egg cartons).

Metal – steel and aluminum cans are OK but they must be clean and dry. Labels are OK but lids need to be ATTACHED or dropped into the can, which is then crushed so the lid will not come out. No aluminum foil, aerosol cans, scrap metal. The latter includes large items, such as chain saws, which people have tried to recycle.

Batteries are recyclable in the red container (must be in a plastic bag.) Motor oil must be in sealable containers and no more than 2 gallons at a time. Paint has to be usable. Food waste and pizza boxes can go in the green mixed organics barrel. Only 5 to 10% of that barrel's contents can be fiber.

Carlson said Garten Services offers tours of its recycling operation once a month (groups can be accommodated at other times). Also, Keizer Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a community forum on recycling details at 6 p.m. Sept. 26 at Keizer Civic Center.

(4) Carol introduced Dave Bauer with a brief report on the Keizer Fire Foundation, which has just received its 501(c)(3) designation. Its aim is to promote the fire district's fire fighting, life saving and education efforts. The first project to be funded with donations is getting AED (Automated External Defibrillator) units in all public buildings. Bauer said the Foundation is a vehicle to honor the Keizer Fire District through bequests, donations, etc.

## Reports

### Keizer City Council update, Kim Freeman –

- Councilor Freeman recognized Councilor Roland Herrera, who also was in attendance.
- She reiterated the Chamber's recycling forum on Sept. 26.
- The final pile of orchard debris at Keizer Rapids Park has been burned. She said construction has started on the restrooms at KRP and should be finished by December.
- There is an open house from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 8 at Keizer Fire District.
- Construction on the Dearborn bridge is on track and should be open sometime in October.
- The City recently swore in the five new police officers funded by the new police fee, plus one other replacement officer.
- Council meets next at 7 p.m. Sept. 17.
- Keizer Revitalization efforts are ongoing and more meetings will be scheduled soon.
- City Planner Nate Brown is working on a federal grant to install a "quiet zone" for the Keizer Station railroad crossing.
- There are numerous openings for volunteers on several Keizer boards and commissions, including Keizer Points of Interest, Public Art, Parks, Planning and Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian, as well as the Youth Liaison position. Applications are due Sept. 26.
- Councilors conducted their annual parks tour this past Monday, starting at KRP's volleyball shelter. A shelter at the Big Toy is on the wish list. Councilors also toured the new play structure at Meadows, and also visited PFC Ryan J. Hill Memorial Park and Mike Whittam Park.
- She invited everyone to the Keizer Community Dinner at 5 p.m. Sept. 26 at St. Edwards Church.

### Parks –

**Willamette Manor tennis courts** – Nothing new to report.

**Delight Street/ Safe Routes to School update** – Sidewalks along the west side of Delight Street for use by students at Cummings Elementary have been a WKNA project and priority for four to five years. Carol reported on a "walk-about" at Cummings and along Delight conducted this summer that was attended by WKNA members, members of the Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian Committee, Cummings principal Magda Romero and others. Carol said the city and Salem-Keizer School District are working on a Safe Routes to School grant that seeks money for sidewalks at Kennedy and Cummings Elementary. The recently passed school bond measure also includes money for sidewalks and a multi-use path on the west side of Delight from the school up to Chemawa Road. In addition to sidewalks, the Safe Routes to School program can be a three- to four-year effort that involves the teachers and education of students on traffic and pedestrian safety.

**Cummings beautification, Rhonda** – She reported on the June 23 effort of 25 volunteers working from 9 a.m. To noon to weed and edge the planting beds at Cummings Elementary and spread new bark dust. Volunteers came from the neighborhood, WKNA, Keizer Chamber's Men in Action and included Cummings principal Magda Romero and her family.

**Keizer Revitalization Plan** – Kris reported that WKNA Board members have been involved in public input efforts. More outreach sessions are planned and the plan should be complete by the end of next year.

**Shots into West Keizer incidents, Rhonda** – Rhonda recapped WKNA's summer involvement since the June 2 shooting incident that resulted in a bullet piercing the home of Tom and Sheryl Bauer on Rafael Street in West Keizer. She distributed a 5-page handout that included a timeline of meetings attended this summer by WKNA Board members and West Keizer neighbors. These include meetings of the Marion and Polk County commissions. Also included: A copy of the resolution to be introduced at the Sept. 17 Keizer City Council meeting authorizing Mayor Clark to send a letter to appropriate members of the Legislature urging them to take action to end the dangerous and unacceptable situations arising from these shooting incidents. Information is posted on the WKNA website, [www.westkeizerna.org](http://www.westkeizerna.org), including details of the stipulated order for a preliminary injunction recently sought by the Bauers to prevent further shooting at the West Salem gravel pit owned by Lance Davis. The Bauers also are pursuing a civil suit against Davis. Neighbors are encouraged to call 911 if they hear shots you think are coming from this gravel pit property.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept. 26 – Keizer Chamber forum on recycling changes, 6 p.m., Keizer Community Center

Oct. 4 – WKNA Board meeting, 7 p.m., Doerfler residence

Oct. 8 – Keizer Fire District open house, 6-8 p.m.

Oct. 5-6 – Keizer Library book sale

Oct. 11 – Candidate Forum, 6 p.m., Keizer Community Center, **FOLLOWED BY**

WKNA General meeting @ **7:30 p.m.** **PLEASE NOTE MEETING TIME CHANGE.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.