

WKNA Board Meeting

April 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

At Keizer Civic Center

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA Secretary

Attending: Carol Doerfler, Carol Phipps, Rhonda Rich, Kathy Lincoln, Art Mauer, Gary Blake, Carolyn Homan, Dennis Phipps **Guest:** Lisa Cejka **Guest speaker:** Steve Wolf, member of Keizer's Traffic Safety, Bike Pedestrian Committee.

Call to Order: Carol D. called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Guest speaker, Steve Wolf – Carol introduced Mr. Wolf to discuss the TSBP's work to assess sidewalk connectivity in Keizer with an eye to ADA compliance. He shared maps of Keizer sidewalks, focusing on the West Keizer area, showing the sidewalk inventory by width. He said they are looking at connectivity within and between neighborhoods so they are reaching out to neighborhood associations for information. Sidewalks are a pedestrian issue in the city's Transportation System Plan. He said the city soon will be working on a new TSP so now's the time to work on what's needed in that plan. They are asking WKNA to bring them priorities for connectivity in West Keizer.

The committee is looking for grants for sidewalk improvement. The Safe Routes to School is one avenue but that is on hold until August. He said they also are looking at an effort in Independence to work with a student group for assistance. He said something similar could be done here through a partnership with CTEC students.

He invited WKNA to provide ideas and priority for West Keizer in the new transportation plan – sidewalks and or other issues. Carol D. said we would talk it over and take it to the general membership. She noted that Dearborn to River Road is in need of sidewalks, as is Cummings, but city officials have already pointed out that sidewalks along Cummings would be problematic because it's so narrow.

Mr. Wolf said there was no money for the TSP right now but officials are working on it. The current plan was done in 2009, updated in 2014. A TSP is to be redone every 10 years so Keizer is overdue. Carol D. said she would put this on the next agenda so members can talk about how we can help.

Approval of minutes from March 4 – One correction was noted – The date of the annual report to Council is April 19, not 29. Gary moved approval of the minutes as corrected and Art seconded. Motion carried.

2020-21 Budget – Rhonda said there was no change since March: expenditures of \$82 for sign holders, \$55 for the food donation barrel "wrap" and \$143.88 for the Go Daddy website fee, leaving a \$270 balance to spend until June 1.

Carol D. said city budget meetings (virtual) will be May 4 and 6. The budget proposals are due April 16. WKNA will ask for \$550 again. Carol P. said a couple of Dennis's signs need replacing, so that would be one budget item. Carol D. said she also had looked online for sturdier brochure boxes and found some but they don't come with stakes.

Council liaison – Carol D. said Ross Day and Elizabeth Smith have been assigned to WKNA this year and will trade off covering meetings. Elizabeth announced at Council on Monday that she would be at tonight's General meeting.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

Signs – Art said he has heavier frames available so no need for more yet.

Brochures – Rhonda asked if we need more because that could be a major budget item. Carol D. said she had asked Jeff Anderson about the possibility of getting more printed free and has not heard back. He

apparently has retired from his union position. Gary said he needs more brochures for restocking the holders at West Keizer parks. Carol D. said she can get some printed at Pronto in the short term if need be.

SJ, Keizer Times, KMUZ, Keizer Chamber – Carolyn said once again the SJ calendar was inaccessible. First would not recognize password and then wouldn't allow a reset. Rhonda asked if the SJ was really necessary any more. It was agreed to drop SJ as a calendar posting site. Carolyn said she would start listing the meeting info on Nextdoor instead. Carol said she puts the information there, but multiple listings won't hurt. Keizer Community Bulletin Board on Facebook is another place that might be an effective outlet.

Little Library – Carol D. said it has been really busy this spring.

REPORTS

Parks Board – Dennis said the city has picked up most of the big pieces of wood in the ice storm aftermath but there a lot of smaller limbs and debris to be chipped. He said work to finish the Wallace House exercise station area is under way and the pathways at Wallace House and Willamette Manor have been backfilled so there's less drop off. The sign for Willamette Manor on the 3rd Street side has completely snapped off and needs to be replaced. Carol D. said she would contact Robert Johnson.

Food Barrels – Dennis said donations have jumped with recent days of 279 lbs. 185 lbs. and 105 lbs. He also received another \$100 to pass along. The food bank served 53 cars on Thursday; the record is 64. Carol P. said the food bank workers have said Carol D.'s notices on Facebook are effective. She also posts them on Nextdoor.

Newsletter – Kathy Lincoln shared a version she had done and that Carolyn proofed. She said it's outdated and asked if we want to put out a newsletter for summer. Carolyn suggested putting something out end of August or so to summarize summer activities and give a heads up for the first meeting in September, with a list of speakers if we have them lined up in time. We could email a newsletter to the list we have and Carol D. suggested putting paper copies in our brochure boxes, as well as the Little Library. There are 7 Little Libraries in West Keizer and we could perhaps put copies in other LL's as well.

Cummings School – Carol P. said the pansies are planted along with some geraniums. She had to water recently because it's been so dry. One of the big concrete is dead and the other is thriving. She's looking for drought-tolerant suggestions for the one pot. Having no water access on the outside of the school is an issue. She said she always gets comments from passersby when she's there working – even from young people. They all are appreciative of having the planters kept up. The planter bed by the front door needs weeding. Carol D. said she would ask Magda if we should take this on.

Annual Report to Council – Carol D. said she'll present the report at the April 19 meeting, which starts at 7 p.m. She would like as many Board members there as possible for backup.

ROUND TABLE

Rhonda – She noted that the newsletter should have a link to the website and also we could have Bard post the newsletter there.

Art – He's keeping an eye on vehicles parked on the walking path along Delight from Dearborn to Chemawa. He did a late night reconnaissance and found a couple of cars that had been parked there for weeks plus a big truck and a couple of trailers. He called Ben Crosby at the City but didn't hear back. In a few days, however, the cars were gone. He thinks a security camera must have shown him taking down license numbers. He said another issue is garbage cans in the walkway, as well as "free" furniture set out for the taking. He will reach out to Ben again to see what he says about the situation. Parking can be prohibited, but all residents have to agree to it, according to Bill Lawyer at Public Works.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – April 12, 6 pm., City Council/Parks Board Parks tour. Meet at Chalmers Jones Park @ City Hall then continue to Willamette Manor, then on to Wallace House; April 14, 6 p.m. Planning Commission, City Hall; April 15, 6 p.m., Traffic Safety Bike/Pedestrian Committee, City Hall; April 19, 7 p.m., City Council (WKNA presents annual report), City Hall

Next WKNA Board and General meetings, 5:30 and 7 p.m. respectively, May 13, City Hall lobby, Covid allowing. Kathy suggested Shane Witham, new city Planning director, as a speaker to talk about many code changes that have been put in place. Eric Bandonis, Marion County parole and probation officer, also due for his quarterly report.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.