

**WKNA Board Meeting
April 2, 2015
Rhonda Rich's home**

Attending: Rhonda Rich, President

Carolyn Homan, Secretary

Art Mauer

Ron Freeman

Guest/New member: Sarah Head

Absent: Carol Doerfler, Vice President and Clint Holland

Rhonda called the meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Approval of minutes – Rhonda asked for approval of the minutes of the March 5 board meeting, per corrections she submitted. Carolyn said those changes had been made. Ron moved approval as corrected; Art seconded. Minutes were approved

Budget for 2014-15 – Total expenditures from the \$900 budget have been \$464.98 so far. Rhonda said she had put out brochure holder stands but that the one erected at Sunset Park is missing. The good news is that brochures are being taken from the various sites at the parks. Rhonda has emailed Bill Lawyer to get permission to attach brochure boxes to kiosks at Keizer Rapids and Wallace House and to the chain link fence at Sunset to help deter further thefts. She would like to get 4 more boxes to go with the 3 existing and put one at board members' houses as well as the parks. Cost is \$75 for 4 more with stands. The boxes alone are \$12 each and she would get 6 of them to attach to kiosks at KRP, Wallace House and Willamette Manor, plus the fences at Sunset and the Tate Ave. entrance to KRP. The free-standing boxes could go at Rhonda's house, Carol's, Carolyn's, Ron's, Sarah's and perhaps at Cummings School. The boxes would be used for Big Toy brochures as well.

Those expenditures, plus \$100 for a logo design would equal \$715 spent of the \$900 total. Carolyn moved approval of the expenditures; Ron seconded. Motion passed.

Getting the Word Out – Rhonda asked if more yard signs were needed. Art said 6 more would be good. One sign has gone missing and one sign was ripped from its frame. Carolyn said she will ask her husband, Tom, to make a new frame for that one. Cost for 6 more would be \$150.

Rhonda has taken the WKNA informational poster to Cummings School. The new office manager is deciding where to post the sign, which also has Big Toy brochures. The hope is to have the free-standing stand for brochures outside Cummings as well.

Board Member vacancy – Sarah Head has agreed to serve on the Board. According to the WKNA bylaws, a Board vacancy can be filled outside general membership election via majority vote of the Board. Ron moved and Art seconded approval of Sarah to Board membership. Motion carried. Welcome, Sarah!

Little Libraries – vote and funding – The board watched the 2-minute informational video at LittleFreeLibrary.org on Ron's tablet. Rhonda said Carol is willing to shepherd this effort for the neighborhood and said she would talk to a neighbor who may be willing to build a structure that could serve as a library "box." It costs \$35 to certify a library through the Little Libraries organization. Plans are available there, but they are expensive. Rhonda suggested Keizer's city library might be willing to go in on one as a way to promote reading. WKNA could probably mount a brochures stand with the library box.

Rhonda recommended pursuing this project at an estimated cost of \$35 for the certification and \$100 or so for materials to build one. Given the \$185 remaining budget balance, that would leave just \$50, so Rhonda suggested holding off on ordering more yard signs for now and perhaps just get 2 more yet this budget year. Four more could be ordered once the 2015-16 budget is in place.

A Little Library could be placed in front of Carol's house at Shoreline and Moneida, which is a busy intersection and near a school crossing. Rhonda said she felt confident the expenditure of \$135 could be justified as a neighborhood project. The Board approved \$135 toward start-up costs for the Little Library project.

Adopt-A-Street – The March clean-up had about 9 participants. Rhonda said the next cleanups are set for June 13 and Sept. 12. She noted that the city's Volunteer Coordinating Committee had OK'd Gary Blake, WKNA's Adopt-A-Street coordinator, as volunteer of the quarter. The award will be presented at Council April 20. Board members were urged to attend if at all possible.

West Keizer Parks Update – Ron discussed accessibility for the Big Toy pathways. He said planners will use compacted gravel until the build is completed and then will pave them. They want to see the walking patterns first. He wasn't sure what would happen with the Tate Ave. pathway, although pushing a path through to Chemawa will happen eventually.

The Big Toy project coordinators met on Tuesday. He and Kim, as volunteer coordinators, reported 103 volunteers have signed up so far – 58 through the website and 40-plus through paperwork. He said about 150 to 175 people are interested in group volunteer shifts – churches, Comcast Habitat for Humanity, etc. Overall coordinator Mark Callier had called other builds around the country to get background

on their experiences and said that McMinnville reported 500 people showed up the first day of that build who had not signed up prior.

Leathers, the project consulting company, has said that 200 or so “extra” volunteers could easily be accommodated, but the goal is to get people signed up so that they can be assigned appropriately to work shifts. Knowing ahead of time how many volunteers will be involved is also necessary in order to get t-shirts for everyone helping out, Ron said.

He said the website has been simplified so signup on line is easy. They plan a call-a-thon 5 to 6 weeks before the build to start making assignments and filling shifts. The project needs 90 skilled and 90 unskilled workers per shift for 3 shifts each of the 5 days of the build. The standard shift is 4 hours, but people can volunteer for just 1 or 2 hours if they want. Everyone is working really hard to complete planning, he said. The build is just 70 days away.

As part of the parks update, Rhonda noted a Salem-Keizer Area Transportation System Regional Transportation Plan report she received that shows a KRP “connector” bicycle pedestrian path to be built, within 25 years, from 15th St. to the southeast entrance to KRP. Cost estimate is \$244,389. She is not sure what this means and asked Nate Brown at the City about it. He said he would check to see if this lines up with Keizer’s transportation plan. She hopes to have an update by the next meeting.

General meeting update – The agenda for the April meeting has changed. Kathy Lincoln contacted Rhonda about the possibility of candidates for the May 19 special district elections making presentations, since the WKNA May meeting will be too close to election day. Ballots will already be out. Rhonda has emailed, or contacted via letter, the candidates for Salem Keizer School Board, Salem Keizer Transit District and Keizer Fire District to come and speak to WKNA in April. Chuck Lee and Timothy Moles are running for school board; Richard Stevenson and Colleen Busch for transit Subdistrict 2; Kathy Lincoln for transit Subdistrict 3; James Mulhern and Chet Patterson for KFD position 3; Michael Bauer position 4 and Jim Taylor and Betty Hart for KFD position 5. Iris Festival chairman Joe Egli also will present an update on plans for the 2015 event.

Carol contacted Mary Jo Emmett, with John Knox Community Garden, and Carolyn contacted Jenny Meisel, with Marion Soil and Water Conservation District, and both agreed to move their presentations to the May meeting.

Rhonda will contact Fire Chief Cowan to make a presentation to WKNA in September on the fire district’s November levy request. Kim Freeman is checking on speakers for an identity theft presentation in the fall as well.

A question was raised about possible plans for a strip club at the current site of Vic’s on Front Street, but the location is in Salem city limits, so there is nothing Keizer can do about it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.