

WKNA Board Meeting

Nov. 6, 2014

Rhonda Rich's home

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Homan, secretary

Attending: Rhonda Rich, President

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Art Mauer

Clint Holland (at 7:15, after Parks Board meeting)

Ron Freeman

Absent: Carol Doerfler, Vice President

Gary Blake

Rhonda called the meeting called to order at 6:55 p.m.

Approval of minutes -- Board reviewed minutes from the Oct. 5 board meeting. Art (?) moved approval and Ron (?) seconded. (I think that's right, but I forgot to note who said what! I'm losin' it!!) Minutes were approved.

Budget for 2014-15 -- Rhonda reported total expenditures so far from the current \$900 budget to be \$83.49 for printer ink and printing.

Getting the word out --

Keizertimes, K23, Chamber website, KYKN, SJ -- Rhonda said Keizertimes prints a WKNA general meeting notice pretty much automatically. Carol has been doing KYKN, the Chamber website and K23. Carolyn will put an item on the Statesman Journal calendar. Rhonda said she would ask Davis to update the website one more time. Barbara Henke has been out of town and plans some changes to the website look.

Cummings School Poster -- Rhonda has the WKNA poster for Cummings School but hasn't yet made contact.

Brochures -- The \$250 for printing and \$75 for display stands have been approved but Rhonda has not yet obtained the brochures or stands. She said she called the Chamber about piggy backing on their booklet distribution. Christine Dieker was out but a staffer said the directory had not yet been distributed to West Keizer. Rhonda left Christine a voice mail about distributing the brochure with the directory and said we could help pay the kids who are hired for the delivery. We would have to print more brochures because there are 3,200 W. Keizer households. Price estimates obtained were \$250 for 2,000 up to \$440 for 5,000. She said we could hold off purchasing brochure stands if this option comes through.

Adopt-A-Street -- Rhonda said four people showed up for the Oct. 11 street clean-up. The crew worked Chemawa from Windsor Island west to Keizer Rapids Park. Rhonda said she would ask Gary if he wants to continue to be the organizer/contact for this. She said that with her email about the WKNA meeting, she will add a request that everyone be alert for trash along Chemawa and elsewhere and pick it up as found, to keep down the need for major clean-up events.

Cummings Elementary School -- sidewalks on Delight -- Rhonda said she's looking at spring as a good time to help Cummings start a Safe Routes to School effort and she and Carol continue to hope that Hersh Sangster will take a lead role in facilitating this with Cummings parents. WKNA can then get into the issue of sidewalks. Bill Lawyer is presenting at the November WKNA general meeting and this may kick off discussion of what a project along Delight might look like.

Keizer Rapids Park Playstructure report -- Ron -- Rhonda noted that the playstructure has a site, thanks to the KRP Master Planning process. At the Nov. 3 city council meeting, it was decided to move it into the middle of the western edge of the grassy area between the two filbert orchard blocks because it won't require removal of any trees in that spot. Ron said that the Tuesday playstructure committee meeting was cancelled because of the election. The next meeting will be in December. The only news is that the Big Toy website goes live Nov. 7. He said the planning committee will talk about the "castle" design idea put forward by Rick Day at its next meeting.

KRP Master Planning – Carol and Rhonda testified at the Oct. 14 Parks Board meeting about the proposed designs and the preference indicated at the WKNA general meeting. The Parks Board took the three plans from the design charrette and came up with a design proposal to send to city council. Several West Keizer residents testified at the Nov. 3 council meeting on the plan, including two residents of Tate Avenue not involved until now. Dave Hilgemann and Jim Hanson were concerned about potential lighting at the park. Other concerns involved traffic on 15th and keeping a buffer all along the park's edge to blunt noises from the park. The council eventually reduced the buffer size from a suggested 75 feet to 25 feet. Council will vote on the Master Plan at its Dec. 1 meeting.

Rhonda contacted City Attorney Shannon Johnson about whether it would be appropriate to send further comments to council members in the interim. He said an email would be OK because it is not a quasi-judicial vote. She asked for advice on what to say to council. It was agreed that WKNA would email council that we appreciate having some buffer on the park's east edge but would like to see the path maintained (below Tate?) and any pathways created in the upper section kept 50 to 75 feet away from the east boundary. WKNA also wants to get the path from Tate Avenue asphalted so that it is wheelchair accessible.

Rhonda reviewed the various amendments to the KRP Master Plan that are being considered:

1. Lighting – which has to be “dark sky.” (This would not include any lighting for sports fields.)
2. Trimming brush along the river to improve the view of the water.
3. Move the fence at the southwest corner of the orchard over next to Walsh Way.
4. Put the Big Toy in the grassy area between the two orchard blocks
5. Create overflow parking for the amphitheater north of the boat ramp parking.
6. Create ADA parking in the “big tree” area (the original site proposed for the Big Toy)
7. Add bike parking and charging stations
8. Create Adult size softball fields (4) in the upper east sections of the orchard area.
9. Create a horseshoe pit.

Topics for meetings: For November, Rhonda said that Lt. Copeland has been asked to update the group on the clean-up of homeless camps at Wallace House. She said she wanted to ask if police could do a night-time sweep of West Keizer area parks at least once a month to help control things such as overnight camping and erection of homeless camps. Also at the November meeting, Bill Lawyer will present on Public Works projects, including a review of the Keizer Rapids Park Master Plan.

There will be no WKNA meetings in December and no WKNA Board meeting in January. Board elections will be held in January. WKNA needs to recruit new Board members. Rhonda said it might attract some interest if we are able to distribute our brochure along with the Chamber directory.

Rhonda said she would invite Police Chief John Teague to be the January speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.