

West Keizer Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

Oct. 11, 2018

Keizer Civic Center

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA secretary

Call to order – Vice President Kris Adams called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed about 10 attendees to the abbreviated meeting, which followed the Keizer Chamber's candidate forum. Introductions were made around the room.

Approval of Minutes for Sept. 13, 2018 – Kris called for a motion to approve the minutes from the Sept. 13 meeting, as submitted and posted on WKNA's website. Tom Homan moved to approve and Rhonda Rich seconded. Motion carried.

Budget for 2018-19 – Rhonda Rich reported that \$50 has been spent on printing from the city-approved \$500 budget.

Guest Speakers: Kris introduced Cloe Wells, who is with IS (Integrated Supports) Living, a therapeutic community living program that resulted from the merger of Spruce Villa, Inc., and Oregon Housing and Associated Services, Inc. IS is a non-profit with 10 homes throughout the Salem area providing person-centered services for seniors and people with disabilities. Cloe shared information on a new home in Keizer that has opened to support those recovering from traumatic and acquired brain injuries, specifically to help people who are leaving hospital care learn the skills they need to live again on their own.

Most often, family members don't know how to take care of or support these individuals. IS helps their clients learn what life is like with a disability. They need help learning what their deficits might be post-injury and how to move forward. IS helps them develop a variety of skills they'll need, such as going to appointments and being out in the community in addition to a multitude of activities as "simple" as flipping a pancake. The IS program also helps people find volunteer activities so they can re-learn the skills they'll need to be employed in the future.

In answer to questions, she said that IS follows an occupational therapy model. She said it's important for staff to learn when to intervene and when not. Their focus is normalcy, helping people adapt and make things work again. The transitional program is funded through the state. Clients are referred by Oregon Health Sciences and Salem Hospital. IS works with Salem Hospital to arrange physical therapy for clients.

Reports

Parks –

Delight Street/ Safe Routes to School update – Kris shared an update on sidewalks along the west side of Delight Street for use by students at Cummings Elementary, which has been a WKNA project and priority for four to five years. She said sidewalks are an element of the current push toward a Safe Routes to School program that is being pursued by new Cummings Elementary Principal Magda Romero and her leadership. Also involved is Pat Fisher, who is on Keizer's Traffic Safety/Bikeways/Pedestrian committee. Safe Routes is a three- to four-year program that involves education of students and parents, as well as physical improvements such as crosswalks and sidewalks to improve pedestrian safety. City Council has authorized Public Works Director Bill Lawyer to pursue a grant through the Safe Routes program for sidewalks. Funding also is included under the recently approved school bond measure. Magda and Pat will be pursuing Safe Routes going forward.

Shots into West Keizer incidents, Rhonda – Rhonda updated the group on the most recent developments. She and Carol Doerfler attended the Sept. 13 City Council meeting to urge Council to authorize City Attorney Shannon Johnson to pursue adding the city as an intervener in proceedings toward a permanent injunction against shooting at the West Salem gravel pit where gunshots have originated, terrorizing West Keizer residents on several occasions. Council approved that move.

The preliminary injunction was sought by Tom and Sheryl Bauer against Lance Davis, owner of the gravel pit. The Bauers also have brought a civil suit over the June 2 incident that resulted in a bullet piercing their home. (The City is not intervening in the civil suit.) On Sept. 21, Rhonda and Carol attended a hearing at Marion County Courthouse on the preliminary injunction. West Keizer residents Clint Holland, Bill George and Jerry Clancy were there to testify about bullets being fired into West Keizer on various occasions. Lance Davis was there with three attorneys to seek a continuance before any ruling on making the injunction permanent. A new judge was assigned after Davis's attorneys objected to the first judge. A decision was made to extend a restraining order on no shooting until the next meeting Nov. 15. Yet to be decided are the jurisdiction and venue. Davis's attorneys want the case shifted to Polk County. A decision also is needed on whether Keizer can intervene. Information is posted on the WKNA website, www.westkeizerna.org, including details of the stipulated order for a preliminary injunction.

Mayor Clark also is writing a letter to the Legislature regarding the possibility of passing a legal solution to situations like this.

Parks --

Rhonda shared two handouts from the Sept. 17 City Council meeting regarding Parks improvements. The first covered the approval of \$104,140 to be spent on asphalt pathway upgrades and resurfacing at various Keizer parks, with work to be completed by May 31, 2019. Specific parks include Wallace House, where \$18,750 is to be spent on resurfacing 1,200 feet of pathway, and Willamette Manor, where \$26,180 is to be spent widening existing path 2 feet and resurfacing 665 feet and adding new access (8 feet by 20 feet) from the existing path to the tennis court.

The second handout covered \$37,375 for sports courts removal and replacement by Salem Concrete Paving. This applies to sports courts at Claggett Creek and Northview Terrace parks.

WKNA remains concerned that failed repairs to the tennis courts at Willamette Manor are not being addressed. The Board has discussed going to Parks Board and perhaps City Council to push for further repairs to make the courts usable.

Rhonda also noted that there is no longer a caretaker at Keizer Rapids Park. City employee Shane Witham has moved from the house at KRP and though the city has rented to another employee, there is no longer a caretaker role for that person. Rhonda said she may attend the Monday City Council meeting to push for reinstatement of the caretaker position.

New Business –

Upcoming Meetings:

Nov. 1 – Next WKNA Board meeting, 7 p.m., Carol Doerfler's home

Nov. 8 – Next WKNA General meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall. Speakers are Eric Bandonis, Marion County Parole/Probation officer; Tammy Wild, local author of [Images of America-Keizer](#); and Bob Devore, with information on the Bottle Drop program.

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.