

WKNA Board Meeting
May 2, 2019
At Keizer Community Center
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA Secretary

Attending: Carol Doerfler, Carol Phipps, Rhonda Rich, Art Mauer, Gary Blake, Carolyn Homan
Absent: Kathy Lincoln

Call to Order: Carol Doerfler called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m., following her presentation of the WKNA's 2019-20 budget proposal to the Keizer Budget Committee.

Approval of minutes – Carol D. called for a motion to approve the Board minutes from March 7. Carol P. so moved and Rhonda seconded. Motion carried.

2018-19 Budget – Rhonda said she spent \$18.50 on 500 door hanger baggies, \$110 for sign stands for a total of \$430.55 spent out of the \$500 budget. With \$70 left to spend, because of the amount of printing done in the past year, it was agreed to give another \$50 to Rhonda for the extra printing she's done around the Bauer shooting incident. She said she will submit the \$480 in expenditures to the city for reimbursement.

2019-20 Budget proposal – Carol D. presented WKNA's \$550 request for 2019-20 to the city Budget Committee earlier this evening. The extra \$50 was requested because of rising costs.

Getting the Word Out

Brochures, signs – Carol P. presented for Dennis, who plans to go back to Pronto Signs for more brochures to avoid the the set-up fee that a new printer would charge. He will go back end of June so that payment can be made from the new budget funds, available as of July 1.

Art said he got the signs mounted on the new frames. Carol D. requested a new frame.

Facebook, Nextdoor, Little Library, Carol D. – FB and Nextdoor are being updated. There's a problem with yellow jackets invading the Little Library. She will check with a neighbor who is pest control specialist.

SJ, Chamber, Keizertimes, KMUZ – Carolyn said the meeting notices are posted.

Keizer Monthly – Rhonda said she will make sure this Chamber publication gets WKNA meeting notices to include on its Community Calendar.

Discussion Topics

Iris Fest notices, Rhonda – She said the Chamber has printed the information sheets for Board distribution to WKNA residents along Manbrin and Shoreline – the route for the Festival runs. Rhonda shared with Board those packets.

Willamette Manor flyers, Carol P. – These are printed and she handed out the packets for Board distribution to neighbors in the area around Willamette Manor Park, informing them of the upcoming meeting where Robert Johnson will be discussing plans for reconstruction of the tennis courts this summer.

Wallace House Cleanup, Carol D. for Kathy – Carol D. said she had emailed Matt Lawyer for an update. She asked that he talk to Robert Johnson at Parks to see if this work can still be done or if it should be put off to fall. She also told Matt about the issue of no city follow-up that arose after neighbors worked to clean up Palma Ciega a few years ago. The city would not commit to ongoing spraying or maintenance to keep brush, vines and trees under control, severely limiting the clean-up effectiveness. She will follow up with Matt to see where this project stands. If he doesn't respond, this will be dropped.

Caretaker at Keizer Rapids, Rhonda – Richard Walsh presented this issue at the last WKNA general meeting and he, along with several WKNA Board members, attended City Council the following Monday to support the idea of reinstating a caretaker at the park to help prevent vandalism, among other issues. Rhonda said she has documents from 2006 when Shane Witham moved into the house at KRP and security was a top issue at that time. Apparently the City wants to rent out the house. Also, the work load has increased beyond what was originally envisioned for the park host. Rhonda said she would like to write a letter of support of a host to provide a 24-hour security presence. She will check with Richard on the status of this issue. It was agreed WKNA should pursue this.

Senate Bill/Bauer Case update, Rhonda – She shared copies of articles on Senate Bill 1040 that appeared in the Statesman Journal and Keizertimes after WKNA's April general meeting. Neighbor Jere Clancy emailed Sen. Kim Thatcher that he is not happy with the bill because lawmakers took out all liability for the state and city and left it solely on the gravel pit owner.

The bill had its first House reading May 1 and now goes to the Speaker's desk. Rhonda has emailed Thatcher's office that WKNA wants to be notified of the next opportunity to testify. We also need to find out what committee it's assigned to. One possible contact for information is former Keizer councilor Bruce Anderson.

BLI/HNA, Carol D. – She said the April meeting of the Buildable Lands/Housing Needs group was canceled and the next session is set for May 29. There also may be an open house that evening as the city gathers input and discusses whether to pursue Urban Growth Boundary expansion or not.

Upcoming meetings, events:

WKNA General, 7 p.m. May 9, City Hall – Speakers include Salem-Keizer School District Zone 6 Board candidates Chuck Lee and Danielle Bethell; Dana Schell re: the Center for Hope and Safety; and Robert Johnson, Parks division manager, on planned improvements at Willamette Manor Park. Carol P. said the order of speakers is important. It was agreed to have the school board candidates first, with 5 to 7 minutes each, and then Dana, finishing up with Robert Johnson. Reports can be slated after the speakers, including an update on the Bauer shooting/Senate Bill.

John Knox Community Barbecue, Carol D. – She said this neighborhood event is always the second weekend in August. It's a fun event and nice chance to visit with neighbors.

Meeting topics for fall, Carol P. –

Program possibilities include: Crista, with Marion County, talking about emergency preparedness in September; Mental Health a possible topic for October; Cari Emery with Peer Court, possibly for January; Jason Ramos, Social Services director at Salvation Army, possibly paired with a speaker from Simonka Place here in Keizer; a speaker from Keizer Police Department to talk about their Special Olympics event in July (if this is an annual event. It is happening this July.); a "gamer" representative – Carol D will research. They have junior high contests.

Carol D. and Carol P. will meet in early June (all are welcome to attend, too) to lay out a program calendar for the coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.