

## WKNA Board Meeting

Oct. 5, 2014

Rhonda Rich's home

Minutes submitted by Carolyn Homan, secretary

**Attending:** Rhonda Rich, President

Carol Doerfler, Vice President

Carolyn Homan, Secretary

Art Mauer

Clint Holland

Ron Freeman

**Absent:** Gary Blake

Rhonda called the meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

**Playstructure Report** -- The group opened with discussion of the Community Build Playstructure Task Force meeting coming up Tuesday. Questions were raised about the possible design change suggested by Rick Day. Ron said the committee is looking at it but he has reservations. The castle design Day has suggested (and as was described in the Oct. 3 Keizertimes) defeats the open, 360 degree view of the typical design used in these large play structures. That allows parents to keep track of their kids more easily while playing.

**Approval of minutes** -- Board reviewed minutes from the Sept. 4 board meeting. Clint moved approval and Art seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Budget for 2014-15** -- Rhonda said expenditures for the current \$900 budget to date total \$69.99 for printer ink. She has not yet obtained brochures or display stands for them.

**Getting the word out** --

**Keizertimes, K23, Chamber website, KYKN, SJ** -- Rhonda said she got an email out to WKNA membership today about the upcoming general meeting. Davis updated the website this time, although Barbara Henke is going to handle future updates and will be posting meeting minutes to the site in the future. Carol is updating the WKNA Facebook page. Carolyn put an item on the Statesman Journal calendar about the meeting.

**Brochures and Cummings School Poster** -- Rhonda has the WKNA poster for Cummings School. She said she would contact GISI about brochure printing to see if they could give WKNA a better deal than Staples. For brochure distribution, she mentioned checking with the Chamber about piggy backing on their booklet distribution. Ron said he thinks it has been done but will check.

**Audubon Field trip** -- Carolyn reported that about 5 people showed up for the Sept. 24 field trip at KRP. It was a bit rainy but the group saw a good variety of birds. Salem Audubon will keep doing the outings; interest in KRP as a birding site is growing. Another Keizer outing is planned Oct. 15, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the KRP boat ramp. The group then will travel to Willow Lake treatment plant and Spong's Landing.

**Adopt-A-Street** -- The next clean-up is set for 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 11 from Shoreline to KRP, due to paving planned for Chemawa east of Shoreline. Rhonda has not heard from Gary but she will make sure it gets done and email the city regarding having adequate safety vests and signs.

**Cummings Elementary School -- sidewalks on Delight** -- Carol has emailed the principal about the need to meet and talk about Safe Routes to School at some point in the future. WKNA is hoping Hersh Sangster will take a lead role in this.

Rhonda said she talked with Bill Lawyer at the KRP design charette about sidewalks on Delight. He said the matter is under consideration but exact parameters of the project are unknown. He said it's possible the city might do something similar to the recent Sunset Ave. project, repaving the street and adding wider travel lanes on the sides for pedestrians. Rhonda is still concerned about the need for sidewalks and will continue working on it.

On a related paving project matter, Clint mentioned the great job done by the city and contractor on Shoreline improvements. Rhonda will write a letter to the city to thank them for the cooperation with residents and the job that was done.

**Parks report** – Ron said he and Kim talked with Keizer Police Lt. Copeland at another meeting and he said the city is getting a bid from a Haz-Mat firm to handle the clean-up of homeless camps at Wallace House Park. Rhonda said she would contact Copeland to see if he's coming to the WKNA meeting and can update the group on this project.

Ron also noted a recent boat fire at the boat launch at KRP that destroyed the boat and singed the dock.

**Keizer Rapids Park Master Planning** – Rhonda reported on the design charette held Sept. 27. She shared a list of amenities that participants were to place. Three WKNA people attended: Rhonda, Ron as a member of the playstructure task force and Clint as a member of the Parks Advisory Board. Cathy Clark, Kim Freeman and Marlene Quinn were the only city councilors there. Mayor Lori Christopher attended for about 15 minutes. John Morgan coordinated the charette and did a good job, Rhonda said. It was a low-key environment and after about 45 minutes of discussion, the group broke into three sections, with each coming up with a design.

Rhonda said she mentioned the need for a connection to the river but said it seems the boat ramp is seen as that connection already. She also talked about keeping the open area below the orchard closest to the river.

A site for the playstructure was addressed by all the groups. The original site by the large fir tree above the boat ramp was deemed too small because there is no room there for expansion. Rhonda shared the three designs that the charette groups came up with. These will be presented for discussion at the WKNA general meeting on Thursday. Carol will lead that meeting in Rhonda's absence, getting neighborhood input to present Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Parks board meeting. That meeting will choose a final design to recommend to city council for consideration Nov. 3.

There were some questions about placement of certain elements, such as parking and bathrooms. Ron said amenities need to be included as part of the plan so SDC money can be used for them; the actual siting can be decided later.

Ron said the city had \$197,400 in grants and city funding as of July 28 for the playstructure. He said funding would be a big topic at Tuesday's task force meeting.

Rhonda said it seemed a little overwhelming to plan the whole 28 acres at once. The only representatives from athletic groups at the charette were sand volleyball and soccer. Clint noted that removal of the hazelnut trees will be expensive. Jerry Nutbrock has offered to remove trees from the orchard area only for the playstructure, if necessary. He prefers the original site by the big fir tree, however.

The Board agreed that three elements to emphasize at the general meeting are keeping the open play area, retaining a buffer strip to the Tate Ave. neighborhood, and the siting of the playstructure.

Ron asked if the meeting would host a candidate forum. Rhonda said four candidates have responded – Cathy Clark, Matt Chappell, Roland Herrera and Brandon Smith. Smith said he would try to attend. Rhonda said they have been told to provide personal background and then spend a few minutes outlining their positions.

**Topics for meetings:** For November, it was suggested that WKNA invite a Chamber representative – Christine Dieker or the president, Audrey Butler – to discuss holiday plans. Another possibility is a Rotary representative to talk about what the club does for the community. Ron also suggested inviting a representative from REI to a future meeting to talk about fall and winter recreation opportunities.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.