

## West Keizer Neighborhood Association General Meeting Minutes

Nov. 8, 2018

Keizer Civic Center

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA secretary

**Call to order** – President Carol Doerfler called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed about 17 attendees. Introductions were made around the room.

**Approval of Minutes for Oct. 11, 2018** – Kris Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting, as submitted and posted on WKNA's website. Gary Blake seconded. Motion carried.

**Guest Speakers:** Carol introduced **Eric Bandonis**, Marion County Parole and Probation officer, for his quarterly report. Case loads overall were down 8 percent from last year as officers continue to work with clients to refer them to treatment and resources to prevent recidivism. He asked anyone with questions to email him: [ebandonis@co.marion.or.us](mailto:ebandonis@co.marion.or.us)

Carol introduced **Tammy Wild**, a local author of [Images of America-Keizer](#), a book about the history of Keizer. She also volunteers at the Keizer Heritage Center museum. She detailed some of the history of the Thomas Dove and Mary Keizer family, who settled here in 1843. West Keizer is on their donation land claim. Some other highlights of her talk: the Willamette River as a main transportation artery with Doaks Ferry established in 1845, Spong's Ferry in 1851, etc. River traffic died back after the railroads gained prominence in 1908. Some of the history of the Cummings family and Cummings Lane. Keizer's oldest building is at 4765 River Road, built in 1914 on the Evans Farm. It is now Mommy and Maddi's restaurant. Keizer school was built in 1916 and served until 1986 at the corner of Chemawa and River roads. She invited anyone with photos of Keizer's history to contact her at [KeizerHistory@aol.com](mailto:KeizerHistory@aol.com)

Carol introduced Bob DeVore who shared information about Oregon's bottle drop program and encouraged neighbors to check out the Bottle Drop Plus program, which pays an extra 2-cent bonus as in-store credit at some retailers. However, some restrictions apply and an account must be created. For details and a "how-to" video, go to [www.bottledropcenters.com/Rewards](http://www.bottledropcenters.com/Rewards) Other information on the site includes locations of Bottle Drop centers around the area and other details.

### Reports

**Council Liaison, Kim Freeman** – She listed upcoming community calendar events: Christmas tree light installation, Nov. 18; Turkey Dash, Nov. 22; Keizer Community Christmas tree lighting, Dec. 4; Jingle Dash run and walk, Keizer Holiday Lights parade, Dec. 8 (River Road closed @ 6 p.m., parade begins at 7 p.m.); Miracle of Christmas light display, Gubser neighborhood, Dec. 4-26. Gubser Neighborhood Association is having a Christmas light swap at its Nov. 15 meeting, along with a pot luck, hoping to connect people with those who will put up lights as part of the neighborhood display.

There's no Council work session in November. December's work session will include the new councilors to help set goals.

**Tennis court at Willamette Manor Park, Carol** – She has had an email exchange with Robert Johnson about the 3-5 year plan for city park projects, which is being finalized. He said replacement of the courts is "high on the priority list." Carol said she will continue pushing for a top priority because WKNA has pursued repairs at least 3 to 4 years, long before the parks fee went into effect.

**Asphalt upgrades @ Willamette Manor and Wallace House parks, Dennis Phipps** – New asphalt paths have been installed in these parks but the work is not up to standard and the city has not accepted it. The asphalt got too cold and is uneven. Also, the paths are several inches high, leaving a drop-off that is dangerous for those biking or in wheel chairs. Carol said she is going to the next Parks Board meeting and will email about the issues.

**Boundary meetings for Schools, Carol** – A meeting was held Oct. 20 but the Nov. 20 meeting has been canceled. Feeder schools can be affected by suggested changes, including some school enlargements, so parents should be aware and take advantage of chances for feedback.

**Update on errant gunshots, Rhonda Rich** – Nov. 15 is the hearing regarding the Bauer's lawsuit arising from the gunshot that entered the Bauer home earlier this year, shattering the back splash. The venue and jurisdiction will be decided, as well as whether the City of Keizer can be an intervener in the case. Rhonda and Carol will attend the hearing and will let people know if more neighbors should attend to bring pressure to bear for a permanent end to shooting from the gravel pit property across the river in West Salem.

**Community Partner of the Month recognition from Salem-Keizer School District** – Board members are asked to attend the Dec. 11 SKSD Board meeting to accept this recognition. WKNA was nominated by Cummings Elementary principal Magda Romero.

**Budget for 2018-19, Rhonda** – \$50 has been spent on printing and \$60 on stickers the WKNA brochure boxes to display the WKNA website for a total of \$110 from the approved \$500 budget.

### **Upcoming meetings**

NO WKNA meetings in December.

Next WKNA Board meeting: Jan. 3, 7 p.m., Carol Doerfler's home

Next WKNA General meeting: Jan. 10, 7 p.m., Keizer Civic Center. Election of officers will be held.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**