

WKNA Board Meeting
Oct. 8, 2015
Keizer Civic Center

Attending: Rhonda Rich, President; Carol Doerfler, Vice President; Carolyn Homan, Secretary; Art Mauer; Ron Freeman; Sarah Head. Guest: Gary Blake

Absent: Clint Holland

Call to order – Rhonda called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at Keizer Civic Center, in advance of the WKNA general meeting. Ron moved and Sarah seconded approval of minutes of the September 10 meeting.

Budget for 2015-16 – Of the \$500 budget, Rhonda said \$100 had been spent for development of the new WKNA logo, which is now on the website.

Getting the word out – Rhonda asked Art to get a count of meeting signs in order to assess whether there's a need to get more and at what locations the signs are being posted. Carolyn said she has two signs.

Rhonda will proceed with placing brochure stands in various locations.

Rhonda has invited Barb Henke to the November board meeting, which Rhonda hopes to host at her house once again, to talk about development of the website and changes Barb would like to make.

KMUZ invitation – This local radio station is profiling various neighborhood associations in the area and has invited WKNA to participate. Rhonda is hoping to set this up for January. Carolyn has agreed to help with this.

Nextdoor West Keizer – West Keizer resident Lois Boase has set up a site. Rhonda and Carol will look into this. (Lois is Carol's neighbor.)

Big Toy update – Ron said discussion at the ongoing planning group's recent meeting focused on grants for upgrades, such as the pour-and-play surface (replacing the bark chips) and possible ADA-compliant restrooms. He said they will be getting help with their state grant reapplication from a recently retired state worker who graded the state parks grant applications. That grant deadline is April, with notification next summer. Ron said they probably will seek at least \$200,000.

Pat's Cig liquor license – Rhonda shared a letter from the city requesting any feedback from WKNA with regard to this application, which apparently is for another outlet for this business. Ron pointed out that Oregon Liquor Control Commission will make the decision; Keizer can only offer input. The board had no objections to the application.

West Keizer Parks – Rhonda said Clint had called to say he had a meeting conflict and could not attend the WKNA meeting. He is seeking volunteers to help remove leaves at Sunset Park so that they don't kill out the grass, as happened last year. Gary Blake agreed to help coordinate volunteers for this.

Next meetings – Rhonda said she's confirmed Diane Childs, with the Oregon Department of Business and Consumer Services, for the November meeting to talk about preventing identity theft. Rhonda also hopes to reconnect with Keizer Police Department to get a representative to present an update.

WKNA got an email request from Just Walk Salem to make a brief presentation. The question was whether to invite them or get a holiday update from the Chamber. Carol suggested getting a holiday event flyer from the Chamber to share and arranging the presentation from Just Walk. The board agreed.

Emergency preparedness will be the topic in January or February. Rhonda will ask Anne Marie Storms, the Keizer Fire Dept. Community education representative, to present, along with representatives from CERT and the county Department of Emergency Management. The topic may be broad enough to encompass the January and February meetings and the board agreed.

WKNA has solid topics for pretty much the entire year now, including Keizer Committee Chairs presenting on their goals; the Volunteer Coordinating Committee chair talking about the process of recruiting volunteers; and a Willamette Riverkeepers/Greenway/Water Trail program.

Other topics

1) Palma Ciega Park update: Guest Gary Blake, who lives on Cummings next to the park, said there have been no new developments since the city decided to hold off on getting an appraisal of the park land, with an eye to selling it. He is willing to coordinate the volunteer effort at Sunset Park to show the neighborhood's willingness to work with the city at Palma Ciega, too. He said neighbors had presented a list of 15 things they would like at the park and he believes the neighbors and WKNA had an impact on council to hold off on the appraisal. Now neighbors need to be ready to react when the city does come out with a plan for next steps. Gary will work with Clint on organizing volunteers for the Sunset Park leaf cleanup.

2) Little Library – Carol said it's ready to be placed at Rafael and Shoreline, in front of her house. She will work with Craig Murphy at Keizertimes to arrange for a photo of the board at the unveiling. It was agreed to set up a time during the week so that the school kids can see it on their way home from school. Carol will email everyone with information on the arrangements.

Next board meeting – Thursday, November 5, at 6 p.m. at Rhonda's house.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

