

## **West Keizer Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes**

**Feb. 1, 2018**

**Carol Doerfler's home**

**Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA secretary**

**Attending:** Carol Doerfler, Kris Adams, Art Mauer, Carolyn Homan

**Call to order** – President Carol Doerfler called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Approval of Jan. 4, 2017 Board meeting minutes** – Carol moved approval of the minutes as submitted and Kris seconded. Motion carried.

**Budget for 2017-18** – Expenses to date: \$45.99 for an ink cartridge.

**Budget for 2018-19** -- Carol said Rhonda will work on the 2018-19 budget proposal and discussion will be tabled until the March Board meeting.

### **Getting the Word Out –**

**1) Website** – Carol asked for discussion of the idea of adding the speakers to the agenda as it's posted on the web. The Board supported the suggestion. Also discussed: adding to the website information about projects WKNA is working on, such as sidewalks along Delight for student safety and improvements at the Willamette Manor tennis courts. The Board also supported adding that information to the website

**2) Facebook, Keizer Chamber, KT, KYKN, K23** -- Carol said she would retain the duty of updating Facebook and will be responsible for meeting and information postings on Nextdoor. She asked for others to assume the other postings. Carolyn said she would take Keizer Chamber and Keizertimes. Kris agreed to take KYKN and K-23.

**3) Signs** – Carol asked for meeting notice signs to be put at Keizer Rapids, Wallace House and Willamette Manor. Art said he and Dennis have enough signs to cover this. Carolyn will check with former Board member Sarah Head to see if she still has a WKNA sign and if she's putting it out. If not, we need to get it from her and post a sign somewhere on Rivercrest close to Sunset Park.

**Brochure holders** – Art volunteered to take over the duty of keeping these filled at KRP, Wallace House, Willamette Manor and Sunset parks. Carol said Rhonda will take care of getting more brochures printed.

**Little Library** – It continues to do well and Carol will continue coordinating it.

### **Discussion Topics --**

#### **1) Parks –**

**a) Smoking in parks** -- Next step for the Board appears to be sending out a notification email to the WKNA list alerting citizens to the opportunity to testify at the Parks Advisory Board's hearing on the issue of banning smoking in the parks. The meeting will be Feb. 13.

**b) Homeless camps** -- Carol asked about following up with Butch Dunn regarding the problems neighbors were having with homeless individuals camping in the lower area of Wallace House Park. Carol will email him for a status report.

**c) Willamette Manor tennis courts** -- Carol said Robert Johnson was clear at a Parks Advisory Board meeting that repairs are on the agenda and that replacement of the courts will happen at some point. WKNA needs to stay on top of the issue.

**2) UBG** – Carol emailed Nate for an update. He said the company that coordinated stakeholder meetings is still compiling notes from those sessions but that forums to gather more community input should happen in February. Carol will follow up.

**3) Delight Street Improvements** – Carol emailed Bill Lawyer and set up a meeting for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, to talk about the possibilities of new money available through Oregon Department of Transportation and Safe Routes to School. Bill said rules governing access to funding haven't been developed but Carol would like to learn more about the funding legislation. Art said he could attend and Carol will let Gary know about the meeting in case he can attend, too.

**Adopt-a-Street** – Carol checked on this and found that it is a two-year agreement and participants can opt out. It appears WKNA never renewed its agreement after the first term. In light of ongoing inmate crew cleanups along Chemawa, as well as the city's apparent intention to contract a professional to handle maintenance of the rain gardens along Chemawa, Adopt-A-Street seems superfluous. The Board discussed possible community involvement replacements that might be assumed in place of Adopt-A-Street cleanups. The list of suggestions: 1) Food bank assistance 2) Cummings School 3) Help at Community Garden 4) Help at John Knox Community barbecue.

The two ideas most favored were helping out at the food bank and Cummings School beautification, since we annually spruce up the reader board planter anyway. Carol also said the concrete planters in front of Cummings are currently empty and in need of attention.

She will notify the city we are opting out of Adopt-A-Street and will check with the food bank about how we could best help out (sorting food, packing food boxes, etc.) She also will check with the school about the planters and whether it would be acceptable to replant them.

**Follow-up on Sunset gunshots** -- Dennis found the gravel pit in question late last year but was unable to get to the shooting range area to see if warning signs had been posted, as was noted earlier by Police Chief Teague. Carol will send Dennis an email re: any further follow-up and will email Shirley DeShon (neighbor to the park) to see if she has any news.

**Thank-yous to speakers, new general meeting attendees** -- Carol threw out the idea of a more formal thank you to speakers and also sending thanks to those who are new to WKNA. Carolyn said she would handle these emails.

**Topics for Upcoming General Meetings** – Kris said February speaker will be Kathy Lincoln, Transit District Board member, on the Cherriots expansion, and Parole Officer Max Casquero. The March meeting will feature Danielle Bethell, Chamber of Commerce executive. April speaker is Dylan Juran on a local internet project and in May, Allan Edinger will talk about his work with inmate populations. Carol suggested scheduling Ann Marie Storms, with Keizer Fire Department, with a repeat of her presentation on disaster preparedness.

**Goals for 2018-19** -- Carol asked that the Board set goals for 2018-19, since none were officially adopted this past year. Since three Board members were absent, discussion was held over to the March Board meeting .

**Upcoming meetings and activities** --

**Next Board meeting** -- March 1, 2018 at Carol's house

**Annual WKNA Report to City Council** – 7 p.m. March 5. All Board members encouraged to attend.

**New Board photo** – Needed for the web. Try for the general meeting or the next Board meeting.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:15 p.m.