

WKNA Board Meeting May 1, 2025

7 p.m. at Rhonda's

Attending: Rhonda, Kris, Art, Brenda, Carolyn

Absent: Robb, Carol

Call to Order: Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from April 3, 2025 – Art moved approval, Brenda seconded. Motion carried.

2024-25 Budget Report: No change from April. \$202.75 (250 copies August newsletter, \$124.80 (yard signs), \$105.98 (brochure boxes), \$141.44 (150 copies December newsletter), \$236.04 (website fee), \$51.99 (plaque for Copper Creek), \$20 Keizertimes “Home & Garden” section, Total spent: \$1,090.19. Remaining balance: \$109.81

Rhonda said a plaque for honoring Gary's Board service is ordered. That, plus a cake to honor volunteer service at the May General meeting and purchase of copy paper should round out the budget for the year. WKNA has 50 free copies remaining from City-allowed 500 pages per year of City-produced documents.

Getting the Word Out

Website – Email list sent to administrators. All minutes should have been posted.

Brochures and boxes – Carol & Dennis – KRP, Wallace House, Sunset, W. Manor. Rhonda may take newsletter copies around Tate Ave. to help get word out about pavilion discussion at upcoming General meeting.

Little Library and Keizer Community Library – Kris said supply of kids books has waned. She is working with Tammy Kunz from Greater Northeast Keizer NA, who got a grant from The Learning Hub to build 5 Little Libraries and fix up 5 existing ones. Tammy plans at least 2 LLs in her neighborhood and Kris is scouting sites in West Keizer. Board discussed adding one at Willamette Manor Park, which gets a lot of foot traffic as well as the Holiday Pool activity. Besides construction costs, Kris said the grant will cover the \$45 fee to make the libraries “official” LLs.

Keizer Community Library was turned down in its first application to the State Library for public status because the amount of public funding was not enough to meet their standards. The Keizer Library has since gotten a public grant, which will allow it to meet the funding standard and resubmit their application. She said the library's grant to Spirit Mountain Community Fund to support bilingual outreach has been renewed. The Library will hold a book sale the Friday and Saturday of Keizer Fest, May 16-17.

Facebook postings, Carolyn -- Need to post WKNA General and UGB town halls. Rhonda suggested adding the Keizer Fire's May 6 Wild Fire Preparedness presentation.

Cummings Connection -- Rhonda will check with Principal Kronser to see if they have any more surplus books to donate to the LL.

Newsletter topics – For next edition: Pilot Flag Program; Keizer Public Library Status; Master Plan for KRP, adding pavilion; KRP turf fields Phase 2 update; Pickleball Courts; Trashy Tuesday schedule; Soggy Day in the Park; National Night Out; Safety update from Chief Russell and Chief Copeland.

Reports

Food barrels – April totals: BiMart 187 lbs, Copper Creek 51 lbs, \$60 Dennis reported that the food bank served 221 families at the last distribution and had to shut down when food ran out.

Cummings School

Neighborhood Family Council – Kris said the Council plans a Fun Friday event in July combination with the Kennedy Council. The event will be held at St. Edward Church on River Road. Rhonda said WKNA would like to have a table at the event..

A Community Business Education Leader Collaborative Gathering focused on child and family safety was held May 1 at the REC, in cooperation with Valor Mentoring.

PTA – The April meeting report was given at the April General meeting of WKNA. Kris will attend May PTA May 6.

Parks – April report given at April WKNA General meeting. May Parks meeting cancelled (City Budget meetings) Rhonda said City website has info that a project to excavate and transport 6,000 cubic yards of infill from Tax Lot 4200 to Keizer Rapids Park is out for bid. Engineer's estimated cost is \$300,000. It's possible this is related to possible construction of a pavilion at the park. The City plans a May 21 meeting with all Neighborhood Associations to discuss the proposed pavilion. WKNA plans to do a questionnaire at the May 10 General meeting to gauge support for the project. Board discussed forming a committee to track the project and investigate what it means for West Keizer (more traffic, more congestion at the park, etc.). Kris moved WKNA form such a committee; Carolyn seconded. Motion carried. Rhonda will serve as President and Carolyn as Secretary of the committee. More members will be sought at the General meeting

Traffic Safety – Brenda reported that a resident in northwest Keizer, concerned about speeding in his area, was able to get speed signs with attached red flags posted as a reminder to drivers to slow down. She said WKNA has gotten the OK for the pilot pedestrian crossing flag project. The city is paying for the flags and other materials. So far \$186 has been spent on flags and \$66 for materials to build containers (under the City's \$300 estimate.) She has built buckets for the flags and will add finishing touches (QR code for feedback and the WKNA logo) so the pilot can begin. The first bucket will go out at the Chemawa Road crossing to KRP. A second crossing in West Keizer has yet to be chosen.

Keizer United -- Kris reported that Hersch reported at the April meeting on NW Keizer Neighborhood Association project with Junior ROTC to tackle graffiti in Keizer. As April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, Liberty House gave a presentation about their work. Soaring Heights Recovery Homes also reported.

WKNA Annual Report -- Rhonda presented the oral report at Council April 21. Robb, Carolyn and Kris also attended.

NA work session with Council April 28 – Rhonda, Carolyn and Kris attended. Criteria for annual reports were discussed. Written versions to be no more than 10 pages. Also asking that the oral presentations be limited to 5 minutes. Expenses were a major topic. The costs of advertisements in the Chamber guide and Keizer Times garden and Christmas sections are at issue – how much will the city cover? At this point NWKNA is negotiating a separate ad budget for all NAs.

WKNA General meetings, Speakers and Topics

May 8 – City Mgr. Adam Brown presentation on Keizer Rapids Park Master Plan Amendment for a pavilion; thank you to Gary Blake. Representatives from Keizer Community Library, Board member Mayra Rosales and Outreach Coordinator Maribel Monroy, on the library's Spanish outreach efforts.

WKNA will honor Gary Blake for his WKNA Board service and Rhonda has planned a wider recognition of local volunteers, inviting Jennifer Palanuk from Keizer United, BJ Toewe from the Library, Mary Jo Emmet from John Knox Community Garden and others.

Fall meeting suggestions: Jim Trett, Detroit Mayor, Shane Witham, City Planner; Jenny Ammon, Environmental Education; maybe Jet Industries representative (should we add a business rep occasionally to talk about home improvement, home safety, landscaping tips or other general issues?)

Important Dates

May 6 – KFD Wildfire class, 5-7 p.m.

May 10 – Learn to Fish, 9-11 a.m., KRP Boat ramp

May 10 – Town Hall/Urban Growth Boundary, 9-11 a.m.

May 12-13 – Budget Comm. Meetings, 6 p.m.

May 16-18– Keizerfest, KRP; library book sale, May 16-17 at City Hall

May 18 – Mother’s day Breakfast ad KFD

May 24 – Soggy Day in the Park, KRP

May 27 – Town Hall/Urban Growth Boundary, 6-8 p.m.

June 21 – Big Toy Cleanup, KRP

June, July Board meetings:

review bylaws

Update website

August newsletter

Next WKNA Board Meeting: Thursday, June 5

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.