

## **WKNA Board meeting**

Nov, 2, 2023 7 p.m., at Rhonda's house  
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

**Attending:** Rhonda Rich, Carol Doerfler, Robb Witters, Art Mauer, Carolyn Homan, Carol Phipps

**Absent:** Gary Blake; Kris Adams, Library liaison

**Call to Order** – Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Approval of Oct. 5 minutes** – Correction noted: date of Keizer United – Oct, 9 (hadn't been updated). Art moved approval as corrected; Carol D. seconded. Motion approved

**Budget report** – Rhonda reported expenditures of \$251.56: \$103 for 200 copies of newsletter for Keizerfest, Back to School night at Cummings, flyer boxes and fall meetings; \$61.99 for printer ink; \$29.56 for lanyards; \$37.83 for 7 copies of Neighborhood Traffic Management Program; \$19.48 for brochure box for city lobby and paper. Current budget: \$1,200, with \$1,100 total estimated expenses.

Newly designed brochures (thank you Carol P.!) being printed. Rhonda has ordered 5 meeting signs from Pronto signs (\$36)

## **Getting the Word Out**

**Website** -- Need to update. Rhonda asked Board to look at it and have suggestions for changes to discuss at next meeting.

**Subscription list of WKNA emails** -- In lieu of sharing WKNA's email list with the City to link members to the new distribution list for City information, Rhonda will include the link on every WKNA agenda she sends out. That way people can opt in to the City service if they choose – [www.keizer.org/add-to-distribution-list](http://www.keizer.org/add-to-distribution-list) The link signs people up to get Council and committee meeting notices from the City.

**Newsletter** -- Decided to publish another edition in late November. Topics (discussed later): Speakers for Jan. thru March; Carol P. – Willamette Manor replant project, with photos; Rhonda – Wallace House cleanup and planting project, with photos; Carolyn – KRP turf field update; Robb -- Holiday event Roundup. Carol D. suggested photo of new Police Chief Copeland and story (Carolyn to do) to promote him as January speaker. Other possible topics: brief on food barrels and the rising food need (Carol and Dennis P.) with possible photo. Maybe a short on emergency preparedness for winter – Rhonda.

**Little Library** – Robb brought samples of book mark designs. Selected design listing WKNA meeting information. Robb will get paper and print them. Start with 100 as a trial run. He will try to get them done before the Nov. General meeting.

**Facebook postings** – Discussed what to post and what not. City-related meetings, committee vacancies, etc. are fair game. Events like Claggett Creek Watershed clean-ups, Keizer United, etc. OK but not "general" events.

**Keizer Chamber Calendar** – WKNA meetings not getting posted. Carolyn has added info but need to find out why the listings aren't being shown. Carolyn will follow up.

## REPORTS

**Food barrels** – Oct.: BiMart 103 pounds; Copper Creek 204 lbs. Keizer Fire 15 lbs. Rhonda said we need to get a thank you to Copper Creek in 2024. Carol P. said food bank folks report rising need. Maybe get a photo for the upcoming newsletter of the line-up of cars waiting to receive food.

**Keizer United** – Next meeting, Nov. 13. Format is a Resource Fair. Tammy Kunz has arranged a table for all the Neighborhood Associations to pass out brochures, etc. Carolyn and Carol D. to attend.

## CUMMINGS SCHOOL

Cummings PTA -- 6 p.m. Nov. 14. Carol D. will attend. At the Oct. 10 meeting, group talked about an “eco” school program for kids to “go green” through gardening, etc. Mentioned possibility of partnering with Community Garden at John Knox church nearby on Cummings Lane. Issue was getting kids safely from the school to the garden plots. Better if Community Gardeners could come to plots at Cummings school. Carol D. will follow up to see if anything comes of this. At least one teacher showed interest.

Rhonda said WKNA is listed in the Cummings calendar now in the school newsletter.

School grounds plantings – Carol P. said plants are still looking good. There has been no need to water. She will pull plants when they start to wither.

Nov. 14 is the Ruby Bridge Safe Routes to School Walk. Starts at 8 a.m. at the school. WKNA Board invited to take part.

## Parks

Willamette Manor – Rhonda shared picture of the Oct. 21 work party. Carol P. has “fenced” off the area and the plants are looking good so far.

Wallace House – Rhonda said about 12 people showed up, Built a path to the river and planted a pollinator garden.

KRP soccer fields – Carolyn will email Adam Brown for an update on this project.

**Chamber Govt Affairs meeting.** -- Rhonda shared notes from the meeting with the Board. Basic issue was graffiti. Chamber plans another sharing session or two, ending with a city-wide meeting. Goal is information sharing.

**Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Comm.** – Robb said he thinks the 75% threshold for neighbor input re: any request for a traffic calming intervention may not be hard and fast. We will wait and see what the committee comes up with. Rhonda said we need to reinstate having a police report at every WKNA General meeting. Eric can provide that when he attends but we can set aside 5-10 minutes at the start of the other meetings for an officer to update us.

**Planning Commission** – The Nov. 8 meeting will including a public hearing on a partition that’s been proposed at 527 Dearborn. Neighbors have protested. WKNA has taken no position on the matter.

**St. Edwards Community Dinner Nov. 22** – Carol D. and Kris have connected with St. Ed’s about

helping with this dinner. They anticipate serving 500+ people so all volunteers are welcome to help seat guests, clear trays, etc. Carolyn and Carol plan to attend and Robb said his family may be available to help as well.

**Needles along the Willamette** – Discussed a request from Northgate Neighborhood Association (Salem) to help with this issue. Kaethe Mentrum had emailed Rhonda. WKNA doesn't plan to get involved. Rhonda has checked with Kimberly Monroy, aide to Rep. Mannix, who said he plans to look into it.

## **General Meetings**

**Nov. 9** – Keizer CERT rep Patrick Pardo; Corri Falardeau, Chamber exec, re: Holiday events

## **Meetings –**

- Nov. 8 – Planning Commission
- Nov. 13 – Keizer United noon at City Hall
- Nov. 14 – Parks Board
- Nov. 14 – Cummings PTA
- Nov. 16 – TSBP meeting

**Next Board meeting** – Jan. 4, 2024; discuss “no soliciting” signs

## **2024 General meetings, topics**

- January – Board elections; Andrew Copeland, Keizer Police Chief
- February – Liberty House, Center for Hope and Safety; Soaring Heights Recovery Homes, Simonka House, Eric Bandonis. (Discussed having Liberty House and Simonka House, with Center for Hope/Safety as backup)
- March – Shane Witham, Community Development Director
- Also March – State of the City – Joint NA meeting hosted by?? (NA)
- April – Joint NA Candidate Forum hosted by WKNA
- May – Neighborhood Watch Program