

WKNA Board Meeting

Oct. 2, 2025

7 p.m. at Rhonda's

Attending: Rhonda, Kris, Art, Carolyn, Brenda, Carol, Robb

Guest: Mandy Hansen

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

Approval of Minutes from Sept. 4, 2025 – Art moved approval as corrected; Kris seconded. Motion carried.

Welcome guest: Group introductions made and guest Mandy Hansen, prospective Board member, welcomed.

Budget report – WKNA spent \$206.90 for 250 copies of the August newsletter, and \$43.99 for printer ink, leaving a balance of \$949.11. Discussed brochure stock (we have about 250 and don't put as many out during wet winter weather) and assessed need. Last order was 3 ½ years ago for 1,000 copies. Can still get them through FedEx at \$270 for \$500 or \$360 for 1,000. Will hold off, but plan to order before July 1, depending on budget adjustments, since had planned 0 for brochures. Rhonda showed proposal for allotting only \$75 for signs and brochure stands, not \$250 (supply good for now) and cutting back on newsletter printing. Carol said FedEx can print these cheaper and we could cut the December edition back to 2 pages (1 pg. front and back) since there is less activity to report on. The remaining \$50 needed for 1,000 brochures at \$360 could come out of the "other" budget.

Getting the Word Out

Little Library – Kris said we will be getting the new Little Library probably by the end of the month for installation at Willamette Manor Park. Still have to check with Robert at Parks about installation location and whether Parks will handle that. It will cost \$50 to register it and get the official plaque. Kris said it appears that the Little Library on Rivercrest may have been "raided" (all books disappeared recently) and the row of kids' books from the Rafael library also disappeared.

Keizer Community Library – Library has hired a new part-time manager. Emily has a Master's degree in Library Science. The Spanish outreach program continues to do very well, the number of patrons is up and book donations are strong. The library Board has taken a break from pursuing public library status.

Facebook postings, Carol/Carolyn -- Carolyn will post the WKNA meeting notice and the Oct. 21 Trashy Tuesday at Wallace House. Maybe a good time to remind people about food barrel locations.

Website – Rhonda will keep this on the "to-do" list with a goal to have updates done by the end of the year. We need to take out a lot of old information in favor of new items like the memorial bench at Palma Ceia for Carol Doerfler. We have items from recent newsletters that would make good additions.

Chamber calendar– Rhonda said she needs to call because all neighborhood association meeting notices are gone except for SEKNA.

Cummings Connection – Rhonda will check with new principal about getting WKNA meeting notices in the school newsletter.

Newsletter Topics – Will keep adding possibilities: Pickleball Courts and possible pavilion at KRP, Trashy Tuesday, Oct. 6 Fire Dept. open house and Maddie Alsum, new KFD Community Engagement Coordinator, toy drive

Reports

Food barrels – Sept.: 64 lbs. BiMart and 133 lbs, \$60 at Copper Creek

November Community Dinner – WKNA willing to volunteer to help again. Robb to check to see if they need more volunteers.

Cummings School –

PTA Sept. 16 -- Rhonda and Kris attended. Reported \$15,000 from the Jog-A-Thon fundraiser. Teacher Appreciation will be March 23. Rhonda proposed getting cookies once again to deliver to teachers that day. Brenda suggested getting some gluten-free varieties.

Parent liaison -- Rhonda asked Mandy if she would consider taking this on for WKNA. She could bring notices of the Butter Braid (Oct.) and pie sale (Feb.) fundraisers to WKNA meetings as a way to help the school. She said she would consider it.

Neighborhood Family Council – Kris said the next event, Harvest Fest, is set for Oct. 28. Rhonda said WKNA would like a table.

Plantings – Carol will pull the pots, probably in November but will leave the evergreens on the north end. She will check Amazon for some of the “Courtesy of WKNA” pot label signs.

Parks – Rhonda and Carolyn attended the Sept. 8 joint Parks Board/City Council parks tour that started at KRP and continued on to Wallace House and Bob Newton. The proposed pavilion for KRP will be discussed with consultants at the Oct. 14 Parks Board meeting. Mandy said many neighbors were affected by harsh lighting used during nighttime filming of a Nike commercial Sept, 25-27 at the KRP turf fields. There was some basically “morning of” communication with neighbors ahead, mainly through WKNA. But nothing was sent out by the City or the turf field managers. Afterward, Nike provided a “sorry” packet – a sleep mask and package of coffee. Rhonda said this kind of event needs a blanket mailing to all neighbors and that should be handled by the fields managers and/or the city. Rhonda wants to meet with neighbors, Adam Brown and the fields management and then take something to Council.

In other Parks news, Rhonda said Sports Facilities Companies will be taking over management of the Keizer Little League fields. Council will vote to make this official at the Oct. 6 meeting. Current fields operator For the Love of the Game did not respond to the Request For Proposal the City sent out.

TSBP -- Manbrin neighbors got approval for a speed limit sign from City Council at the Sept. 15 meeting. She shared copies of public comments made to Council and then the “Other Business” section where Council took up the issue. With only 4 councilors present at that meeting, the vote was 3-1, with Councilors Starr, Cross and Christopher voting yes and Councilor Kohler voting no.

Pilot flag program – Brenda said the city wants to continue the test program through the winter. There apparently is a lot of activity at the Chemawa crosswalk to KRP during soccer games at the turf fields.

Planning Commission -- No meetings July or August and October is canceled. Robb said the September meeting agenda was light. A car wash and oil change business are now planned for Area

B at Keizer Station. Rhonda said the Folsom housing project planned on Cummings east of John Knox church will be 4-plexes, so no variance will be needed.

Keizer United – Kris will attend October meeting. Rhonda will share the September minutes. The Cherriots payroll tax proposal was the main topic.

Keizer Fire open house Oct. 6 – Rhonda getting candy to hand out and will have newsletters and brochures, as well as a sign-up sheet.

WKNA General Meetings – Speakers & Topics 2025/Fall Meeting suggestions

Oct. 9 -- Shane Witham, Keizer City Planner

Nov. 13 -- Stacey Perry, Keizer Environmental Education Coordinator and Marion Co. Sheriff's Deputy Eric Bandonis.

Important Dates

Oct. 6 – Keizer Fire open house, 6-8 p.m.

Oct. 7 – **Cummings School PTA**, 6 p.m.

Oct. 13 –Keizer United, noon

Oct. 16 – Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Comm., 6 p.m.

Trashy Tuesday, -- Oct. 21, 5:30-6:60 p.m. at Wallace House Park

St. Edwards Community Dinner – Nov. 26

Next WKNA Board meeting – Nov. 6, 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.