

WKNA Board meeting
Feb. 2, 2023 7 p.m., at Robb Witters'
Submitted by Carolyn Homan, Secretary

Attending: Rhonda Rich, Art Mauer, Robb Witters, Kris Adams, Carol Phipps, Carolyn Homan
Absent: Gary Blake, Dennis Phipps

Call to Order: Rhonda Rich, 7:15 p.m.

Minutes of Jan. 12 meeting – Robb moved approval as submitted; Art seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Board Roster – Rhonda distributed copies of the new Board roster. This will be shared with the City.

Budget – Rhonda spent \$195.04 for the annual website fee. Total expenditures so far: \$431.04 (including \$289.07 for brochures and \$141.97 for newsletter printing.) We have \$368.96 left for more printing, brochure boxes, signs, etc.

At joint neighborhood association budget meeting with City staff on Friday, Rhonda said she would ask for \$800 again. Hersch Sangster from Northwest Keizer NA asked for the meeting and wants to seek an annual mailing for all the NAs. Because of the expense of a mailing, Rhonda said she'd ask for an information sheet about NAs to be sent with the city services bill. She'll also ask if city could print our newsletter and maybe our brochures. Depending on city capabilities they could perhaps print things for less.

Annual report to the City – Rhonda will plan to present this at the Feb. 21 Council meeting. Board members are invited to attend.

Getting the Word Out

Signs, brochure boxes – Rhonda's creating a map of sign placements. Art will put one at Cummings school and she asked for a couple in the North Winds area, which has been neglected. We need more brochure boxes (the one at Sunset Park was destroyed when a car took out the park sign), Need just the smaller size that will hold single stack of brochures. Dennis and Carol also need one of the larger brochure boxes that will also hold the newsletter.

Newsletter – The next edition should come out in early March. Robb, Carol P. and Carolyn can plan after the February General meeting.

Little Library – Kris Adams has reassumed responsibility. Stock of books is good. Carol said she will continue as backup.

Facebook – Carolyn doing updates, meeting notice postings, etc.

KMUZ, Chamber calendar notices – Carolyn doing these.

Reports

Food barrels – We still need a new barrel for Copper Creek. Keizer Food Bank donated a new barrel to place at Keizer Fire District. The first collection there netted 50 pounds. Dennis said the food bank served 54 cars/families last time. They have a new cooler and a new van thanks to donors. Rhonda will do a thank you – Carol said she would create a certificate of appreciation to be framed and presented to each of the merchants to thank them.

Cummings School – Discussed getting a liaison to the Board from the PTA – maybe Liz Smith? She is a Cummings parent and has come to WKNA meetings. Principal Kronser said he would ask her. Carol said

she would continue to be WKNA's liaison to Cummings overall, including the reader board and other planting duties.

Traffic Safety -- The flashing speed limit signs are installed on Shoreline near Dearborn and already seem to be slowing traffic but Rhonda said we'll need to do canvassing in the area in April (doorhangers?) to seek feedback at the May meeting – or provide and email where people can respond. It will be important to get it to the City. Robb said the Cummings speed table is still in the design process.

Parks – Discussed bank erosion happening at Willamette Manor Park. Rhonda suggested meeting with the Parks Board liaison to Willamette Manor, Lisa Cjeka. Carol will email Lisa to set up a meeting at the park.

At Palma Ciega, there also has been erosion on the north slope of the new path to the river. The park also needs more bark dust overall.

KRP soccer fields -- Rhonda expects an update from Adam Brown at next week's General meeting

Community Library, Kris Adams – She said she'll plan a thorough report at the next Board meeting because there is a lot going on. This would be a good item for the newsletter as well.

Future events – Rhonda asked the Board to think about whether to host a community or neighborhood barbecue this summer – maybe at John Knox or in conjunction with Keizer Fest. Or perhaps the City's 40th anniversary celebration being planned by Council (date TBA).

Also Rhonda said she would like to acknowledge the service of retired President Carol Doerfler at the February meeting. Carol is planning to attend – her first time back since her illness.

Joint NA meeting in March -- Rhonda said doors will open at 6:30 for social time, with Mayor Clark's talk to begin at 7. Rhonda hopes to have 45 minutes for Q and A – we hope to keep that informal. Robb suggested having introductions from each NA, to talk a bit about projects under way, as well as their meeting date and time. Rhonda would like to have maps of each NA or one large map with the territories clearly marked. Robb said the City's GIS department should be able to create that. Rhonda will check with Adam Brown.

Rhonda said we need to get an announcement in the Keizer Times and on the city's website, as well as each NA site and/or Facebook, plus Nextdoor. We want to include information about bringing an optional donation for the food bank and we need to secure a basket or barrel to collect those. Rhonda hopes to assign refreshments to the other NAs

Liaisons to Committees: Board Member Assignments -- Board divided coverage of various City committees, with a principal contact and 2 backups for each:

Cummings School PTC/Grounds Beautification – Carol, Carolyn, Rhonda

Planning Commission – Robb, Gary, Carolyn

Keizer United – Kris, Carolyn, Rhonda

Parks Advisory Board – Carol, Dennis, Rhonda

Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian: Robb, Art, Carolyn

Adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Next Board meeting: March 2, site TBA