

WKNA Board Meeting

July 10, 2025

7 p.m. at Rhonda's

Attending: Rhonda, Kris, Art, Robb, Carolyn

Absent: Brenda

Guest: Caleb Folsom

Call to Order: Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and welcomed guest, Caleb Folsom, a local developer/contractor who plans a cottage cluster, or other, project on Cummings Lane.

Approval of Minutes from June 5, 2025 – Art moved approval, Kris seconded. Motion carried.

Budget report – Rhonda had shared a July 8 email from City Assistant Manager Tim Wood that the \$1,200 WKNA budget for 2025-26 had been approved. The budgets for all 5 Keizer neighborhood associations include the City paying for four ads in the Keizertimes: Who's Who Best of Keizer; Holiday Magazine; Home and Garden; and KeizerFEST (\$400 total). Also to be paid by the City – NA ad in the Keizer Chamber Visitor Guide, \$750; and the request for a banner at the KRP community turf fields promoting the neighborhood associations, \$1,000.

Cummings property development -- Rhonda introduced local developer/builder Caleb Folsom to talk about a proposed "middle housing" development he's designing for a property on Cummings Lane just east of John Knox Presbyterian Church. He has built a similar project off Verda – the Alder Ridge town homes. This would be a cottage cluster project of 12 to 14 units and parking would be provided. It will be rental properties he would manage. He is seeking neighbor support and said the church representatives are in favor. Rhonda said WKNA basically leaves any support or disapproval up to affected neighbors. The project has been heard by Planning Commission and will eventually go to Council for approval.

Getting the Word Out

Little Library and Keizer Community Library – Kris recently got 5 more cases of books donated by a teacher so supply is good. The Community Library has dropped the push for public library status for now. Because the library got a grant and funds from the book sale, it needed more public funding to meet the state criteria for percent of public funding and the City had already provided \$30,000 with no more to give. The issue will be re-examined in future, she said. The library has hired a person to do marketing and grant writing. Kids events are going strong and they are looking at possibilities for more events for adults.

Facebook postings, Carol/Carolyn -- Carolyn just posted notices of a list of July events, including the Big Toy Paint Party July 19 and Neighborhood Family Council's Fun Friday event July 25. Rhonda shared 2 handouts from Keizer Community Food Bank and Salem Harvest to share.

Website – Nothing new but it needs updating so it's an ongoing issue.

Chamber calendar, Keizertimes listings– Rhonda will check to make sure the "no summer meetings/ meetings will resume in September" info is posted.

Cummings Connection -- New Principal is Hilary Hulseman

Newsletter planning – Discussed topics and deadline in order to get next edition published by Aug. 1. Copies needed for National Night Out and Back to School Night distribution. Probably 250 copies. Topics:

Pilot flag project update – Carolyn suggested a photo/cutline to cover this. To include info on the QR code for feedback.

KRP turf field lighting issue and update on Phase II and III – Carolyn

KRP pickle ball – Carol (Rhonda to contact her)

Trashy Tuesday at Wallace House – Photo? Rhonda

Big Toy Paint Party, July 19 – Story/photo Rhonda, Carol?

Summer safety update with KFD Chief Russell – Tips for neighbors re: fire safety, Rhonda

Copy deadline: July 27; to printer by Wed. July 30. Copies (probably 250) needed by Aug. 1 for distribution at National Night Out and Back to School Night.

Reports

Food barrels – June totals: BiMart, 21 lbs; Copper Creek, 65 lbs. Art has food from recent pickup and will deliver to Carol and Dennis.

Cummings School – Rhonda and Art attended June 11 flag ceremony (last day of school). Rhonda and Kris met June 19th with new Principal Hulseman.

Neighborhood Family Council – The Fun Friday event July 25 at St. Edward Catholic church will be held in collaboration with the Kennedy Council. WKNA will have a half table for brochures and other information. Hours are 4-7:30 at St. Edward Church. Kris has resigned as Council president.

School plantings – Rhonda and Brenda have been handling watering in Carol's absence.

Parks – Rhonda and Carolyn attended July 8 Parks Board meeting where change in turf field lighting request was considered. After much discussion and testimony from Rhonda and 2 Tate Ave. neighbors, as well as two representatives from Keizer Community fields group, the board decided to send a "status quo" recommendation back to City Council for consideration July 21. That would hold the schedule to lights dimmed at 9 p.m. with activity over and people out by 9:30.

Traffic Safety Bikeways Pedestrian Comm. – The issue of speeding on Manbrin will be on the July 17 agenda. Rhonda said a neighbor birthday party that same night may limit testimony. But neighbors have talked about asking for a 25 mph speed limit sign, with orange "alert" attachments at Rowan and Manbrin might bring attention to the issue for drivers. Another idea is to form a Neighborhood Watch group so neighbors could keep an eye out for speeders or getting "20 is Plenty" signs to post in their yards as a reminder to drivers to slow down

Planning Commission -- Robb said the June meeting (July is cancelled) had another update on the Climate Friendly areas and code adjustments per state regulations.

Keizer United – The next meeting is July 14 and speakers from American Red Cross are planned.

National Night Out, Aug. 5 -- At the June Keizer United meeting, plans for National Night Out materials and information "buckets" were shared. These are available now for NNO groups that register with Keizer Police Department. A raffle will be held for those registered, with the winner getting a corn hole game. If the addresses of parties in West Keizer are available, Rhonda will organize a Board group to visit and hand out WKNA newsletters, as was done last year. We will end up at the NNO party at the Witters' home.

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

Jim Trett, Mayor of Detroit – Confirmed as September speaker

Shane Witham, Keizer City Planner – agreed to ask him to be October speaker (or Bill Lawyer)

Stacey Perry, Keizer Environmental Education Coordinator – November possibility. Group agreed not to take on an election forum for the November election but to focus on hosting the 2026 State of the City all-neighborhood forum.

Important Dates

Keizer United, July 14, noon, City Hall ;Trashy Tues, July 15, 5:30-6:30 Wallace House Park;

Big Toy Paint Party, Saturday, July 19 TSBP Comm, July 17 and Aug. 21; Fun Friday event, July 25, 4-7:30 p.m., St. Edward Church NNO, Aug. 5; Joint Neighborhood Association Board Meeting, July 24; Parks Board, Aug. 12; Planning Commission, Aug. 13 Next WKNA Board meeting, Aug. 13

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.