

**WKNA Board Meeting**  
**Nov. 7, 2024**  
**At Rhonda's home**  
**Submitted by Carolyn Homan**

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

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

**Minutes of Oct, 3** -- Kris moved approval; Art seconded. Minutes were approved.

**2024-25 Budget** – No changes, with expenditures of \$433.53 and a balance of \$766.47. The City is allowing each NA 500 pages a year in free, City-produced printed packets. One extra Council packet will be put out per meeting, but it will be first-come, first served. Rhonda said she plans to ask for a copy of the Parks Master Plan (60+pages?) as part of WKNA's 500-page allotment.

**Getting the word out**

**Website** – Sept. minutes need to be uploaded. A meeting with Barb Smith re: website administration has been set for 7 p.m. Dec. 5 at Rhonda's house (later changed to Dec. 12). Carol, Carolyn, Robb to attend, along with Rhonda.

**Brochures/boxes** – Dennis is recovering from shoulder surgery but Carol said she will check brochure boxes. With winter rains, fewer brochures need to be put out anyway.

**Little Library** – Kris said she had posted a book request on Facebook and got five banker boxes of kid's books, as well as some for adults. She'll reserve most for the WKNA library, although the box at the Big Toy in Keizer Rapids gets a lot of use, as does the Rivercrest box.

**Community Library** – She shared copies of the recent calendar of events, showing weekly kids' story times in English and Spanish, craft events and more. The Library also is seeking donations with a goal of \$10,000 by Dec. 31. Status of more City funding is still up in the air. She said library use continues to grow. Book check-outs were 1,449/month in 2021 and hit 4,011/month just recently. Cardholder numbers are up as well. Spanish language outreach continues, including a Day of the Dead event this month.

She said the Library Board would like a representative from WKNA to fill a Library Board vacancy. They are considering changing their meeting night to accommodate this, since it currently conflicts with WKNA's General meeting. Kris is interested and will pursue this. Rhonda said she'd like to meet with the Library Board to talk about what they would like from WKNA. Kris will ask Board President Barbara Miner to email Rhonda.

**Facebook** -- Carolyn will post the WKNA meeting notice and recently posted about Trashy Tuesday and the Rain Garden event.

**Keizer Chamber calendar** – Rhonda said the Chamber calendar now lists WKNA and SE Keizer NA meetings.

**Cummings Connection** -- Still working on this

**Keizer Times** – The paper does have an ongoing meeting listing and WKNA meetings are included.

**Next newsletter**

Board discussed items to include and publication dates. Items considered:

- 1) Keizer Fire open house? Decided could just run a photo. Rhonda will check on fire safety information and classes to be offered in 2025 for an article.

- 2) Wallace House Park – Carol will get a photo of the newly constructed path to the lower section to run with an item thanking City Council Dan Kohler for organizing a large work party (120 or more people, many from the LDS church) who joined in to construct the path, enlarge the pollinator garden and do other clean up. To include part of a letter Parks Direct Robert Johnson wrote thanking Councilor Kohler.
- 3) Trunk or Treat event – Rhonda has a photo of her van at this event, organized by Radnessensues, a new business on River Road next to Uptown Music. She decorated her van, collected costumes for a give-away the business organized, and provided candy to give away to trick or treaters. Kris and Carolyn helped with the give-away.
- 4) Keizer Chamber holiday event listing – Robb will handle compiling this.
- 5) Ruby Bridges Walk to School event Nov. 14 at Cummings– Carolyn will get a photo and have a short write up
- 6) Write-up on Community Safety Awareness event Dec. 10 at City Hall – Carolyn
- 7) Rain Garden workshop – Story and photo, Carolyn
- 8) Photo from Keizur birthday celebration, Nov. 15 at City Hall – Carolyn (added later)

## REPORTS

**Food barrels** – Promoted these at KFD open house but only got 16 lbs. Other Oct. collections: BiMart, 84 lbs.; Copper Creek, 89 lbs., \$112 cash. Carol said she picked up 25 [pounds from BiMart and Copper Creek so far in November.

**Keizer United** -- Chemeketa Community College presented information on the bond measure up for a vote Nov. 5. Rhonda said Neighborhood Associations have gotten money from K.U. for events so we can keep that in mind for future opportunities that might arise.

### Cummings School

**PTA** – No report from the Oct. 8 meeting

**Neighborhood Family Council** -- Kris is the new chairperson. She said the focus is on building community with neighbors and helping parents and students cope with the aftermath of Covid and the stresses of working parents, etc. Attendance has been an issue and they're working on projects to help with this and to connect them with resources to help. The Council gets \$1,000 a month for events and other opportunities. The first event in the works is a resource fair in January.

**School plantings** – Carol said the pots still look fine and she'll wait to pull them when the plants die back.

### Parks

Rhonda shared the letter Robert Johnson wrote thanking Councilor Kohler and the Wallace House work party. The Oct. 8 Parks Board meeting report was shared at the Oct. 10 WKNA General meeting. Carol said it was mainly about the pickleball supporters discussing use of the courts and desires for a covered area and bleachers to be added.

**Palma Ciea** – Gary was absent

**Willamette Manor** – Carol said it's been mowed again. Hillside plantings looking good. She still has the area "fenced" off. Carol to receive Volunteer of the Quarter award at the Nov. 18 Council meeting for her work at Willamette Manor, Cummings School and throughout the neighborhood.

**Keizer Leadership presentation** -- Rhonda emailed a report to the Board Oct. 19. This Keizer Chamber program asked Neighborhood Associations to present information on what NAs are and do for the City. Rhonda represented WKNA at the Oct. 15 program at the Heritage Center.

**TSBP** -- Robb could not attend the Oct. 17 meeting. Rhonda watched it. Said Parking at the Little League fields is an issue for neighbors. There's something about wanting a Shoreline update, but WKNA has provided that. There are questions about additional traffic in West Keizer on Shoreline and other

connecting streets because of the new fields at Keizer Rapids. Robb said he could bring this up at the next meeting.

**Planning Commission** -- Robb reported on this at the Oct. General meeting.

**St. Edward Community Dinner Nov. 27** -- Service starts at 3 p.m. and runs until 6. WKNA should have 5-6 volunteers there to help. Besides helping with tray pickup, they need volunteers to help set up and cut pies. Rhonda and Carolyn volunteered to help with pies – need to be there at 2 p.m. Robb and family members volunteered to help with set up and will be there at 2:30. Others helping with trays should be there at 2:45 (Carol and Dennis)

**Other meetings**

**Nov. 12 – and Dec. 10, Parks Board – Cancelled**

**Nov. 12, noon – Keizer United 6 p.m., Cummings PTA**

**Nov. 13, 6 p.m. – Planning Commission (Robb will be gone)**

**Nov. 14, 8 a.m. – Ruby Bridges Walk to School event at Cummings**

**Nov. 21, 6 p.m. – TSBP meeting**

**Nov. 27, 3-6 p.m. -- St Edwards Community Dinner**

**Dec. 10, 6-8:30 p.m. – Community Safety Awareness event, at City Hall**

**WKNA General Meetings – Speakers and Topics 2024-25**

**Nov. 14** -- Willamette Valley Bank, Jane Lowery, Fraud Protection; Allison Brown, financial advisor, investment fraud; Keizer Chamber representative re: Holiday events; Radnesssensues/Becka Brisbin; Thank you to Councilor Laura Reid

**Tentative**

January – Board elections; Chief Copeland/Lt. Hein, KPD/ Eric Bandonis

February – Keizer Community Library (Keizer Heritage/Keizer Art??); Taylor Swan, Energy Trust of Oregon

March – State of the City, Mayor – WKNA Host

April – Shane Witham, City Planner

May – Jenny Ammon, Environmental Services Education Coordinator

Alternates: Robert Johnson, Parks Director; Adam Brown, City Manager; YMCA Outreach coordinator re Veteran's housing

**Meeting adjourned: 8:45 p.m. Next Board meeting: Jan. ???**