

WKNA Board Meeting Mar. 6, 2025

At Rhonda's home

Submitted by Robb Witters

Attending: Rhonda Rich, Art Mauer, Kris Adams, Carol Phipps, Robb Witters, Brenda Lamb

Call to Order: Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. after showing the plaque to be given to Copper Creek in recognition of their years supporting the Keizer Food Bank by hosting the food collection barrel.

Minutes of Feb. 6, 2025 – The minutes were amended and then Kris made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Brenda seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2024-25 Budget – Rhonda noted the website cost is \$236, total spent is \$811.01, with \$388.99 remaining. Upcoming expected expenses are \$20.00 for WKNA portion of NA ad in Keizer Times Home and Garden edition; Spring newsletter, 250 copies at \$203. Discussion was had about possibly purchasing a tablecloth with WKNA name. Size and color were also discussed with the consensus being a blue tablecloth would be best with white lettering. The annual budget presentation to the city council will be April 25.

Board member committee assignments for the year – A summary of the WKNA board member assignments was distributed for review. Carol Phipps was added as a second person to help manage the WKNA Facebook page.

Getting the word out

Website – It was discussed to request Barbara create written instructions for posting agendas to the webpage.

Email List – Rhonda stated she would email the neighbor contact list to the other members of the Board

Brochures/boxes – Carol stated approximately ½ the brochures from the last order remained.

Little Library – Kris refills the Little Library every 2-3 days, with the kids books moving the fastest. If any books remain for an extended period she will pull and replace them. Pulled books are either given to other little libraries or to the Keizer library if they are in good enough condition. Books in poor shape are tossed.

Community Library – The community library is doing splendid with more patrons. Membership is still growing. The adult coloring activity will be changed to a winter only activity, ending this month. The next adult activity will be an adult book club for those 18+ age. That will occur the second Monday of each month. There is also a cover-to-cover club, for kids to log reading and earn/win prizes, such as In-n-Out. The library has a Facebook page and a

website. In 2024 the library had 6200 volunteer hours from 60 volunteers. There were 10,978 visits to the library and 1427 visits by people at various library events.

Facebook – No update

Keizer Chamber calendar – No change. WKNA meetings are still appearing on the calendar.

Cummings Connection -- No update

Keizer Times – The Keizer Times posted a photo of Rhonda and Kris at Cummings but mislabeled them in the caption.

Next newsletter – Topics of the next newsletter were discussed and assigned. Holiday Swim Club, Brenda will discuss with the pool president and write up an article. There will be an attempt to get stories into the newsletter about Trunk or Treat and St. Edwards community dinner. A write up of the Cummings Neighborhood Family Council will be done by Kris. There was discussion of an article about the update to the Master Plan related to Keizer Rapids park, Keizerfest, Redflag Updates, and the community gardens.

The deadline to submit articles to Robb is 3/26 so that the newsletter can be complete by 4/1

REPORTS

Food Barrels: Since 2020 10,441 lbs and \$2,834 in cash has been collected at Copper Creek. February totals: BiMart 56lbs, Copper Creek 127lbs & \$40.

Cummings School

PTA – Kris can attend the PTA meetings. WKNA will supply cookies for the parent teacher conferences 3/12. Carol will purchase them.

School grounds -- Carol is thinking of planting the area around the readerboard during Spring break.

Parks – Rhonda and Carol testified that the WKNA should be a part of the discussion regarding a new pavilion proposed to be constructed at Keizer Rapids Park. Bill Lawyer testified during the meeting about the possible plans and stated that an outreach will be conducted during Keizerfest.

Rhonda brought up that Willamette Manor and Wallace House parks are not included in the 5 year plan. Bill said that the play structures **at both parks** will be replaced

Traffic Safety – Robb presented an application for the pilot flag program, which will place flags on either side of an intersection for pedestrians to carry to assist with making them more visible. The intersection selected was at 15th and Chemawa. At the meeting it was clarified that the selected intersection(s) must have striped crosswalks to be considered for the program. The

intersection identified on the application does not have a striped crosswalk. The application will be resubmitted moving the requested intersection to the one with the striped crosswalk. Robb will fill out a new application and either submit it to Brenda or Adam Brown. Hersch Sangster requested that a member of the WKNA association attend one of the NWKNA meetings to discuss the application since the intersection requested borders that NA. Robb said he would attend their meeting.

Planning Commission -- The February meeting was cancelled. Walkable design standards will be discussed at the next Planning Commission meeting.

Keizer United --Becca Brisben from Radness Ensues came and .talkded at the last meeting

City Council – Rhonda attended the most recent work session. She also attended the regular session and testified that the city needs to share what plan is in place should there be an emergency. How should the public prepare? She would like the WKNA to have information that can be shared.

Artificial turf and paving the parking lot are included in the KRP plan. These should be completed prior to a pavilion being constructed.

The sidewalk gap plan is a part of the long range goals for the city. Rhond testified that the city should start around schools. Brenda mentioned that other jurisdictions have loan plans with homeowners to construct sidewalks.

The board was encouraged to go to the April 7 City Council meeting where the budget will be discussed. Additionally the board should attend the budget work session April 14 with city neighborhood associations and city council.

Upcoming City CouncilWork Sessions:

- April – Neighborhood Associations
- May – Budget
- June – CDEC goals
- July – Sidewalks
- August – Streets
- September – Parks
- October – TBD
- November – Long range goals
- December – N/A

Also there will be three town halls dealing with:

- Urban Growth Boundary
- Flouride
- TBD

The city plans to sell two lots. One North of Volcano Stadium, and one by Mcloud and Lockhaven. The city would like to hire consultants regarding the Willow Lake Settlement Agreement to see if the land can be built on.

Next Board meeting, April 3 – Discuss the annual report to be presented to City Council on April 7, the work session with City Council on April 14, and discuss the budget request for the 25-26 year, which is due April 25.

WKNA General Meetings – Speakers and Topics 2025

March 13 – State of the City, Mayor – WKNA Host. SE Keizer providing refreshments. Rhonda will have flowers for Cathy. Each NA 5 minutes for presentations.

April 10 – Parks Master Plan presentation or Shane Witham, City Planner. Eric Bandonis and a thank you to Gary Blake.

May – Jenny Ammon, Environmental Services Education Coordinator or Chief Russell from Keizer Fire Department

Meeting adjourned: 8:53 p.m. Next Board meeting: April 3