



## Northwest Keizer Association

Sept 20, 2023

Welcome and Introductions - Meeting called to order by Hersch at 7:00pm Everyone introduced themselves-See sign in sheet

1. KeizerFest drawing wind chime winner- Mary Pardo {was not present}
2. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Griffith seconded by Crista for the May minutes- minutes also on the website
3. Speaker: Bobbie Rogers, Project manager Valor Mentoring -Keizer Grange - Worked for a year and a half - mentoring organization 5th grade to 99 years old one on one and group mentoring media and arts also do community projects - also own the Rec bought the grange Keizer in desperate need for a community next to the high school - 1st level Huge dining room with a full kitchen - upstairs has office space it will be a youth community center - for youth to come after school homework maybe movie nights gaming nights 200 yards from McNary high school - will be done and up and running soon - everything that they have has been donated Sherwin Williams donating the paint for the inside still need to furnish it Cafe-coffee shop similar to Ike Box - offer free or discounted meals when they show the ID open to ideas incorporate stories about the grange history and community needs a lot to them. Operating hours before school and build an advisory board of students teach to run a business and ideas for the students and what they really have. Open to the public like young life or some McNary clubs will be able to use the facility. Soft opening middle of October - Students need good strong mentors - Open to anybody and everybody - not pushing faith everyone is welcome CTEC building bike racks also Volunteers to help paint the inside 88 upstairs capacity and 78 downstairs capacity - accepting donations [welcometotherec.com](http://welcometotherec.com) for donations
4. Haley Seth - Environmental Compliance Coordinator City of Keizer, Public Works Vegetated Storm Facilities - Swales around town - 1st steps and plantings that will be coming along picked plants for the swales brought pics and flyers for planting all new developments must consider the swales trying to do away with localized flooding plants bond with the pollutants to keep them out of the creek or storm water . Need to continue to use concrete to fill in the between the sidewalk and the swale. Cannot use

like round up etc and only contractor can touch. Do not touch swales -Highest priority first - she goes from high to low priority. New plants going in soon. Replanting Oct 7th asking for volunteers.

5. Expand the board to seven members.

Any business and or resident within the boundary can be on the board

6. Neighborhood thoughts - Current update of the city council work session for neighborhood associations - what are the neighborhood associations - what does the city want and what does the NA want - New By laws for all of the associations standard city moving ahead on communication tools - all of our stuff is on there now.

Have to meet here at city hall not schools due to liability coverage Everything going digital

Update on our website - launched as month ago - what kind of content a vehicle of communication between us and the city photo submissions etc news/blog etc to keep people aware of goings on have our own custom GIS shows boundaries etc

Other neighborhood issues: Impassable sidewalks basketball hoops etc - Graffiti worse problem complaint form is the only avenue

McNary Band Cans - this Saturday Sept 23

Community service volunteer for the city always have committees that need helpers

City council update - Council president Starr - New police chief Andrew Copeland - ceremony swearing in city council on Oct 2nd - effective 25th of Sept-work session update on the strategic plan for Keizer -6 items were noted safety and supportive services, cleanliness, transportation and mobility , economic development, engaged community, community growth, strong and sustainable government and emergency management

Recruitment for city attorney just closed

Work session bringing together addressing housing

Permits for big events

Traffic Bikeways and Pedestrian Committee update - continue to have issues with speed and traffic - waddle elementary bicycle skills fair and helmet fitting

Wednesday Sept 27th - high school vs navy and pop band concert

Next meeting - Oct 18th - Ben Crosby and the police officer that is in charge of Graffiti

Adjourned at 8:30 pm