



NWKNA General Meeting Minutes October 15, 2025

Location: Keizer Event Center

Attendees: see sign-in sheet

Board members present: Griffin Walker, Crista Maria Medrano Fernandez, Hersh Sangster, Tammy Saldivar, Mary Pardo.

Meeting Started at: 7:02 P.M.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Please Sign In, About the NWKNA, Name and Street, Board Members Roll Call.

2. Approval of September 2025 General Meeting Minutes.

Meeting minutes available at <https://northwestkeizer.org/about/meetings/>

- a. move - Griffin
- b. second - CMMF
- c. yes - all attendees
- d. no - no opposition
- e. abstain - none

3. Board Member Opening

- a. commitment is 1-2 meetings a month, 1 board and 1 general meeting.

4. Guest Speaker - Stacey Perry, Environmental Education Coordinator from the City of Keizer

- a. coordinates education regarding Keizer stormwater permit compliance.
- b. stormwater explanation and education.
- c. programs:
 - i. stewardship programs:
 - 1. Trashy Tuesday to support cleanup.
 - a. Oct 21st at Wallace House Park 5:30-6:30 - website sign up.
 - 2. Adopt-A-Street
 - a. twice yearly cleanup (spring and fall) supplies provided.
 - b. website helps find adoptable streets
 - 3. streamside plant program
 - a. along Clagget Creek in Keizer, removes old plants, and adds local and native plants to enhance stream health.
 - ii. education and training
 - 1. native plant celebration - October 25th 2025 at Keizer Rapids Park from 9am to noon.
 - 2. Earthday, Public Works day, Fire Safety open house, homeschool day, native plant celebration (Keizer Rapids Park - more info coming) get flyer.

3. environmental education
 - a. outdoor school program in the fall and springs, salmon watch field trips, carecorps service learning.
- iii. city worker training
 1. raising salmon in a tank (public works building)
- iv. our river campaign:
 1. Willamette partnership along the area of Marion County, Salem and Keizer.
 2. build connection between people and the river.
 - a. learn to fish, learn to kayak, stream celebration, erosion control and stormwater management summit.
- v. urban tree inventory
 1. volunteer program to survey street trees to learn about trees and how to manage the species better. in partnership with the Oregon Department of Forestry.
- d. how can we help?
 - i. let people know about the programs, participate in events, volunteer to count trees, volunteer for Trashy Tuesdays, Adopt-a-Street in Keizer, check out the website.
5. Outreach, Projects and Website Updates
 - a. Graffiti Program - overview of the graffiti program and all the work they have accomplished in the summer.
 - i. October 9th after school; 4 sites completed
 1. Chemawa Rd.
 2. River rd
 3. Windsor Island
 4. Shoreline Rd.
 - ii. Next planned activity in November - after school
 - b. Street Art - no update at this time. Street art program overview given.
 - c. Joint Neighborhood Associations Board Meeting and Advertising -
 - d. New City of Keizer website - keizeror.gov
 - e. NWKNA Website
6. City Council Update - Dan Kohler
 - a. next wed October 22nd - Keizer Community dinner - at St Edwards Catholic Church. 4:30 - 6:30pm.
 - i. November - thanksgiving themed dinner - 4th wednesday of the month.
 - b. New RFP to run little league parks at previous city council meeting - contract negotiations in progress.
7. City Committee Updates
 - a. Community Diversity Engagement Committee - no updates
 - b. Keizer Traffic Safety - tomorrow meeting @ 6
 - i. traffic flags program
 1. Chemawa near Walsh Way.
 - ii. new app in progress - by Kennedy Elem.
 - c. Others
 - i. Issues brought by member: with the sidewalk on 15th and Garwood way - Hersh will bring it to the Traffic safety committee to be discussed with compliance officers and the police.

8. School Updates

- a. Keizer Elementary Parent Teacher Club (PTC)
 - i. Jogathon fundraiser was successful - October 15th, 2025.
- b. McNary Highschool
 - i. APT - no updates
 - ii. Football - won first game
 - iii. Band - Band day was last week. 2.5 semi trailers full of cans.
 - iv. Big band competition this Saturday at West Salem High School.

9. Neighborhood Thoughts/Issues

Open discussion about topics that members want to talk about.

Our next General Meeting will be November 19, 2025, 7:00 – 8:30pm at the Keizer Event Center. Our guest speaker will be Jonathan Thompson from the Keizer Chamber of Commerce.

Donation boxes are available for Simonka Place and Keizer Food Bank at every meeting. Please consider donating needed items.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:10PM