



NWKNA General Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2026 7:00 – 8:30pm

Keizer Event Center

Board members in attendance: Griffin Walker, Tammy Saldivar, Crista Medrano Fernandez, Hersh Sangster, Judi Liechty.

Attendees: see sign-in sheet

City Councilor present: Marlene Parsons

Number of attendees: 12

Meeting Started at: 7:03 P.M.

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Approval of February 2026 General Meeting Minutes

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

- a. Move: Griffin Walker
- b. Seconded: Hersh/Maryann Sangster
- c. Yes: all
- d. No: none
- e. Abstain: none

3. Board Nominations and Voting

We're nominating and voting on the three officer board positions (President, Vice President, Secretary) and four board positions-at-large for the 2026 – 2027 term.

- a. President nom - Griffin (Yes - All)
- b. VP nom - Tammy (Yes - All)
- c. Secretary nom - Crista (Yes - All)
- d. Members at Large: - (yes - All)
 - i. Hersh - Community Liaison
 - ii. Judi -
 - iii. Mary -
 - iv. Dave Goff - New Board Member

4. Guest Speaker

Anne-Marie Storms Deputy Fire Marshall for Keizer Fire District

- Keizer fire received over 7200 Service calls last year (2025)
- This year, they are attending to 23 calls per day on average
- There is a need for a second Fire station in the near future.
 - Plan to get funds from the General fund to help manage the increasing needs of Keizerites.
- Fire season is coming this year since we haven't had enough rain.
 - Arbor Vitae is the type of plant that is not recommended because of its susceptibility to catching on fire.

- How do we help ourselves when it comes to fires?
 - Try to create a 5 foot defensible space around your home to create a clear area around.
 - Be aware of what is around your house, pull back the dead wood and don't place a grill or anything wood-burning close to the house siding.
- The fire department has a list of appropriate materials to use when you are building a home but also if the house needs renovating.
- Upcoming activities:
 - May 17th (7-10:30am) -Pancake Breakfast at Keizerfest
 - May 18 (5-7:30pm) - Joint wildfire night at Marion County station 1.
 - June 29th - July 1st Keizer police dept Blast Camp collaboration - 3rd-6th grade - at Claggett Creek Middle school
 - August 4th (6-9pm) - Keizer Fire will be going around and visiting registered National Night Out sites.
 - October 5 (6-8pm) - Fire prevention open house at Keizer fire station.

5. Events

- April 26 - Mini Cookie Family Bike Ride and Bike Rodeo
 - Bike skills event, tables for the neighborhood association and Multi-modal committee.

6. Outreach, Projects and Website Updates

Graffiti Program, Street Art, NWKNA Website

- a. Graffiti Abatement Program:
 - i. Clean up activity with JrROTC three weeks ago
 - ii. Tons of new places have been hit with graffiti and have been cleaned up.
- b. Street art:
 - i. New location to paint the art has been found at Orchard and Newberg st.
 - ii. We have worked with the neighbors in the 4 corners where we want to have the art and they are excited to see it.
 - iii. Pending the Arts Commission's approval.
 - iv. Working with the artist, a McNary High School art student, to discuss how to translate their amazing art work onto a street art, paint-by-numbers design with a black background.
- c. Lockhaven Vegetation:
 - i. Trimming overhanging plants on Lockhaven
 1. Board member's family is volunteering to cut down the overgrown plants encroaching onto the sidewalk on the south side of Lockhaven by the concrete walls.
 - ii. Planting Boston Ivy is non-invasive in Oregon.
 1. Plan in place. Further information on this will be discussed at a later date. Awaiting approval from KPW.
 2. Boston Ivy is a non-invasive, concrete wall friendly type of Ivy that does not burrow into the concrete. ODOT uses this type of Ivy already.
- d. Pedestrian Flag Program
 - i. Voted down by the city council. We will not pursue forward. If NA members want to continue the program, please follow up with the city.
- e. City council work-session
 - i. Neighborhood associations discussed needs.

f. **Annual report - NWKNA will be presenting to city Council on 4/20.**

7. City Council Update

Marlene Parsons or other Council member

- a. Public Safety foundation (Police/Fire) formed to help those who cannot afford safety things to be given out to those individuals that cannot afford them.
- b. Little League fields - booming and everything is going well.

8. City Committee Updates

Multi-Modal Safety Committee, Others

- Neighborhood traffic safety plan - there will be a worksession in June to discuss this further with the City Council.
- The Multi-Modal Safety Committee needs more helmets for future events. Currently they have around 70 helmets but this year there is a lot of events.
 - Requested \$500 from Rotary club for more helmets.

9. School Updates

Keizer Elementary, McNary Highschool

- a. Mendoza's Closet information is found on our website.

10. Neighborhood Thoughts/Issues

Open discussion about topics that members want to talk about.

- a. There has been a property on Joan where they are currently surveying.

Meeting Adjourned at: : 8:29pm.

Our next General Meeting will be on May 20, 2026, 7:00 – 8:30pm at the Keizer Event Center. Our Guest Speaker will be Jason Gundlach, Principal of Keizer Elementary. We'll be taking a break from General Meetings from June through August, starting again in September.

Support Your Community: Donation boxes are available for Simonka Place and Keizer Food Bank at every meeting. Also look for a flyer with a QR code for Mendoza's Care and Connect Closet, an Amazon Wishlist supporting Keizer Elementary students. Please consider donating needed items.