



**Keizer Points of Interest Committee (KPIC)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER ~ Chair Terri Hoag called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Attendance was taken as follows:

Present:

Terri Hoag, Chair
Jill Bonney-Hill
Mike Hickman
Richard Ernst
Debbie Miller

Absent:

George Fitzgerald
Sherrie Gottfried
Jim Taylor, Council Liaison

Staff:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Mike Hickman moved for approval of the September 2012 Minutes. Richard Ernst seconded. Motion passed as follows: Hoag, Bonney-Hill, Ernst and Hickman in favor, Miller abstaining, and Fitzgerald and Gottfried absent.

Chair Hoag welcomed new member Debbie Miller to the committee. Ms. Miller provided background information about herself and expressed an interest in working on the Oral History project.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS – None

PROJECTS/REPORTS

Japanese Influence Recognition – Sherrie Gottfried absent – no report. Chair Hoag indicated that she would email Ms. Gottfried regarding this.

Oral History – Chair Hoag provided Ms. Miller with background information regarding this project noting that Keizer Heritage Foundation has taken over the scheduling part but still wants KPIC to assist. She explained that the most recent interview was with the Fire Department and it turned out well. Two other people will be interviewed in another Fire Department program: Otis Anderson and Shorty Duncan's husband. The next interview will be with "Keizer Kids" – a group of people aged 80-90 who meet for coffee once a month. The Blakes were scheduled to be interviewed but they are in the middle of harvesting filberts right now.

Charles McNary – Sherrie Gottfried absent.

Keizer Trees of History – Chair Hoag reported that Wilber Bluhm has finished inventorying significant trees in Keizer. He has identified over 300 trees. Ms. Hoag will meet with him and then the committee can decide what to do with the information.

Geo-caching – Mike Hickman reported that throughout the summer he replaced wet logs and now that it has started raining he hasn't had to replace any.

Steamboat Research – Richard Ernst volunteered to take on this project.

Volunteer Fire Department – Committee members decided that this project was addressed through the oral history interviews.

Calvary Remount Station – *Tabled indefinitely.*

“Welcome to Keizer”/Flood History River Sign at Boat Ramp – Mike Hickman agreed to begin working on this again since the boat ramp is nearing completion. He suggested that some of the funds donated by Fed-Ex could be used to pay for this.

Mike Hickman moved to recommend naming the boat ramp after Richard Walsh. Jill Bonney-Hill seconded. Motion passed as follows: Hoag, Bonney-Hill, Ernst, Miller and Hickman in favor and Fitzgerald and Gottfried absent.

Mr. Hickman volunteered to attend the November Parks Board meeting to inform them of the KPIC recommendation.

Origin of “Chemawa” – Richard Ernst reported that “Chemawa” means “place of low-lying or frequently flooded ground” in Kalapuya. The language is now extinct. There were 13 tribes in the Willamette Valley and each tribe spoke a different dialect so they couldn't understand each other. Most got wiped out by smallpox with the remaining tribes being incorporated into the Grand Ronde confederate tribes. Mr. Ernst got this information from Native American Placenames by William Bright. He will find out more about the road and the school. It was suggested that perhaps this information should be placed on a kiosk in Area C if there is a park planned for that area.

Other Business - Members discussed the need for signs directing people to Keizer Station Park and possibly getting funding from the Parks Foundation for the signage. Jill Bonney-Hill volunteered to contact Bill Lawyer about this and follow up as needed.

Adjournment ~ *Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.*

Next Meeting: December 4, 2012

Minutes approved: 12-04-12