



Keizer Points of Interest Committee (KPIC)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center

CALL TO ORDER ~ Chair Terri Hoag called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

Attendance was taken as follows:

Present:

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

Jim Taylor, Council Liaison

Absent:

George Fitzgerald
Sherrie Gottfried
Debbie Miller

Staff:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

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

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS – Ruby Pantalone and Carole Goesch, from the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, distributed information and a picture of signage they propose to place on the Keizer Heritage property leased from the City. The sign would be mounted on a column of volcanic rock and would commemorate Anna Maria Pittman. Ms. Pantalone reviewed the life of Anna Marie Pittman noting that she was buried at Mission Park with her baby in her arms and later the remains were moved to the Jason Lee Cemetery on D Street. She explained that Ms. Pittman is the reason Keizer is here; she was the first white woman to see the Willamette River and first to die and be buried in the area. She concluded her testimony with a request that the Keizer Points of Interest Committee approve the sign adding that associated costs for the sign, stone column and installation would be paid with a grant from the Washington, DC offices of the DAR and the local chapter.

Jill Bonney-Hill moved to recommend Council approval of a memorial plaque mounted on a stone column on Keizer Heritage land leased from the City. Richard Ernst seconded. Motion passed as follows: Hoag, Bonney-Hill, Hickman and Ernst in favor with Fitzgerald, Gottfried and Miller absent.

PROJECTS/REPORTS

Japanese Influence Recognition – Sherrie Gottfried absent – no report. Mike Hickman noted that Ms. Gottfried had not heard from Brian Fakuda. Members recalled that she had volunteered to develop a timeline to be incorporated in the sign.

Oral History – Chair Hoag reported that the Blakes had agreed to be interviewed. Mike Hickman suggested that a program be done about the Reading Connection at the Keizer Library and that Steve Prothero and Patty Sawyer be interviewed. Chair Hoag suggested that organizations and clubs in the area be interviewed; perhaps the Garden Club, Rotary, Scouts, etc.

Keizer Trees of History – Chair Hoag reported that she had seen Wilbur Bluhm out taking pictures so he was still working on the project.

Charles McNary – Sherrie Gottfried absent.

Geo-caching – Mike Hickman reported that the Wallace House event was a huge success. Twenty-eight groups participated in the geo-caching. He continues to maintain the caches. All but 14 of the coins have been sold.

Wallace House Anniversary Celebration – Event was held. Jill Bonney-Hill is working on distributing the funds. She will mail the Parks Foundation receipts. She read a detailed list of receipts and expenditures and noted that the remaining coins will be sold at “Wallace Days” and left over coins will be sold from the Renaissance Inn.

Volunteer Fire Department – *Tabled indefinitely.*

Calvary Remount Station – *Tabled indefinitely.*

“Welcome to Keizer” River Sign – *Tabled until completion of the Boat Ramp at Keizer Rapids Park.*

Steamboat Research – *Table indefinitely.*

Discussion on Ideas for New Projects – Members discussed the following as possible projects: The Lost Train of Labish, Monument of Flood Levels, Other Steamboat Landings, informational signage at Keizer School or at Schoolhouse Square, Misplaced Rocks from Glaciers, Savage House/Keizer Dairy, renaming and signage for Keizer Station Park, Boats of the Willamette (steam/snag/tug), Building of the Dike, Flood History, First Families, Marion County Poor Farm, Oregon Electric Railroad, and the origin of the name “Chemawa”.

Richard Ernst agreed to research the origin of the name “Chemawa”. Mike Hickman will tie in flood history with the “Welcome to Keizer” sign at the boat ramp.

Adjournment ~ *Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.*

Next Meeting: October 23, 2012

Minutes approved: 10-23-12