

Keizer Points of Interest Committee
Minutes Meeting August 3, 2004
6:30-8pm

Present: Jerry McGee, Barbara clement, Terri Hoag, June Abbott, Vickie Hilgemann

Absent: Jim Taylor

Agenda

1. *Minutes Approved unanimously.*
2. *Public Testimony:* Guest, Jenna James. As a new employee of the education training department, Jenna visited our meeting to learn about what we are doing and observe our meeting process.
3. *New Board Member:* Jerry announced that Janet Porter from the Keizer Chamber of Commerce will be our new board member replacing Matt Williams.
4. *New Business:* Project Reports
 - a. *Budget Presentation:* Jerry followed up on the budget request with the Keizer City Council. They unanimously approved the use of Urban Renewal Funds for the signs for the Points of Interest. They encourage the signs be funded 50% from Urban Renewal Funds and 50 % from general funds for the 2X6 entry signs. Others signs should be 50% Urban Renewal Funds and 50% contribution from private sources. It does not seem to be an issue to put signage outside of the urban renewal area. Funds were available as of July 1, 2004. City personnel will order the signs. Jerry will seek approval from the Keizer Chamber of Commerce for small grant to do 50/50 match for signs saying "Iris Capital". The grant amount asked will be for \$900.00. The caption "Iris Capital" came after considerable discussion on using "Youngest City in Oregon". It was thought that this title might not last long enough to merit the signage. Other considerations include "Iris Capital of the World" and "Home of the Iris Festival". Both were considered too long for the size of the signage desired. Jerry will take this discussion back to City Council before proceeding with plans. It was a unanimous decision of the board to go with "Iris Capital".
 - b. *Wallace House Project:* Vickie relayed the concerns of neighbors to River's Edge Park who attended the last Park's Board Meeting. She also informed the group of a dig that will occur to decide if we should seek a grant for a larger dig to look for artifact of the Wallace House. The board again affirmed their support for moving ahead with the project and encouraged finding ways to involve neighbors in the area in planning.
 - c. *Keizer Heritage Building:* Barbara proposed to the Keizer Heritage Foundation that they fund a Point of Interest sign for the school house building. The Foundation agreed. The board suggested that we look into

city sign code before planning this sign to see if there are factors to be considered. Barbara will do this.

- d. 45th Parallel Site: Robin will talk to Chris Eppley to see if any consideration has been made by the council to note the siting of the 45th parallel. The board brainstormed ideas for such an indicator, these included:
 - e. an arch over River Road , a sign and bench, a picture opportunity design. We will continue discussion after Robin gets information from Mr. Eppley.
 - f. Clagget Creek Cemetery: Teri reported that the Cemetery Board has agreed to let us put up a Point of Interest sign on the road leading to the cemetery. She reported that a member of the Clagget family recently visited Keizer leaving considerable information on the family in the Keizer Heritage Foundation Library.
 - g. Thomas Dove Keizer: June proposed that we begin considering a memorial to all Keizer service men including Thomas Dove Keizer. The board brainstormed ideas for memorial and locations. This project would involve gathering support from many sources including the City Council, National Guard, Chamber of Commerce, Armed Services groups, and others. The board will devote the next meeting to continuing discussion on this topic.
- h. Adjourned at 7:58pm.