



Keizer Points of Interest Committee (KPIC)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.
Keizer Civic Center

CALL TO ORDER ~ Chair Sherrie Gottfried called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.
Attendance was taken as follows:

Present:

Sherrie Gottfried, Chair
Mike Hickman, Vice Chair
Jill Bonney-Hill
Debbie Miller
Jim Taylor, Council Liaison

Absent:

Randy Coonrod
Bee Anderson
Terri Hoag

Staff:

Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ Mike Hickman moved for approval of the June 2013 Minutes. Debbie Miller seconded. Motion passed as follows: Gottfried, Miller, and Bonney-Hill in favor, Hickman abstaining and Anderson, Coonrod and Hoag absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS – Jenniffer Warner announced that she has done the annual recordings for the Public Works events aired on K-23 and was interested in helping with the Oral History interviews. Jim Taylor invited her to help with the Blake interview scheduled for July 30.

OLD NEW/BUSINESS

Parks Board Request for Sign Assistance – Richard Walsh, Chair of the Parks Advisory Board, requested assistance from KPIC in developing a sign that would incorporate historical information for display at Keizer Rapids Park. He explained that the Parks Advisory Board would be putting one at the park that focused on the Charge family who were instrumental in the development of the park and that the Board felt the expertise of the members of KPIC would be a good resource for developing additional signage. He asked that the first sign focus primarily on Thomas Dove Keizer and his arrival in the area. The Board has a particular style in mind but would like assistance with the text and possible maps and photos. Mr. Walsh added that conversion of the Charge family home into an educational building is being explored and this would provide ample space for additional historical signage.

Mike Hickman volunteered to manage this project.

Debbie Miller moved that the Keizer Points of Interest Committee take on this project beginning with the first sign regarding Thomas Dove Keizer and that Mike Hickman run the project with others assisting. Mike Hickman seconded. Motion passed as follows:

Gottfried, Miller, Bonney-Hill and Hickman in favor, and Anderson, Coonrod and Hoag absent.

PROJECTS/REPORTS

Oral History – Debbie Miller reported that new people have been added to her list. Jim Taylor announced that he would be interviewing the Blakes at their “Log House Gardens” on Tuesday, July 30 at 5 p.m.

Geo-caching – Mike Hickman reported that two caches need maintenance and he will get to them this month.

Steamboat Research – Jill Bonney-Hill reported that she has been doing research and found that several steamboats went up and down the Willamette during the 1800s. She has found no mention, though, that they stopped in Keizer. However with the information provided by Mr. Walsh, she can refine her investigation and look for stopping points using the names on the land claims. She will also contact Mr. Chesbrough (Willamette Queen) for additional information. She indicated that perhaps the information she uncovers could be put in a sign in the new education facility.

“Welcome to Keizer”/Flood History River Sign at Boat Ramp – Mike Hickman announced that Public Works Director Bill Lawyer was willing to work with the committee on the Welcome to Keizer sign at the boat ramp and that a survey would need to be done for the Historic Flood Level sign. Mr. Hickman added that he has been playing telephone tag with surveyor David Loudon who has indicated a willingness to assist with the survey.

Origin of “Chemawa” – No report. Members suggested that perhaps Bee Anderson could find out when Beardsley Lane was changed to Chemawa and perhaps find out who Beardsley was.

History of Neighborhoods ~ No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Members agreed by consensus to cancel the August meeting.
- Chair Gottfried reported that Jane Kirby had attended the K-FEST meeting and suggested that way-finding signs directing walkers to various points and including the distances be placed around the city to encourage people to walk. Sherrie suggested that one be placed on the Willamette Bikeway route and on Shoreline and River Road. Other locations were suggested. She suggested that the committee work on designing the signs, mapping out the areas and the proposed locations of signs, getting prices and then approach Council for approval. Discussion also took place regarding getting grants for funding the signs.

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2013

Minutes approved: 10-22-13