



**MINUTES**  
**RIVER ROAD RENAISSANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2009 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Keizer Civic Center**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chair Taylor. Those in attendance were:

**Present:**

Lore Christopher (6:00)	Mayor
Jim Nardi	Gateway South Representative
Richard Hoover	Traffic Safety Commission Representative
Doug Schneider	Planning Commission Representative
A.J. Nash	Keizer Urban Renewal Board Representative
Jim Taylor, Chair	Keizer City Council
Dennis Scott	Chemawa Representative
Dennis Blackman	Sunset Representative
Tom Schuh	Citizen at Large
Hank Tarter	Claggett Creek Representative
JoAnne Beilke	Keizer Points of Interest Representative

**Absent:**

Cliff Voliva	Gateway North Representative
Joe Egli	Chamber of Commerce

**Staff Present:**

Nate Brown	Community Development Director
Tracy Davis	City Recorder

**Introduction of New Members** ~ Chair Taylor introduced the new Chemawa District representative, Dennis Scott.

**Appearance of Interested Citizens** ~ None

**Approval of Minutes** ~ Doug Schneider moved to approve the April 2009 Minutes. Hank Tarter seconded. Motion passed as follows: Nardi, Hoover, Schneider, Nash, Taylor, Blackman and Schuh in favor; Tarter, Scott and Beilke abstaining and Voliva, Christopher and Egli absent at time of vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Copeland Property** ~ Nate Brown reported that he had met with all the property owners and they are willing to undertake the proposed improvements. However, Mr. Carter is opposed to any tree plantings. Mr. Brown pointed out that trees are one of

the three stated objectives in the River Road Renaissance and Mr. Carter's opposition to them is proving to be a difficulty. Discussion then took place at length regarding reaching a compromise by using a variety of tree that would not hinder street visibility.

**Town & Country Lanes** ~ Mr. Brown reported that he had not heard from the owners. JoAnne Beilke interjected that the owners have indicated some hesitation when working with the Chamber. She suggested that Nate meet with the owners next time they meet with the Chamber. Mr. Brown agreed to attend if the owners requested his presence.

**Sonic Drive-In:** Mr. Brown reported that the Urban Renewal Agency had approved a grant for just under \$50,000 for improvements on River Road and Hollyhock. He noted that the bus stop is no longer a part of the project; expressed enthusiasm for the water feature and noted that there will be 16 security cameras on the property. They have the green light and are ready to go. The anticipated opening date is July 1.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Keizer Public Arts** ~ Following lengthy discussion, members decided to explore the following general locations for artwork:

- Weeks and River Road (east) – Town & County Bowl
- Hollyhock and River Road – Sonic
- Keizer Village – (east)
- Manbrin and Cherry Avenue Intersection
- Menlo and River Road – Copper Creek
- Cherry and River Road Intersection
- Sunset and River Road – Baskin & Robbins
- 3400 Block River Road – Abby's Pizza

Committee members also agreed that artwork locations should be improvement projects to increase the appeal of River Road and those improvements should consist not only of the pad and pedestal but also seating and landscaping.

JoAnne Beilke and Lore Christopher provided information regarding the history and activities of the Keizer Art Association noting that the next Art Association fundraiser would be held on October 3.

**Adjournment** ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

*Next Meeting*  
*Tuesday, July 21, 2009 – Civic Center*

**Approved:** 7-21-09