

Keizer Points of Interest Committee
Minutes Meeting June 2, 2004
6:30-8pm

Present: Jerry McGee, Barbara Clement, Terri Hoag, Jim Taylor, Vickie Hilgemann
Guest: Les Chapman

Agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes was unanimous.
2. Presentation of Logo: Jerry took the top selections of the committee to the Keizer City Council. He showed the committee which logo the council selected. We will move ahead with this logo for the signs.
3. Budget Information: Jerry spoke with the City Council about a budget for this committee. He was told that there are some Urban Renewal Funds that may apply for use for KPI signs. This fund currently has a balance of \$40000. He request fifteen 2X2 signs at \$75. per sign. At this time the committee has envisioned six entry port signs as way to familiarize residents with the points of interest concept. The point of entry signs will indicate that Keizer is the youngest city in the country. Other signs might include indicators for the Heritage Bldg, at least on on the plaza for Thomas D. Keizer, and others as determined by the committee.

The committee will also seek funding from other sources as the National Guard, Keizer Rotary, Chamber of Commerce to name a few. Urban Renewal funding will be available until July 2005. The committee would like to see a 50/50 partnership from public and private for the signs.

4. Project Reports:
 - a. Spongs Landing: Barbara Clements gave a history of Spongs Landing. The land was given by Woodland Development Company to the county for a Park. We feel it is part of Keizer's history and a point of interest sign should be placed there.
 - b. Clagget Cemetery: Terri Hoag attended a Clagget Cemetery Board Meeting to find out if there is interest in placing a point of interest sign at the road leading to the cemetery. The board was interested in cooperating with us but would like to see an archway sign leading to the cemetery as has been envisioned for many years. The board is currently working on a parking lot project. Teri is going to get a cost estimate for a rod iron archway and seek permission to place a POI sign on River Road leading to the cemetery.
 - c. Wallace House: Vickie reported that the research on the Wallace House continues. She is researching the land at the time it was owned by Thomas Dove Keizer for any mention of the fort. Four or five neighbors of the River's Edge Park came to the last meeting to ask what is happening

with this property. Vickie will advise the Parks Board of a need to hold public hearings or informational meetings. The KPIC went on record supporting moving ahead on this project.

- d. 45th Parallel: Jerry McGee reported that we had the wrong city designated as being on the 45th parallel in New Zealand. Instead of it being Christ's Church it is Oamaru a city 2 and one-half hours south of Christ's Church. Jerry sent an email to the city asking if they had honored the 45th parallel in any way. A return email from Sue McErlan indicated that they do have a monument 25K north of the town. It is a large boulder with a plate inserted signifying the importance of the spot dating 1939.

Meeting was adjourned 8 pm. Next meeting August 4.