



MINUTES KEIZER VOLUNTEER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 13, 2024
Robert L. Simon Council Chambers
Keizer, Oregon

1. **CALL TO ORDER/NOTE OF ATTENDANCE**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Corri Falardeau called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Present: Corri Falardeau, Chair Larry Jackson Dawn Reichle Bailon Leslie Risewick Councilor Shaney Starr	Absent: Jane Herb, Vice Chair Daisy Hickman Emerson Carella Staff Present: Dawn Wilson, City Recorder
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2. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**

There was no public testimony.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. **April 2024**

Larry Jackson moved for approval of the April 2024 minutes. Leslie Risewick seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Reichle Bailon, Falardeau, Jackson, and Risewick in favor with Hickman, Carella, and Herb absent.
4. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**
 - a. **Parks Advisory Board Opening**

Curtis Fluge withdrew his application, and offered to help the Parks Advisory Board in an email to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee (VCC). The Committee wants him to know that he's invited to attend any of the meetings.
 - b. **Keizer Public Arts Commission Openings**

The Board interviewed applicant Deborah Sisco, and she has already served on the Keizer Public Arts Commission. Deborah Sisco was asked which term she preferred, and she chose the longer term.

Shelley Greer withdrew her application.

George Copeland and Nicole Beckham were absent.

Dawn Bailon recommended Deborah Sisco for position # 7 for the Public Arts Commission. Larry Jackson seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Reichle Bailon, Falardeau, Jackson, and Risewick in favor with Hickman, Carella, and Herb absent.

Dawn Bailon recommended to send to City Council the nomination to approve Deborah Sisco for position # 7. Larry Jackson seconded. Motion passed unanimously as follows: Reichle Bailon, Falardeau, Jackson, and Risewick in favor with Hickman, Carella, and Herb absent.

**c. Youth Committee
Liaison ~ Keizer
Public Arts
Commission
Opening**

The Board interviewed Katherine Klein. She shared that she has already served two years on the Keizer Public Arts Commission, spoke about completed and upcoming projects, how she takes back information to McNary High School and asks the art teachers for recommendations of students to talk with or to share the opportunities with their classes, and she spoke about Elementary artwork being displayed in the Event Center.

Leslie Risewick moved to make a motion that Katherine Klein fills the Youth Committee Liaison position for the Public Arts Commission. Seconded by Dawn Bailon. Motion passed as follows: Reichle Bailon, Falardeau, Jackson, and Risewick in favor with Hickman, Carella, and Herb absent.

Leslie Risewick moved that Katherine Klein's position to City Council with the recommendation to City Council. Larry Jackson seconded. Motion passed as follows: Reichle Bailon, Falardeau, Jackson, and Risewick in favor, and Hickman, Carella, and Herb absent.

**d. Youth Councilor
Opening**

The Committee interviewed Ma'Layah Latty-Farrar for the Youth Councilor position. She recently became involved in her school with things that involve Keizer. She was part of the Student Cabinet with the Salem-Keizer School District and helped make changes directly in the schools. If she was offered another opportunity to be a part of the Student Cabinet, she would accept it because she found talking from a student's point of view was really enjoyable. She really likes seeing everyone from various schools come together to make a difference as a whole rather than a small fraction.

Ms. Latty-Farrar heard about the Youth Councilor opening from a teacher, Mrs. Reid, who inspired her to feel that she wanted to make more changes and help others because it's nice to help them, even if they don't ask for help. She believes that some changes need to be made in schools, and there are also some accessibility changes with the buses needed in the Keizer community. She feels that Keizer needs to be a community for all, regardless if someone was in school or outside of school. If she were to serve on the City Council, she would be interested in the sidewalk repair program because she longboards. With cracked sidewalks, she has to

longboard in the bike lane, which has rocks in the way, making it unsafe. She would be comfortable making a little change within the time that she was able to serve.

She foresees taking information from the City Council to her fellow students by speaking out when possible, and she would meet with persons in charge of small groups to learn the best steps of action to reach goals. She made a motion and had a meeting to address racism that was happening in the schools. She made a video about the final choir performance and what finals week would look like, and she finds this to be a welcoming place and enjoys spreading her words and the news.

The Committee would consider this applicant at their August meeting when the rest of the interviews and voting would take place.

In order to reach other youth communication channels, the Committee discussed having a social media account so the youth liaisons and councilors could provide information in a youth-friendly format. It was suggested that these students could submit information to be posted on the City's website or for the students to make reels. Council President Starr and Dawn Bailon would push this idea forward.

5. VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER

a. Nomination for Tony Grove ~ See PAGES 40-42 of the Packet

Chair Corri Falardeau opened the floor for the nomination for Tony Grove.

Mayor Cathy Clark spoke and recommended that the VCC nominate Tony Grove for his extensive work in the community and all the joy that he brought to the community. Mayor Clark received permission from his daughter to honor Tony Grove at his celebration of life.

Chair Falardeau expressed her appreciation for Tony Grove's work and stated that this well-deserved award was long overdue.

Leslie Risewick moved to make Tony Grove Volunteer of the Quarter. Dawn Bailon seconded. Motion passed as follows: Reichle Bailon, Falardeau, Jackson, and Risewick in favor with Hickman, Carella, and Herb absent.

Dawn Bailon moved to make the recommendation for Tony Grove as the Volunteer of the Quarter to the City Council. Seconded by Leslie Risewick. Motion passed as follows: Falardeau, Jackson, and Risewick in favor with Hickman, Carella, and Herb absent.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Debrief of 2024 Annual

The Committee reviewed the 2024 Annual Volunteer Recognition, and discussion ensued

Recognition for the City Volunteers

Corri Falardeau attended the City Council meeting, and she invited all the VCC members to attend. She didn't have any cookies to offer, but heard they were on the back counter. She said that in the past, she received the cookies in a bag. She asked about offering flowers or a card.

Leslie Risewick attended the Budget Committee meeting, and it went well, except that the members had just eaten dinner and didn't seem to want any cookies. She would like to do something more personal, such as writing cards. She commented that she was told that some members were reading the Proclamation.

Council President Starr encouraged that there be communication about having cookies on the back counter and not just having a sign. she encouraged communication about Committees getting cookies or not and to have a consistent delivery method for all the Committees. She suggested talking through consistency practices that would include the treats that would be special to the volunteers and if the VCC members should read the proclamation.

Larry Jackson attended the Arts Commission meeting, and it went well.

Dawn Bailon attended the Traffic Safety, Bikeways, and Pedestrian Committee meeting, and it went well.

Discussion ensued on whether or not the chair should manage the treats. It was suggested to have this item on the Agenda for January or February for further discussion, along with the VCC's duties so the Committee could discuss this item and the budget. It was also suggested that the City Council thank the VCC. It was suggested the City Recorder's team talk about the April volunteer appreciation month and bring back a streamlined process, suggestions for the VCC, or a staff report so that all VCC Members know the process.

Chair Falardeau shared that she and Vice Chair Jane Herb felt that some of the questions were leading questions to get answers that the VCC was looking for rather than what's needed by the various Committees. This topic could be discussed at another meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned: 6:54 p.m.

Minutes approved: _____

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