



*Keizer Points of Interest Committee Regular Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 22, 2021 ~ 6:00 ~ Keizer City Hall*

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Volunteer Appreciation** – Laura Anson
4. **Approval of Minutes ~ March 2021**
5. **Appearance of Interested Citizens**
6. **Projects/Reports**
 - Informational Signage at Schoolhouse Square – Bob Busch
 - Oral History paused until Covid-19 restrictions are lifted
 - Facebook Page – Robert Becker
 - Origination of Street Names/Neighborhood History – David Louden
 - Longitude 123 – Lowes donation? – Kathi Engles
 - Keizer Points of Interest with Travel Salem – Kathi Engles
 - Compilation of City Memorials – Lorene Moore & Lisa Cejka
 - History of Parks General – David Louden - Complete
 - Bob Newton – Bob Busch
 - Chalmers Jones – *Complete*
 - Mike Whittam – *Complete*
 - Ben Miller – Lorene Moore
 - Ryan J. Hill – Lisa Cejka - *Complete*
7. **Other Business**
 - **NEXT MEETING:** May 27, 2021 ***Virtual or In-Person?***
8. **Council Liaison Report**
9. **Adjourn**

Next Meeting – May 27, 2021

Completed Projects

45 th Parallel	Japanese History Influence	Schreiner's Iris Gardens
Charles McNary Memorial	Keizer Public Art	Spong's Landing
Claggett Cemetery	Keizer Rapids Park	TD Keizer Statue
Donation Land Claim	Map of Little Libraries	Wallace House
Flood History Signs	Map of Points of Interest	Lesser Marker for Significant Donation Claim
Geo-Cache – (<i>inactive</i>)	Marie Dorion	Informational Signage - Keizer School
Trees of History Brochure	Old Keizer School	

To Do Projects

Park History	Informational Signage - Schoolhouse Square
Longitude 123	

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**Keizer Points of Interest Committee (KPIC)
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 25, 2021
Keizer Civic Center**

CALL TO ORDER ~ Chair Bob Busch called the meeting to order at 5:58 pm.
Attendance was taken as follows:

Present:

Bob Busch, Chair
Robert Becker, Vice Chair
Lisa Cejka
Luis Castro
Lorene Moore
David Loudon

Absent:

Kathi Engles

Councilor/Staff Present:

Roland Herrera, Councilor
Debbie Lockhart, Deputy City Recorder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Bush led the pledge of allegiance.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER LUIS CASTRO: Luis Castro introduced himself and committee members welcomed him.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ~ David Loudon moved for approval of the January 2021 Minutes. Lisa Cejka seconded. Motion passed as follows: Busch, Becker and Cejka in favor with Castro, Moore and Loudon abstaining and Engles absent.

APPEARANCE OF INTERESTED CITIZENS ~ None

ENHANCED VISITOR EXPERIENCE – Warren Franklin: Mr. Franklin showed a presentation on how to attract new visitors and generate new revenue by promoting the points of interest in Keizer. He explained that he had developed an app related to tourism which allows the user to go on 'quests' and receive a magnet unique to the attraction when they complete each 'quest'. He indicated that there was no cost to the City to start in the program, but they would need to set up the quest locations and develop trivia for the sites. He then fielded questions and provided clarification regarding various aspects of the program. Committee members urged him to give his presentation at a Council meeting.

Lisa Cejka moved that the Keizer Points of Interest Committee endorse the Quest and Discovery Network and recommend it to Council. Lorene Moore seconded. Motion passed as follows: Busch, Becker, Cejka, Castro, Moore and Loudon with Engles absent.

PROJECTS/REPORTS

Informational Signage at Schoolhouse Square: Bob Busch left a message with Bloch Schoolhouse LLC but they have not responded yet. When he approached Cherriots, they indicated that the sign could not be put on the bus stop because it is reserved for paid marketing customers. Mr. Busch suggested that perhaps the signage could be placed in the right of way as long as it complied with ADA regulations. He will look into posting it inside one of the businesses if he doesn't hear back from Bloch.

Oral History: No Report – Paused until the Covid-19 pandemic is officially over and all restrictions are lifted.

Facebook Page: Robert Becker has posted but it comes up as a citizen rather than an administrator. Committee agreed that this is adequate.

Longitude 123: (Written report from Kathi Engles) She met with Robert Johnson and together they decided upon a location. Mr. Johnson will build a post out of Trex for the signs and install it. Cost for the materials at Lowe's would be approximately \$132.80. This does not include the cost of the signs or some sort of cap for the top of the post. Ms. Engles indicated that she was willing to approach Lowe's about donating all or part of the materials. Lisa Cejka moved to approve the design and location and direct Kathi Engles to contact Lowe's for possible donation. Robert Becker seconded. Motion passed as follows: Busch, Becker, Cejka, Castro, Moore and Loudon with Engles absent.

Willamette River Water Trail Designation for Wallace House Park: (Written report from Kathi Engles) WRWT does not post parks on their map unless there is suitable portage. She recommends that the Parks Board follow up on this if Sunset or Wallace House Park have portage. Taylor Cantonwine, Marketing coordinator for Travel Salem has indicated that she would be happy to include Keizer Points of Interest. Committee suggested Kathi follow up on this.

Compilation of Keizer Memorials: Lorene reported that there are three in Keizer Rapids Park honoring Janet Carlson, Richard Walsh and Wilbur Bluhm. There are more at the Big Toy. She is taking pictures and will put together a brochure when she has them all. Lisa Cejka indicated that she would be willing to work with Lorene to locate them.

History of Parks - General: David Loudon reported that

- *Sunset Park* was platted in 1938 for the exclusive use of owners of Rivercrest Acres. It is the oldest park in Keizer.
- *Wallace House Park* was originally called River's Edge Park and was owned by the City of Salem. It was surveyed in 1931. The City of Keizer didn't get a deed to it until 2009.
- *Willamette Manor* was dedicated on the plat of Willamette Manor as a regional park. It was surveyed in 1971.
- *Claggett Creek Park* was also a regional park and includes some lots from the cow pasture at the north end. It was surveyed in 1965.

History on Park Names

Bob Newton: Bob Busch has obituary and is waiting for contact with Mrs. Newton.

Chalmers Jones: Robert Becker summarized his report sent via email just before the meeting

Mike Whittam: Complete

Ryan J. Hill: Complete.

Ben Miller: Lorene Moore – no report

OTHER BUSINESS:

Next Meeting April 22, 2021 In-Person or Virtual? Committee agreed by consensus to hold the April meeting in person.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT ~ Roland Herrera reported that Budget meetings will be starting in May, Rotary is having a can drive and the Keizer 100 Club will be donating \$1,000 each to help with the upkeep of the Keizer Cultural Center. He announced the upcoming Work Session on Council Procedures, shared information about Latino scholarships and graduation rates, urged everyone to sponsor a student, support local businesses and be respectful of the opinions of others.

ADJOURNMENT ~ Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2021

Minutes approved: _____

Park Blurbs



PFC Ryan J Hill Memorial Park was dedicated November 8, 2013. Keizer native Army PFC Ryan Hill died in action in Iraq on Jan. 20, 2007. He was 20 years old when he was killed by an improvised explosive device detonating near his vehicle while he was in Baghdad. He joined the Army in 2005 and deployed the next year to Iraq. The Oregon Veterans Affairs office verified that PFC Ryan J. Hill is the only Keizer resident killed in action since the City was incorporated in 1982.



Mike Whittam Park

Charles McMichael (Mike) Whittam spent his early years in California and Arizona. He moved to Oregon in the 60s where he began to work for the State Parks Commission. On January 15, 1990, Parcel "B" of the Keizer Little League Park was designated as 'Mike Whittam Park' in recognition of the many ways he served the Keizer community including serving as Chair of the Parks Advisory Board for several years. He is buried at Claggett Cemetery, Keizer, Marion County, Oregon



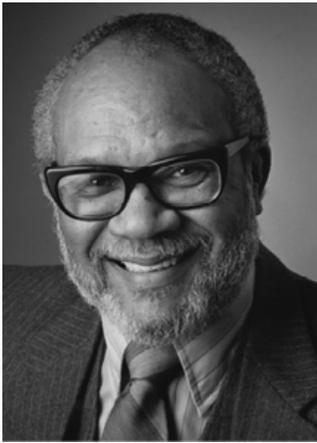
Bob Newton Family Park

Bob Newton Park, formerly Wilark or Willark Park (both names appear on formal documents), was donated by Kenneth and Anna Nielson who named it after the place where they met. The exact town of Wilark is not known, but a good possibility is the old lumber town, now gone, of Willark that was owned by the Clark and Wilson Lumber Company (the name coming from combining the owners' names) and was located near the headwaters of the Clatskanie River in Columbia County. The park was renamed in 2007 to honor former Keizer Mayor and City Councilor, Colonel

James Robert "Bob" Newton (retired).

Mr. Newton served in the Oregon National Guard from 1957-1994. He was elected first to Keizer City Council serving 14 years and then as Mayor and served on many civic and military boards during his time in Keizer. He was named Keizer's First Citizen in 1996 by the Keizer Chamber of Commerce.

Wallace House Park was originally called River's Edge Park and was purchased by the City of Salem from the Weeks, Cline and Gottenberg families in 1968. Portions of the site served as a nursery. The location is also the speculated location of the Wallace House, also known as Fort Wallace, which was built in 1812 as a trading post for John Jacob Astor's American Fur Company. It was the first semi-permanent structure built by Euro-Americans in Oregon's Willamette Valley. The building itself is long-gone but its approximate location is documented. A map drawn by explorer Nathaniel Wyeth in 1832 placed the 'old Wallis house' on the east bank of the Willamette River in present-day southwest Keizer.



Chalmers Jones Park

The City bought the land and old school building (used as City Hall until 2009) in 1986. The park was renamed from City Hall Park to Chalmers Jones Park in 1996 to honor a long-time Keizer resident, known for 'breaking racial barriers and his long time service in State Government.

A native of Louisiana, Jones worked his way to the west coast as a radio announcer, washing cars in Portland, Oregon for \$1.00, and as a skycap for United Airlines. It was during his stint as a skycap that he first met Governor Tom McCall. He would later become the first African-American in Oregon's history to serve with Governor McCall on his executive staff. He later served thirteen years on the Oregon State Parole Board retiring as Chairman. Chalmers Jones passed away August 15, 1995.



Ben Miller Family Park

Purchased in 1995 from Elsie R. Mathews, the park was originally named Pleasant View Park. It was renamed to honor long-time Keizer volunteer and businessman Ben Miller and his family. Mr. Miller's donations of equipment and labor were instrumental in developing the park as it exists today. MORE TO COME

Keizer Rapids Park

Like the City of Keizer, the Keizer Rapids (also called historically "Keizur's Rapids") derives its name from the Keizur family that homesteaded the adjacent area. The name Keizer Rapids preceded the City of Keizer by over a century and is a longstanding recognized feature on many maps. Keizer Rapids Park is Keizer's newest and largest park and consists of 148 acres; 84 Acres of state-owned property formerly referred to as Beardsley Bar, with the remaining acreage originally owned by Ella Buchholz, Stephen and Rhonda Buchanan, and Winifred Charge. In 2003 the RIVERR (Regional Intergovernmental Visions Enhancing Rivers Resources) Task Force was formed to facilitate the creation of the park. Marion County, City of Salem, Oregon State Park & Recreation Department, National Park Service, Marine Board and the Trust for Public Land all participated in the property acquisition and development of park. Donations from area businesses, non-profit organizations and caring individuals were instrumental in bringing about the amenities including the dog park, amphitheater and the Big Toy.



Keizer's Claggett Creek Park

was purchased from the Hardman family in 1963 and conveyed to the City of Keizer as Claggett Creek Park in 1983. Grandfather of Senator McNary, Charles Claggett was born in Kentucky in 1813 and relocated to what is now Keizer in 1852 on 320 acres of land where he burned and sold charcoal and raised stock and grain. For many years he lived in a 16 x 16 foot cabin without a floor, stove or fireplace. Considered one of the honored pioneer settlers, Charles Claggett died in 1902.

Bair Park Bair Park was once part of 160 acres owned by John and Edna Bair. The couple purchased the land in 1882 and it evolved to include the original Clear Lake School and the Keizer/Clear Lake United Methodist Church. MORE TO COME.



Carlson Skate Park: In early 1995, while listening to yet another complaint from the business community regarding skateboarding and rollerblading on their property, Charlane Carlson decided there needed to be a place for the youth of this community to be safe and free of hassle and to enjoy their sport. In May 1995 she began efforts to generate support for a skate park in Keizer. The excitement and energy of the youth and their willingness to support Charlane in her pursuit led to the formation of the Keizer Skate Park Committee. After many years of research, phone calls, discussion of fundraising ideas and design suggestions from the kids, a formal presentation was made to the Keizer Parks Advisory Board and

later to Council. With support from the City Council and a commitment of financial aid, the official groundbreaking ceremony took place in April 1998. The park was dedicated in July of 1999. The list of people, businesses and organizations that made the park possible is extensive and shown on a plaque in the park.

Northview Park
Northridge Park
The Meadows
Keizer Little League Park
Hidden Creek Park

Sunset Park was platted in 1938 for the exclusive use of owners of Rivercrest Acres. It is the oldest park in Keizer consisting of 1.58 acres donated in 1957 as required by subdivision ordinance by John and Anna Kaeser. At this time it became known as Sunset Park. It is within the Willamette River Greenway overseen by Oregon State Parks Department.

Willamette Manor was dedicated by developer, Ron Jones, as required by the subdivision ordinance. It was surveyed in 1971.

Palma Ciea: .80 acres donated by Edwin J. Becke in May of 1958 as required by the subdivision ordinance. Area is within the Willamette River Greenway overseen by the Oregon State Parks Department. Named for the subdivision in which it is located.