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citizens, either by birth or naturalization.

When a Keizer resident who is not yet a U.S. citizen applied to serve on the committee, she was denied by the members of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee despite being “the most prepared ... very articulate, and who has a unique perspective of being in the process of obtaining U.S. citizenship.” That assessment was included in an email from Mayor Cathy Clark, who heard about what transpired through her appointee to the VCC, Daisy Hickman.

Councilor Marlene Parsons, who was present at the VCC June meeting, said the non-citizen applicant “was the only one that had read the charter.” The city received 14 applications for the five elector seats on the committee and most were in attendance at the June meeting.

Given the confusion, the council set out to answer the larger question of who should serve on city committees and then plotted a course forward for dealing with the Charter Review Committee. The council cannot formally vote on city matters during work sessions, but directed City Attorney Shannon Johnson to bring back revisions to city policy allowing any city resident to serve on city advisory groups. In regard to the Charter Review Committee, the council wanted further discussion on two options: expanding the committee to eight members with the council making a citizen appointment directly; and adding two “resident” positions to the committee and asking the Volunteer Coordinating Committee to fill those through the normal recommendation-appointment process.

‘EVERYONE ... HAS A STAKE’

The council first determined whether any resident or only registered voters should be allowed to serve on city committees.

The only committee that has specific guidelines regarding composition is the Keizer Planning Commission and those come from state authorities. The city council has discretion when it comes to other committees.

Parsons said she reviewed the volunteer application given out to those interested

and applicants it does not ask if they are citizens of the U.S.

“I want people to understand that everyone in the city of Keizer has a stake in this charter. It represents our city views and city rules,” Parsons said. Given that the final decisions will be left to councilors, she said, there was no need to restrict who serves on committees.

“There are many residents that chose Keizer as their home and they need to have a voice and be at the table,” said Councilor Kim Freeman. Freeman also questioned why the citizenship requirement was suddenly at the forefront of the discussion when it never arose during her 12 years on the Volunteer Coordinating Committee. Councilor Elizabeth Smith said, as a business owner, “If people want to work for me, I would hate to have a job description that eliminated highly qualified applicant.” Councilor Dan Kohler, who also attended the June VCC meeting, said he felt bad for the applicant in question and said that the council shared some of the onus for creating the situation in which it arose. Still, he said, he’d talked with some constituents on both sides of the issue and reported back on what they said.

— Kim Freeman, Keizer City Councilor

“As I visited with a number of people, some of the comments I got were what if one of us went to France and asked to be involved in making their laws. Electors have skin in the game, and that was something I heard from a lot of people,” Kohler said.

Others, he contacted Kohler said, felt that non-citizens should make the commitment to become citizens before serving in municipal decision-making. Kohler did not say whether he agreed with the sentiments, but wanted the council to take it under consideration as it moves forward. Kohler was one of the most vocal councilors backing the creation of the committee with the intent of asking voters to remove anti-LGBTQ language from the city charter. Councilor Roland Herrera rebuked the analogy of visiting France and seeking to rewrite its laws. “Visiting some place isn’t the same as being brought to a new country as a

child, it’s not the same as going to the schools there, it’s not the same as owning a business in the community. Visiting is a poor analogy. Residents and non-residents have skin in the game, the only difference is voting,” Herrera said.

CHARTER COMMITTEE SIZE TBD

The council is expected to take up the issue of how to rework the charter committee at its meeting Monday, July 15. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Keizer Civic Center.

While city staff were directed to bring back two options—a direct appointment by the council of one person or a reopening of the entire process to add two more positions open to any residents regardless of citizenship status — councilors leaned toward expanding the committee by two additional seats.

Clark was reticent to add only one person because it would bring the total to eight members with the potential of deadlocked votes. Adding two members would bring the total to nine and avoid deadlocking.

The council consensus was that it wanted to keep the five applicants the committee already recommended for seats.

Even settling on those five candidates out of the pool of applicants proved difficult. It took three votes of VCC committee members to break ties and identify the top five. Currently, Broderick Pack, Garry Whalen, Pat Fisher, Kathy Lincoln and Rick Kuehn are being forwarded by the VCC for appointment to the committee.

“I think because the VCC and applicants have done so much work that we accept the current recommendations and streamline this as much as possible,” said Councilor Laura Reid.

Freeman said she would start from scratch if it wouldn’t create delays, but “we should send it back to [the VCC] keep the process as transparent as possible. I think we will have more pushback if we don’t and the whole point of this is correcting things that are not fair.”

Clark said that the council can use this situation as an opportunity to clarify the appointment process for members of the VCC. The VCC is comprised of seven people appointed by individual city councilors and the mayor.

“We have to do some additional training,” she said.

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— Roland Herrera, Keizer City Councilor

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— July 12, 1984

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“Service is the rent that you pay for room on this earth.”
— Shirley Chisholm, late Congresswoman (First woman to run for president, 1972)

The Weeks Ahead

Through Sunday, July 14

2019 Marion County Fair. Admission ranges from \$5 to \$9. Dozens of attractions, exhibits, shows and more. Oregon State Fairgrounds and Expo Center. For a full list of events and information log on marioncountyfair.net.

Friday, July 12

Engage with historian John Ritter at Deepwood Estate’s Secret History of Underground Salem. Learn about the history of Salem’s underground tunnels and the Chinese opium dens, distilleries, speakeasies, and more. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at deepwoodmuseum.org.

Saturday, July 13

Willamette Valley Genealogical Society meets from noon to 1 p.m. in Anderson Room A of Salem Public Library (585 Liberty St SE). Group workshop: Approaches to solving a brick wall. For more information, call (503) 363-0880.

Free Summer Concert Series presents Brady Goss at Keizer Rotary Amphitheatre, Keizer Rapids Park. Free admission. Concert starts at 6:30 p.m. No outside food or beverage. No pets allowed in amphitheatre.

234th Army Band celebrates its 100th year with state-wide musical starting at 7 p.m. at the Historical Elsinore Theatre. Event is free to attend.

Keizer/Salem Area Seniors Saturday Night Dance and Potluck featuring music by Lee Nicolas and Diane, admission \$5. 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 930 Plymouth Drive N.E., Keizer

Coffee with Cathy, Keizer’s mayor will be held at Mommy & Maddy’s, 1-3 p.m. Free to attend but patronage of the host business is encouraged.

Sunday, July 14

Opening Day of Art in the Garden at the Oregon Gardens. Wander the garden, check out art installations, chat with artists, meet Garden Time and enjoy a complimentary mimosa. Oregon Garden admission tickets can be purchased at the visitor center. Visit oregongarden.org/events/art-in-the-garden/ to learn more.

Dwight Yoakam with special guests me&you will perform at 8 p.m. at the Historic Elsinore Theatre. Tickets range from \$48 to \$98 and can be purchased at elsinoretheatre.com.

Monday, July 15

St Edward Catholic Church Vacation Bible School for children ages four through those completing fifth grade. Begins at 8:45 a.m. and ends at noon each day starting Monday, July 15 and ending Friday, July 19. Registration ranges from \$15 to \$60. Registration forms in parish office or call (503) 393-5323, ext. 302.

Tuesday, July 16

Free admission all day at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, July 19 – Sunday, July 21

Salem Art Fair and Festival, Bush’s Pasture Park. More than 200 artists will show at the 70th anniversary event. Live music, beer/wine, food vendors. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday. Cash only admission is \$5 per day or \$10 for three day pass. salemart.org.

Saturday, July 20

14th Knights of Columbus Car Show, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Edward Catholic Church, 5303 River Rd. N. Awards in more than 25 categories. Entertainment and food available. Free. Proceeds to benefit Father Taaffe Homes.

Keizer/Salem Area Seniors Saturday Night Dance and Potluck featuring music by Crossfire, admission \$5. 7 p.m.-10 p.m. at 930 Plymouth Drive N.E., Keizer.

Saturday, July 20 – Sunday, July 21

11th annual Canterbury Renaissance Fair, 6569 Valley View Road, east of Silverton. Hours 10 a.m-6 p.m. everyday. Jousting demonstrations each day at noon and 4 p.m. Activities, characters, food, music and more. Admission ranges from \$12 to \$54 for a day or a weekend. Visit canterburyfaire.com.

Monday, July 22

Elevated Camping: Hammocking Basics. Hammocks are versatile companion for any outdoor adventure, but sometimes levitation has a learning curve. Join the hammocking experts for tips and tricks that will have you flying in no time. Keizer Station REI 6- 7:30 p.m. visit rei.com/stores/salem-keizer to register.

Tuesday, July 23

Free admission all day at Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 700 State Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Add your event by e-mailing reporter@keizertimes.com

Renaissance Fest kicks off July 20 near Silverton

The 11th Canterbury Renaissance Festival will be held near Silverton for four days starting July 20 and will feature a dragon lair adventure this year.

The festival grounds, located off state Highway 213 east of Silverton, will be filled with a village as it may have appeared during the late 16th century, interactive stage, and participants playing characters from the era.

Activities will include sword fighting lessons, period archery, kids games and jousting demonstrations at noon and 4 p.m. each day.

Festival hours are 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m. two weekends— July 20-21 and July 27-28. Price is admission is \$15 per day or \$27 for a weekend for adults; for seniors cost is \$12/ day or \$21 for a weekend. Children 6 to 12 are admitted at the same price as seniors. There is not cost for kids 5 and under.

To learn more visit canterburyfaire.com.

Farm to Table event benefits local efforts to end hunger

Bonaventure Senior Living will present the Farm to Table Dinner and Auction at 6 p.m. at the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem on Saturday, July 13.

The festivities will begin with hors d’oeuvres and a selection of wine and beer while engaging in the silent auction. Following the silent auction, guests will enjoy dinner featuring food from local farms and prepared by guest chef Daryl Gossack and his team from Loustic Catering.

To finish the evening attendees will have opportunities to bid in the live auction.

All proceeds benefit Marion-Polk Food Share. Tickets are \$95 and can be purchased at marionpolkfoodshare.org.

looking back in the KT

5 YEARS AGO

A cooling splash-when open Keizer is experiencing a bit of a heat wave. Fortunately, there is a water fountain by city hall to cool off at – as long as you don’t come Mondays or Tuesdays.

10 YEARS AGO

Art association’s newest leader seeks ‘emerging’ work While its mission remains the same, the new president of the Keizer Art Association is finding new ways to breathe fresh air into the organization.

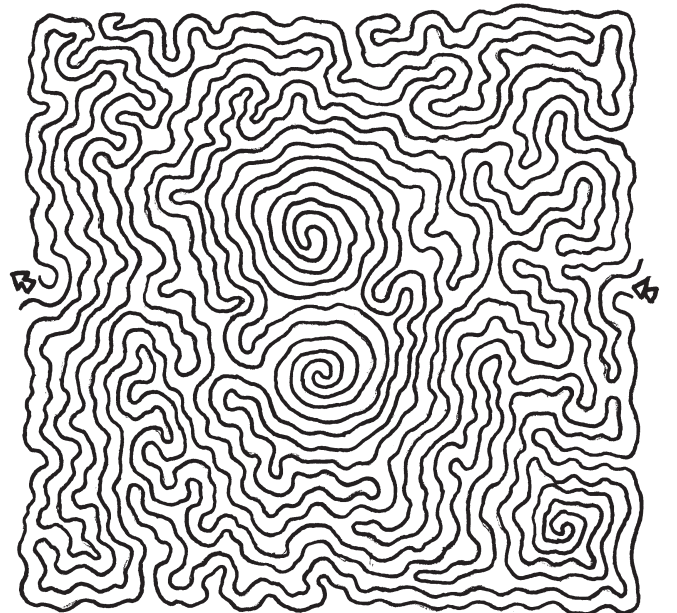
15 YEARS AGO

Volcanoes take beating from Emeralds If any of the Volcanoes have nightmares during the coming week, they’ll probably revolve around Eugene Emerald catcher Colt Morton and a ball flying over the outfield fence.

20 YEARS AGO

Council considers unique rules to govern new floating homes Building a house over water takes special rules, and the Keizer City Council is considering what those ought to be.

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Maze by Jonathan Graf of Keizer

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X-Men: Dark Phoenix (PG-13)
Fri 1:45, 5:50, 8:05,
Sat 1:35, 6:20, 8:35,
Sun 6:05, 6:20, 8:20

Ma (R)
Fri 8:35, Sat 7:20, Sun 8:35

Detective Pikachu (PG)
Fri 1:30, 3:40
Sat 11:00, 12:45, 2:45, 4:45,
Sun 12:00, 2:00, 4:00

Poms (PG-13)
Sat 3:10, Sun 4:30

The Hustle (PG-13)
Fri 8:55,
Sat 9:20,
Sun 7:45

A Dog's Journey (PG)
Fri 2:00, Sat 11:30, Sun 3:10

Shazam (PG-13)
Fri 3:55, 6:30
Sat 3:50
Sun 12:40, 5:15

Dumbo (PG)
Fri 4:05, Sat 1:00
Sun 2:25

Breakthrough (PG)
Fri 6:15, Sat 5:00,
Sun 12:15

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