

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board meeting
April 2, 2020 (Via Zoom)

The meeting was convened at 7:04 by the chair, Kate Perle. Other Board members present included Ann Vaughn, Jerry Finigan, Dawn Lesley, Tim Foelker, George Price, and Louie Vidmar.

There was a discussion about what our group would be doing over the next 3 months to help see our community through the Covid-19 crisis. Kate suggested we interface somehow with people who might want to volunteer to help. A couple of other neighborhoods have adopted the “Recover” app which networks those who want to help with those who need help. A downside for his method is that a trained team needs to set up, monitor the site and facilitate community connections; as well as the issue of how to make people aware of this resource. George volunteered to contact David Monk of Southeast Neighbors, a neighborhood putting this into practice, to better understand how this operates. It was agreed that we should craft a postcard to be mailed to the entire neighborhood giving basic information about accessing the program through our website. There will also need to be some discussion about how the website needs to be altered to facilitate this. Another idea was to put signs in community parks and other locations. George suggested that emergency preparedness also be referenced on the postcard and to make sure that information regarding this is updated and easy to find on the website. He suggested a possible 9-point questionnaire be included on the website so people can individually assess their preparedness for disaster. It was suggested that people are looking to work on gardens during this sequestered time and that it is difficult for people to find seeds as they are being sold out at regular commercial sources. Kate suggested that our little library box might be advertised as a seed library and referenced on the postcard and website.

Kate said that SCCO needs to be better informed about the neighborhood plan before we are asked to give our approval on it this fall. She will get the most updated version of the plan from Chelsea and send it to the Board with instructions for our members to become familiar with the details in it. Ann asked how the River Road Community Organization was approaching this issue.

It was agreed that another meeting be scheduled with the expanded board (the Board as well as former Board members who are still deeply involved) It was decided this would be held **Monday, April 13 at 6 p.m. via Zoom**. One major agenda item would be the text of the proposed postcard. Also there was a discussion about how the regular meeting in May might be held. It was suggested that Danuta Pfeifer, who wants to present the concept of neighborhood mapping, would be a good program. With stories of Zoom being hacked, it would be problematic to widely advertise a Zoom link for the meeting. It was decided to have her give a presentation to a smaller group and find a way for the wider community to access this program.

the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

submitted, Jerry Finigan