

SANTA CLARA COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Board Meeting

Feb 2, 2017

Messiah Lutheran Church

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Introductions: 23, of those 10 are board members: Jerry Finigan, Kate Perle, Kelly Burke, Russ Bevans, Gary Haliski, George Price, Ann Vaughn, Patrick Kerr, Louie Vidmar and Peter Thurston

SCRRIPT report – Launching our Area Study (Jerry)

- For the committee to draft the area study they first want to seek approval from the SCCO board.
- SCRRIPT program history and goals were discussed, mentioning that the member team totals 15-16 people, and they want to be a voice for us. Area outreach covered 750 neighbors. The city has budgeted \$100,000 for the city staff to do more outreach for the area plan. This meeting included Q & A. The area plan will attempt to provide solutions to issues in Santa Clara before it is all developed.
- Jerry and Ann handed out a detailed report of the Key Issues for Topic/Technical Team review and analysis, a 4-page report covering **Land Use** (Community Character, Natural Resources/Storm water, Residential Lands, Urban Design/20-minute neighborhoods/Compatibility/Transitions, and Economic Development), **Transportation** (On River Road, Streetscapes, Bicycle & Pedestrian, and Public Transit), **Public Safety** (Law Enforcement), **Parks and Recreation** (Willamette River, Greenway, Park Land & Community Center, River Road Parks District), and **Governance** (Representation & Public Process, Coordination & Communication, Annexation, and Special Districts).
- There is a calculator online for determining an individual's tax consequences should they choose to annex into the city. Email Jerry Finigan for the link. Pros and cons of annexation will be brought out, and there may be a transition period offered.
- The area plan could take 18 months to complete.
- There is a community resource group identified that stands in the wings, 55 at one point, who may still be interested in getting involved.
- The steering committee for SCRRIPT is Jerry Finigan, Ann Vaughn, Carleen Reilly, and John Belcher who relay to the city staff 3-4 times/year. Peter is concerned about losing momentum.
- Jerry says there is some difficulty with keeping diverse populations informed. Ann wants the city to provide help there.
- PR beyond our newsletter should be pursued by the city.
- Zak (city) arrived later in the meeting, and says that all the work done to date is impressive. There is a Land Use/Transportation federal grant for the River Road corridor now that is \$400,000. It begins in September and we should align the area plan with that time.
- Peter wants Zak to put dates on a schedule for the area plan.
- More recruitment for committees will need to take place, and more involvement from minority groups is needed.
- Gary W. wants us to approve the committee to draft the area study. Peter moves, Louis 2nds, and it is unanimously approved.

Approval of January minutes - Gary H. moves, George 2nds it and it is unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report - The SCCO has \$973.28 and the Garden has \$804.84 of that.

Reports:

- Awbrey Park: (Gary H.) There is a work party this weekend on Sat. 9-noon. The first weekend in May is the annual Wildflower Walk. The city has cleaned up damage from the trees.
- Luper Cemetery: (Peter) This Sat at 1 pm the benches by the Eagle Scouts are being dedicated. Luper is re-opened after its clean-up after the storm damage.
- Santa Clara Community Garden: (Peter, George, Kelly) There was a garden team meeting today where 3 of us toured the site, discussing the past and future and practical concerns. Composting, greenhouse plans, plot rental (1-7 plots are community plots), solarizing the ground, fence section rebuild, and a needed carpenter for the greenhouse. Fruit trees are beginning to produce. There are some apples and a plum.

Old Business:

- Election of Board Officers – Ann moves, and Patrick 2nds it that all current board members continue serving: Jerry Finigan (chair), Russ Bevans (vice chair), and Kelly Burke (secretary). It passes unanimously.
- Newsletter: (Gary H) We will find out the budget for periodic newsletters, and get some funds.

New Business:

- Board approval of the SCRRIP area plan process passed unanimously. (see prior)

Meeting adjourned 8:39

Minutes by Kelly