

Santa Clara Community Organization
General meeting minutes
March 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by the chair, Kate Perle. There were 23 in attendance, including 8 Board members. Those present introduced themselves. Among those – Nora Kent, running for West Lane Commissioner, Jay Bozievich, current West Lane Commissioner, and Davey Davis representing the community supported shelter annual fund-raiser celebration. Kate gave tips for gardening in March. Patrick Kerr moved the minutes for the February 1st Executive Board meeting be approved as submitted, Ann Vaughn seconded. Motion passed.

New Park: Philip Richardson, Parks Planner for the City of Eugene presented maps and pictures of the new park on the River on River Loop 1 that was purchased from Cascade Health Solutions for \$450,000. For the time being the City plans to leave the land as a natural area with some minimal signage and perhaps some clearing of blackberries on the river bank.

Missing Middle Housing: Victor Arreola, student of U of O Architecture Department discussed his project of finding a way of establishing missing middle housing in Santa Clara. Presently this involves placing secondary dwelling units and accessory dwelling units on large lots: primarily in the vicinity of Ross Lane. He'll continue involving SCCO as his project matures.

Pilot car camping proposal for the LTD site: Edward McGlone from LTD presented a proposal for a car camping program LTD is discussing with homeless advocates for up to 6 cars being allowed overnight on the future LTD Transfer site between Hunsaker and Green Lane. Kate suggested that the next meeting feature a community discussion of this. Homeless agencies would be invited as resource. The suggestion of homeless students attending North Eugene High School be given a priority was raised. Patrick asked what LTD would do if the program isn't working after a review. Edward said LTD would make sure in their agreement with St. Vincent de Paul, who will be supervising the program, would protect LTD and give it an escape route.

Announcements: Jerry Finigan read an e-mail from Russ Bevans who has been on the Board since 1974. He said, due to his business and church commitments, he would like to resign from the SCCO Board. Jerry sent him a thank you for his years of service. Kate appointed Tim Foelker to complete Russ's term to January 2019.

Reports:

- Tim Foelker reported on the first of the River Road education forums. He said they met at Reality Kitchen. This first meeting discussed the topics the forums would like to cover. Tim recommended that SCCO keep a connection with this project as it moves forward.

- Neighborhood Plan: Jerry reported that the focus groups met for the first time on February 7 and 5 focus groups discussed a vision for the future as the plan is constructed. Subsequently SCRRIPT had an ad-hoc meeting expressing concern about how substantive issues might be being ignored. Kate had a conversation with Zach, who said plans were already in the works to have some kind of informal potluck to meld work done by SCRRIPT with the new Community Advisory Committee. The Community Advisory meeting met for the first time on Monday, February 26 for an organizational meeting and this was also discussed there. A potluck for the CAC and the SCRRIPT group has been arranged for March 10 at Jerry's place at 2:00 p.m.
- Dog off-leash park at Lone Oak: Rebecca Marx said that the matching grant for this has been submitted and she is scheduled to present it to the Department Advisory Committee on March 6.
- Awbrey Park: Patrick reported that the Wildflower Walk has been scheduled for Saturday, April 28. The next Awbrey Park work party is scheduled for the coming Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. to 12p.m.
- Luper Cemetery: Peter Thurston reported that there are occasional reports of inappropriate activity at the cemetery, and said the Board would like to be apprised of any activities that seem suspicious. There is a small work party scheduled for March 17 to work on trails in the Cemetery.
- Land Use: Ed McMahan and Jay Bozievich briefly described Senate Bill 1051 which would provide a structure to allow SDUs to mitigate the homeless problem. Kate reported that the application for the development of Wildrose Estates, bordering Awbrey Park is moving forward. Both SCCO and Friends of Awbrey Park are monitoring this as to how it might affect the creek bank and riparian area of the Park.
- Santa Clara Community Garden: Peter Thurston reported that there are about half a dozen community plots available for the coming season. He said there is a series on soil building and composting planned.

OLD BUSINESS: The committee working on a diversity statement for Santa Clara has not met during the month. Louis Vidmar said he would see what he could do to reactivate this group. David Van der Haeghen attended the City workshop on the Hate and Bias Toolkit. He reported this packet is now available in draft form but that it will be an evolving document.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry reported that the Friends of Awbrey Park, in planning for the Wildflower Walk on April 28 would like to expand it into a larger community-wide celebration. Jerry suggested he form a working committee to coordinate with Friends to come up with ideas and arrange for events augmenting the Walk and make suggestions as to how to promote it. Peter move SCCO create such a committee, Rebecca seconded. Motion passed.

meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

submitted,

Jerry Finigan
secretary