

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board meeting
June 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Jerry Finigan at 7:05 p.m. There were 16 present, including, including 6 Board members.

Reports:

- land use
 - there will be a community-developer meeting June 7 regarding a creation of 3 lots at the corner of Taito and Hunsaker
 - there will be an upcoming City Council meeting June 19 to discuss the allowance of a bus stop at Hunsaker and River Road
- Santa Clara Community Garden
 - there will be a demonstration on June 3 of how to create a number of different kinds of garden compost.
- Luper Cemetery
 - there was a report about how Memorial Day went at Luper. It was commented about how things keep improving there, and how there is little evidence of the major storm damage that wreaked havoc there this last winter.
- Other – issues of homelessness and need for low income housing and mixed development.
- George Neally – currently unhoused – led a discussion about the need for a new paradigm when it comes to dealing with homelessness. He said rest-stop ideas are well intentioned, but does not blend the unhoused into the community very well. There needs to be a method of making the homeless a larger part of the community.

Old Business:

The Chair presented the proposal to restructure the Santa Clara/River Road Implementation Planning Team to an arrangement that is more suitable to partnering with the City Planning Department and writing a neighborhood plan. There are two parts to this: the Public Involvement Plan, dedicated to increasing the number and diversity of those involved in the community; and the RR-SC Neighborhood Plan, 2017 charter. The plan lays out a 2-year process to develop a community vision enforced by policies, an action plan, and zoning and code amendments. The Santa Clara Community Organization, and the River Road Community Organization will be charged with overseeing this process, starting with appointing a Citizen Advisory Committee to administer subgroups that will identify a vision and propose policies to achieve these in 5 areas.

Some suggestions coming from the group included keeping SCRRIP as a working group until the new structure is set up. It was also suggested that a double arrow be represented between the Citizen Advisory Committee and the City's Project Management Team, as there should be a two-way flow of information between these two groups

New Business: none

meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

submitted, Jerry Finigan

