

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board meeting
Thursday, February 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the chair, Jerry Finigan. There were 22 present, including 6 Board members. Those present introduced themselves. Kate Perle moved the minutes from the January 4 meeting be approved as submitted, Ann Vaughn seconded. Motion passed. George Brown was introduced and he presented information on the ballot measure for an independent City auditor. Clare Strawn of the River Road Community Organization was introduced. She described an educational initiative – a series of programs that are independent from the Neighborhood Plan project but supplementing it by presenting a series of educational workshops about how planning and development decisions are made. There is a land use workshop on March 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the River Road annex; a traffic calming workshop on February 25 from 1 to 3 p.m.

LTD and the planning for the Transfer Station at Hunsaker and River Road: Kate Perle reported on a committee meeting with 3 planners from LTD to get an update and to impart Santa Clara concerns and priorities regarding this site. LTD has decided to abandon their original PUD and will establish two separate ones. The first dedicated to the planning and construction of the bus station; the second one that would be negotiated with SCCO and the City to establish a community-friendly gathering space. The committee suggested to the planners that, as plans move forward, the community will be contacted and involved.

Announcements:

- The next Awbrey Park work party is the coming Saturday (February 3) – 9 a.m. to noon.
- The Chair announced that he has filed the annual report to the Neighborhood Involvement Office.
- The CAC, SCRRIP members and SCCO and RRCO members are invited to NE High School on February 7 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. to review the results so far concerning the Neighborhood Plan and strategizing next steps.

Reports:

- Update on the unfenced dog park at Lone Oak: Rebecca Marx reported that the matching grant application has been submitted and, in the meantime the City has apparently planted a number of Sequoias there.
- Update: Luper Cemetery – In the absence of Peter Thurston, Jerry Finigan reported that the cemetery was again vandalized over the last couple of weeks, but that the damage appears to be minimal.
- Land Use – Application of lot partition was filed for the subdivision planned on the east side of Awbrey Park – to be named Wildrose Estates. There was concern expressed as to how much this development might encroach on the top bank of the Park.

Old Business:

- Protecting diversity in Santa Clara – Louis Vidmar reported that the committee has met once and still needs to meet again to actually bring back a recommendation. It is the intention of this committee to have a proposal at the March meeting. Ann Vaughn reminded that adoption of any statement would be the position of the Santa Clara Community Organization, which may not reflect the opinions of the general population.
 - Board officers: Ann Vaughn moved, David Van der Haeghen seconded that Board Officers for 2018 should be as follows:
 - Kate Perle – chair
 - Jerry Finigan – secretary-treasurer
 - Rebecca Marx – vice chair
- motion passed.

New Business:

- David Van der Haeghen asked if anyone on the Board had stepped forward to represent SCCO at the Hate and Bias Workshop sponsored by the Department of Neighborhood Involvement and Human Rights. As no one had, David volunteered to do that.
- Mary Leontovich asked if a program for the March meeting had been chosen yet. She suggested that Victor, a U of O student who will study Santa Clara for his class at the Department of Planning and Architecture, be invited to present his assignment and discuss how he might be helpful to the community.
- Gary Haliski suggested that SCCO might become more familiar with the proposed Parks ballot measure and what options are being considered.
- Ed McMahon suggested that, since several of our members are master gardeners, there might be a regular feature at our meetings as to gardening tips, especially in relation to the time of year.
- As SCCO is looking for community-wide social events, Rebecca Marx suggested that with our beautiful scenery, we might arrange a 5K run involving our farm lands and River Loop #1.

Other matters: Jon Belcher, co-chair of the River Road Community Organization was in attendance and he was asked to summarize the multiple family housing being built in the River Road area – specifically ECCO housing and the development planned in the area of Stults Ave. by Evergreen Housing.

meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

submitted,
Jerry Finigan