

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Meeting
Thursday, January 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the chair, Jerry Finigan. There were 22 present, including 7 board members. Those present introduced themselves. Patrick Kerr moved the minutes from the December 7 meeting be approved as submitted; Ann Vaughn seconded. Motion passed. Jerry submitted the treasury report showing \$797.32 in the checking account, with \$669.11 dedicated to the Santa Clara Community Garden, leaving \$128.21 in the SCCO administration account. There was also \$22 in the mailing-printing fund and \$99 on account in Eugene Neighbors Inc.

Announcements:

- The chair reported about the interviews the Board held to select the Santa Clara members of the Community Advisory Committee for the Neighborhood Plan. There were two meetings, the first one to interview 5 candidates. Between the first and second meetings the four candidates who couldn't attend sent their written responses to the prompts presented by the committee. At the second meeting, the Board selected:

Ed McMahon
Terah Cleveland
Louie Vidmar
Ann Vaughn
Kate Perle
Rick Duncan
Carl Below (alternate)

- A committee will be meeting to discuss what Santa Clara input would be to the City and LTD in designing a possible public plaza adjacent to the LTD Transfer Station planned for the corner of River Road and Hunsaker (the site of the former iconic Santa Clara Elementary School). The meeting with LTD, the City and the SCCO committee will occur later in the month.
- There was a reminder that the upcoming Saturday will be another work party to work on Awbrey Park (9 a.m. to noon). During the winter months every first Saturday of the month Friends of Awbrey Park schedule these work parties.
- Commissioner Jay Bozievich reported that the County Commission is working on the next 3-year plan and asked that Santa Clarans, especially because of their unique governing experience, weigh in on the formation of this plan.

Reports:

- Potential unfenced dog park at Lone Oak Park – Rebecca Marx reported that there is not much new to report, outside the acceptance of Eugene Parks approving the building of a kiosk at the site.
- Peter Thurston reported that plots are still available, even during the winter, at the Community Garden. Compost workshops continue.
- There was nothing new under landuse.

Old Business:

- Kate Perle moved, Patrick Kerr seconded that SCCO reconfirm its membership in Eugene Neighbors, Inc. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Election of Board Members: There were four Board positions open – ones currently held by Jerry Finigan, Peter Thurston, George Price, and an open seat from the resignation of Kelly Burke. Jerry nominated himself, Becca Marx for one of the seats and David Van der Haeghen. George Price nominated himself in his current seat. Peter Thurston stepped aside to allow the new members to the Board. Peter moved the slate. Motion approved. Board members elected for the years 2018 to 2020 include George Price, Jerry Finigan, David Van der Haeghen, and Rebecca Marx.
- It was agreed that Board officers would be chosen in the February meeting.
- DIVERSITY: Dena Frazier expressed her concern about the presence of white nationalism in the area as her family might be targeted. She wanted the Santa Clara Community Organization to take a position honoring and encouraging diversity and labeling Santa Clara as a hate-free and welcoming neighborhood. Rene Kane and Jennifer Van der Haeghen from the Eugene office of Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement gave a short presentation about how their office might offer services to neighborhoods and how they track hate activities in Eugene. They suggested that a committee might be formed to draft a short statement to be brought back to the February meeting which would put the Santa Clara Community Organization as a representative of the community on the record as honoring and supporting diversity. Also at the February meeting there might be a discussion as to how this is publicized and given community buy-in. Those who volunteered for this subcommittee included Dena and Joseph Frazier, Adam Bridell and Louie Vidmar.

meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

submitted,
Jerry Finigan