

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Meeting
Thursday, December 7, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the chair, Jerry Finigan. There were 24 present, including 8 Board members.

Main Program: Update on LTD Transfer Station to be built at River Road and Hunsaker Lane, presented by Kelly Hoell. She was accompanied by 4 other staff members from LTD. A map of the plan for this station was presented, but Kelly explained that the plan for the lot is being totally reevaluated as to the portion that is not in the actual transfer station plan. The PUD process required that a plan for the entire lot be submitted before the station can actually be constructed. A recent willingness of the City of Eugene to discuss the possibility of a hardscape park in the area opens the opportunity for LTD to open a discussion with the Santa Clara community to discuss community priorities as to the planning of the rest of the lot. LTD estimates that \$10 million is needed to do this project and \$3 million is already secured through ConnectOregon.

Input from the group included, among others, some of the following points:

- The site should be a community gathering area and feature businesses that encourages socialization and provide an area for a farmers market
- The design should recognize the history of the area and celebrate its heritage, perhaps through a unique gateway
- A concern about increased traffic congestion caused by movement of buses and another light at Green Lane.
- A possible community building such as a branch library

It was agreed that as the plan moves forward there be continued input and reaction from the community in the construction of the design.

Business meeting:

Patrick Kerr moved the November 2nd minutes be approved as submitted. Louie Vidmar seconded. Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Jerry reported that neighbors near St. Matthews Episcopal has met with Reverend Patti Hale about their concerns occasioned by the Egan Warming Center located there.
- Jerry reported that he and Carleen Riley were featured at a City Council work session reporting on the first forum of the neighborhood plan and was given a very positive reception by the Council
- Jerry reported that he testified at the November 28th County Commissioners meeting reporting SCCO's support of homeless programs, including the one proposed by the County Commission.
- Jerry reported a communication from Dena Frazier with a concern about white nationalists in Springfield and a possible need for Santa Clara to take a stand for diversity. Jerry suggested SCCO might discuss this at the January meeting.
- Jay Bozievich reported that the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority will be holding a hearing on February 8 concerning new open burning rules within the urban growth boundary.

Reports:

- Rebecca Marx reported on progress so far on establishing a DOLA (dog off-leach area) at Lone Oak Park. Signatures were collected for those who support this and for those who will volunteer labor for the submission of a Matching Grants application. She said there is still no labor commitment for the building a kiosk there, though Ed McMahon suggested the Home Builders Association might help to donate material. A possibility is that Delta Sand and Gravel will supply gravel for a small parking area there. Rebecca said part of the application is a letter of support from the community organization. Jerry said he would try to draft one and get e-mail approval from the Board.
- Awbrey Park Volunteers – in his absence Gary Haliski submitted a report which indicated that Awbrey Park is in excellent shape and now is a good time to take the side trails along the creek to visit the mallards there.
- Santa Clara Community Garden – Peter Thurston reported that there are ongoing demonstrations of composting at the garden. The Garden group will meet Saturday, December 11 to move the hoop house and other assets to the area around the garden shed.
- Land Use – Jerry and Kate Perle reported that there is an application filed with the County to divide one large parcel into three along East Beacon.

Old Business:

- Ellen Meyi-Galloway said the development group for Delta Court and endorsed by Cornerstone Housing needs a community volunteer to review the new development plan on January 9. The Board volunteered Kate Perle.
- Neighborhood Plan – Jerry reported that the SCCO Board needs to choose 6 recommended persons for the Community Advisory Committee from a list of 10 candidates to be presented to the City Planning Commission.

New Business:

- It was agreed that the Board will hold an interview session of nominees for the Community Advisory Committee on December 12 at 6 p.m. The Board will meet half an hour earlier – 5:30 p.m. – to agree on the process and prompts for the interview process. This will be held in The Studio at 1250 Irvington Drive.
- Jerry reminded the group that the January 4 meeting is our yearly Board Elections meeting. There are 4 positions coming open.

meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

submitted,

Jerry Finigan