

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board meeting minutes
September 5, 2024

Those in attendance:

Board members Tim Foelker, Dawn Lesley, Terri Reed, Kate Perle, Scott Sorenson, Matt Vohs, Jerry Finigan, Jerry Mohr and Louie Vidmar. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Dawn moved the most recent version of the June 6 Executive Board minutes be approved as submitted. Matt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jerry gave a treasurer's report. There is \$90 in the account at Eugene Neighbors, Inc. The total in the SCCO bank account is \$3,391.99. Dedicated funds in this account includes \$367 for special events and \$2501.64 for the Santa Clara Garden; leaving a general fund of \$523.35. There was a discussion of what the cost of the Awbrey Park Concert involved. Terri reported that the total cost was \$3316.59. Of this \$2500 was covered by the grant from the City. \$250.00 was covered by the Santa Clara Community Foundation leaving \$566.58 that still needs to be covered. Kate will ask the City Office of Equity and Neighborhood Involvement to cover this remaining cost. There are some other possible costs from games in the park that may also be submitted.

Kate suggested that the Executive Board plan ahead for upcoming general meetings so there is predictability for our newsletters and to mitigate the last minute rush to establish each of our presentations. Tim suggested a program committee. The Social Justice Committee will be presenting an educational program quarterly. There are 8 general meetings each year with the SJC presenting in 4 of them, though other programming during these meetings is possible. Dawn suggested a possible questionnaire to determine what issues people are concerned about. Scott suggested a possible joint meeting with the River Road Community Organization to discuss issues common to both communities. There was a suggestion that we might offer a training session on how testimony should be presented at meetings (with SCCO adopted group agreements as a guide). It was suggested that infrastructure issues be an ongoing priority at general meetings. It was also suggested that rolling issues be presented on the website about questions from the public needing answers. This provoked a discussion about who is in charge of the content on the website. There was some confusion about this so Tim, Louis and Scott will get together with Gary Haliski to get some clarity about what content is on the website and who determines it. This should include a hierarchy of information and sharing among the board for comments and questions. There was a general agreement with the way Gary H. has determined that any content on the site be centered on Santa Clara or is a concern of Santa Clara residents, generally. Kate will ask Julien at the neighborhood office how the Office is hosting websites for neighborhoods. Upcoming programs identified was: October – Nain Muñoz, Principal NEHS; November – SJC presentation; December is an Executive Board meeting but Terri suggested SCCO might join the St. Matthews team for food collection for Awbrey Park School. For January Jerry M. suggested the program might be making the community aware of habitat corridors and how to make individual yards natural havens. Matt suggested Board members bring ideas for programs to the next Executive Board meeting.

Kate asked how SCCO will respond to the City request for beginning the work on the Neighborhood Plan. Beth Gerot suggested that RRCO and SCCO get a jump start on this by identifying priorities in the Neighborhood Plan to begin working on first. Scott has already volunteered to work on this. Tim suggested the Plan be separated into topic areas and Board members be assigned a topic to be worked on. Kate suggested we can get a list of people who were in topic working groups and get some involvement from them. Board members identified to work on each topic were:

Land Use:	Kate and Matt
Transportation:	Dawn and Louie
Community:	Jerry F. and Terri
Economic Development:	Tim and Kate
Parks and Natural Resources:	Jerry M & Scott

Kate asked that people report to the Board on the top 10 priorities for their topics by September 19.

Dawn congratulated all those involved for a successful season of Games in the Park; and she especially wanted to congratulate Terri for the huge success which was the Concert in Awbrey Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.