

Santa Clara Community Organization  
Executive Board meeting  
Thursday, January 2, 2020  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
3280 River Road, Eugene

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. There were 23 in attendance, including 5 Board members. Introductions were called for.

**Presentation:** Creating a happy, carbon-free community. Peter Thurston introduced Steve Goldman who gave a summary of his experience dealing the area of conservation then presented a power point presentation. The presentation elaborated on the scale of the problem of global warming caused by carbon emissions and suggested that mitigation of the problem is possible both institutionally and individually. This was followed by a question and answer session. Linda Perrine then described the carbon-free challenge and the mission of “350 Eugene”. She passed out instructions of how to join the challenge. There was a discussion about the efficacy and challenges of solar power. Linda said that utilities are resistant to the encouraging of solar power and that there are on-going discussions with the Eugene Water and Electric Board to try to work through this issue. Kate reported on the ongoing discussions about urban reserves planning and the issue of protecting agricultural land. Audrey Stuart elaborated on the discussion and handed out information about how to find out more about it and the schedule of upcoming meetings on urban reserve planning. The program ended at 8:05 p.m.

**Business meeting:**

George Price moved, Matt Vohs seconded that the minutes from the November and December 2019 meetings be approved as submitted. Motion passed.

**Announcements:**

- Joel Robe proposed that the fruit trees in the undeveloped Santa Clara Community Park be identified and used in a demonstration workshop to show how tree pruning should be done.

**Reports:**

- Jesika Heikkinen invited anyone interested to participate in the Awbrey Park work party scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon January 4.
- Peter Thurston reported on the Santa Clara Community Garden. He said the garden is now in winter mode and that the County was requested to dump some of their leaf collection for mulch and they left much more than needed and that it has been quite a project to relocate them to sites where they can be used. He said that sign up for plots for the coming year is now open. Bonnie Houston reported there will be another compost demonstration on March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Land Use: Kate Perle reported there have been two applications for partitioning 1 lot into 2. The application from the storage unit in front of the U-haul building has been deemed incomplete. Joel Robe asked if it wouldn't be possible to make sure the street frontage might be attractive – maybe using vegetation. Kate reported the application for the River Road-Hunsaker transit station is in final approvals. She reported that the Wild Rose Estates has filed a plan that is incomplete in that the plan does not show the required access to Awbrey Park from the subdivision.

- Neighborhood Plan: Kate reported the next Community Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup> (6-8 p.m.). The Neighborhood plan goes to the Eugene Planning Commission on February 24<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime there are community discussion sessions scheduled.

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Old Business:

Joel Robe suggested that the issue of disaster preparedness by an automatic discussion item on upcoming agendas. He said that EWEB has a publication listing things people might do to achieve minimal preparedness. He said that there is a scheduled event January 11<sup>th</sup> to describe what to do if the power goes out. He said he would try to make sure information is available on the SCCO website as it is developed.

Jerry Mohr said the Upper Willamette Soil and Conservation District has a survey available to assess priorities as they are gearing up to apply for a grant and she encouraged everyone to participate. She said efforts are under way to create a clearing house for one-stop information on conservation.

New Business: Kate said that the February meeting will feature election of Board members and said any Santa Claran who has attended one meeting in the last year is eligible. There are 4 seats available, currently held by Jerry Finigan, Matt Vohs, Dawn Leslie, and George Price.

Other Matters: Jerry Finigan collected the logs of volunteer hours for the last month.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

submitted,

Jerry Finigan, secretary