

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board meeting minutes
January 4, 2024
Messiah Lutheran Church & hybrid meeting

Those in attendance – total 16 (7 board members, 7 residents, 2 others)

<u>Board members</u>		<u>Residents</u>		<u>*hybrid attendees</u> <u>Others</u>
Terri Reed*	Jerry Mohr	Martha Johnson	Sonja Carlson	John Q
Jerry Finigan	Kate Perle	Mary Leontovich*	Peter Thurston*	Megan Patrignelli
Matt Vohs	Louie Vidmar	Chris Fuller	Jim Weidemaier	
Tim Foelker		Scott Sorenson		

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She called for self-introductions. She introduced the presenter, Megan Patrignelli, program specialist for Mobility International USA. Megan used a power point to describe the mission of MIUSA. She described some of the sponsored events of MIUSA and some of the conditions affecting mobility. Then she described some of the challenges and barriers someone might face including environmental barriers, barriers presented by weather, social barriers, and access to events. Megan suggested five actions to make social interaction and events more inclusive. She also suggested that people with disabilities be included on community committees. Her presentation was followed by discussion and Q and A. It concluded at 7:40 p.m. (website: MIUSA.org).

Kate led a celebration of volunteers, recognizing committees, work groups and resident contributions to Santa Clara, replete with noisemakers wielded by meeting attendees.

Under Old Business, Jerry Finigan reported that the new Neighborhood Organization Recognition Policy (NORP) that was worked out with the City of Eugene requires an equity statement in the charter or bylaws and currently there is no such statement in the SCCO bylaws. He read the statements suggested in the Model Charter presented by the City. Tim suggested that the bylaws reflect the statement already adopted through the Social Justice Committee. Kate suggested that both wordings be presented for discussion and that one could be adopted for the bylaws at the next general meeting.

Under New Business, Jerry asked that the Board agree to continue membership in Eugene Neighbors Inc for the 2024 year. Jerry moved, Tim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- Terri Reported that SCCO was awarded an Art In The Park grant for \$2500 to be used for the second concert at Awbrey Park this coming summer. She is still working on how funds will be handled and what paperwork is needed.
- Terri said that SCCO will again be partnering with FOOD For Lane County to collect food donations. She said that March 2 has been chosen to collect donations. Volunteers are needed for 2 or 3 locations to take donations.; also the Grange may collaborate in this effort. Terri said she is looking for a way to also accept cash donations. Chris Fuller offered to be one of the volunteers.

- Scout Troup 182 is again collecting former Christmas trees for recycling as a fundraiser. Contact can be made through the Grange website (Trees182.com)
- Kate announced the Neighborhood Summit on January 25 (5:30 p.m.). This is designed to help neighborhoods understand and implement the new Neighborhood Organization Recognition Policy changes.
- On January 30 there will be a presentation by Ready Northwest via Zoom on seismic readiness focusing on overpasses and bridges (6:30 to 8).
- Kate reported the City is recruiting members for a number of boards and commissions – closing January 31.
- Kate wondered about how SCCO might reach out to residents at Peace Village. There was a suggestion that we might make them aware of SCCO by giving them former newsletters and introducing ourselves. Terri suggested this might be accompanied by home-made baked goods. Terri said she would help organize this effort.
- Terri said the public safety committee is trying to reach out to the Eugene Police Department to see if the committee might network with them.
- Kate reminded that annual Board elections will be held next month. There are five seats available.
- There was a reminder that the celebration of life for Patrick Kerr will be held at Irving Grange on January 20 from 3 to 5.

Updates:

- The next work party at Awbrey Park will be held this coming Saturday (Jan. 6) from 9 a.m. to noon. The second Saturday of the month is the scheduled time for the work party at Wendover Park.
- Tim reported on the Santa Clara Community Foundation. The Foundation may be partnering with the Santa Clara Community Garden. Funding through bottle recycling continues to be a very successful effort.
- Tim announced the Scouts are using some of the Foundation wood to build two benches to be used wherever we might need them.
- Land use:
 - 2590 River Road: zone verification for the former Knecht's store. The store will be occupied by "Santa Clara Overstock", a resale store
 - 3659 River Road (American Legion) wants to build a 5000 sq. ft. meeting hall just west of the Legion Hall.
 - 214 Grizzly Land – an annexation request for a .53 acre lot.

There was a discussion as to events to promote SCCO in addition to the two events already being held at Awbrey Park each year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary