

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board meeting minutes
January 6, 2022 (via Zoom)

Those in attendance – total 20 (7 Board members and 13 others)

Board

Michael Nieman
Kate Perle
Jerry Finigan
Patrick Kerr
Louis Vidmar
Dawn Lesley
Matt Vohs

Community members

Gary Haliski
Peter Thurston
Lahna Rasmussen
Martha Johnson
Xia Wang
Peter Bogardus
Rachel DeBuse
Mary Leontovich
Dale Weigandt
Katie Juth
Darcy Kerr
Terri Reed
Gay Kramer Dodd

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She called for introductions. Patrick moved the minutes from the December 2 meeting be approved as submitted, Dawn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate used Shared Screen and gave a musical presentation of the major accomplishments of the Santa Clara Community Organization during the year 2021.

Social Justice Committee presentation: Dawn shared a screen—Graffiti to Paintballs. The theme was “Keeping Santa Clara Safe”. She gave a summary of a plethora of racist incidents in Santa Clara and challenged the audience to offer suggestions of how we might keep Santa Clara safe. There was a picture of Martha Johnson and her friend Jewell Murphey on River Road supporting Black Lives Matter. Martha said the protest was shortened by a threatening person. Gary Haliski said racism in Santa Clara is active – especially at North Eugene High School and incidents seem to be accelerating. He said he feared these incidents might burgeon into violence. The presentation was followed by an open discussion about how SCCO might try to deal with this development. Some suggestions included using the emergency preparedness strategy of mapping neighborhoods as a way of increasing neighbor support for each other and using yard signs that support diversity throughout neighborhoods.

New business: none

Old business:

There is still a need for someone to volunteer as an editor for the SCCO newsletter elections to the Board is scheduled for the February meeting.

Reports:

- Santa Clara Community Foundation: Darcy reported that the Foundation has launched a fundraising campaign, formed committees and are still looking for more Board members.
- Santa Clara Community Garden: Peter Thurston said the garden is in winter mode and hopes to begin gardening again in a couple of months. Composting workshops are still going on. There is a waiting list for plots for the coming season.
- Friends of Awbrey Park: Gary said there was no work party on New Years Day. The next one will be February 5th. In late April or early May the annual Wildflower Walk celebration will be held.
- Bat Phone: Matt reported that there were a number of irrelevant calls, but one – a resident Named Pete – who wanted to know how he might help neighbors on a personal basis. Matt said he has created a Google account for the phone. Patrick said this person might be interested in the inventory of neighborhoods. Kate said SCCO does not have an inventory of individual needs and outside of simply driving around neighborhoods and knocking on doors, she doesn't know how such needs can be discovered.
- Land Use: Kate reported two applications
 - 801 River Loop#1: intention to build a subdivision of 14 homes on 2.11 acres.
 - Ross Lane: a 36 bed assisted living facility

Other matters:

- Kate reported a phone call from a resident on Green Lane who is angry that she can't get City action on inconsiderate campers parked on Elementary Lane. Kate referred the problem to City Counselor, Clair Syrett
- Kate said she is always looking for suggestions for upcoming programs.

Dawn moved the meeting be adjourned, Patrick seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan