

Santa Clara Community Organization  
Executive Board meeting minutes  
February 1, 2024  
Messiah Lutheran Church & hybrid meeting

Those in attendance – total 14 (7 board members, 6 residents, 1 other)

<u>Board members</u>		<u>Residents</u>		<u>Others</u>
Dawn Lesley	Jerry mohr	Chris Fuller	Kevin Reed	Rebecca Amodeo*
Terri Reed	Jerry Finigan	Mary Leontovich*	Scott Sorenson	
Tim Foelker	Matt Vohs	Matt Gilliam		
Kate Perle				

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. Self introductions were called for. Kate declared lack of general meeting quorum so the Board elections will be postponed to the March meeting. Terri moved the January 4 minutes be approved as submitted. Matt seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Old Business: Jerry Finigan offered two versions for wording for an equity statement to be included in SCCO bylaws. He said, since there was not a quorum, it would not be possible to vote on amending the bylaws but that the Board could select one of the two versions to be submitted to a general meeting next month. He suggested the Board submit the second version – the wording adopted by the Board from the Social Justice Committee:

Wording from the Santa Clara Community Organization diversity statement:

*Article IV      Equity Statement*

*Section 1: The Santa Clara community is rich with natural beauty, passionate residents, and a commitment to using our collective diversity as an asset to benefit our present and inform our future. Our community affirms this commitment via this statement in support of diversity and its multiple benefits, those visible, tangible and otherwise:*

*No person shall be victimized, marginalized, or discriminated against in our community on the basis of race, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status (dis)ability, education level, political affiliation, or citizenship status. We support dialogue, discourse, and disagreement in constructive and holistic capacities that further relationships and prosperity for all at the table. We reject hatred, bigotry, and vulgarity in all forms. We support an individual's right to lead his, her, or their lives without influence from perspectives that foster racial, ethnic, or other bias based outcomes.*

The Board agreed by affirmation that this is the wording to be proposed at the March general meeting.

Kate asked for program proposals for upcoming meetings. The March meeting will feature the proposed school levy and the North Eugene Booster Club. The May meeting may feature a presentation by the Public Safety Subcommittee to offer a joint presentation of EPD and the Lane Sheriff's Department. The Social Justice Committee will feature housing as their quarterly presentation in April.

Announcements:

- Food For Lane County donation drive – Terri reported that on-line solicitation for cash is ongoing and that actual food donations will be collected March 2 at the Irving Grange and Fred Meyer. March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the conclusion of the drive.
- Terri announced that our application for an Arts In The Parks grant was successful and The next Awbrey Park Concert has been awarded \$2500. The concert is tentatively scheduled for August 3. Since this is directly in the middle of political campaigns there was a discussion about how to deal with political candidates. It was decided that candidates will be invited to attend, but not to be featured by a booth.
- Kate reported on the Ready Northwest zoom presentation on seismic safety for bridges and overpasses on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Reports:

- Jerry F. reported the next Awbrey Park work party is this coming Saturday (Feb. 3)
- Tim reported on activities by the Santa Clara Community Foundation. He reported that the last work party at Hileman Landing dealt with cleaning up litter. Kate reported that as far as the Schoolhouse Project, she met with Carolyn Burke, head of Eugene Parks and Open Spaces, and came up with a list of things yet to do before finalizing a contract to secure the schoolhouse. The City is still very cooperative in working to make this happen. Kate will work with the community park planner – Mark Cosmos – to make sure our plans are consistent with the City’s plan for the park.
- Kate announced another opportunity to be trained at the Upstander/Bystander session February 10 (9:30 to 12:30). There will be a Belonging training opportunity in March.
- A number of City boards and commissions are available for application until Feb. 4.
- Tim will be meeting with the Santa Clara Water District Board about establishing on-line presence. It might be possible to give them space on the SCCO website.
- Kate reported on the Neighborhood summit. Beginning in the Spring we will need to establish an action plan to be submitted to the City so our neighborhood allocation could be established. The City will help by offering a template for this. The City will no longer offer a Zoom account for neighborhoods but will be using a Google Account – training will be available. We might have a special Board meeting for this purpose. Transition to Google will be accomplished by mid March. The City will be financing neighborhood websites in the future.
- Neighborhood Plan: On February 21<sup>st</sup> the City Council will have a work session on the plan; and the County Commissioners will consider it on February 27. There will be a joint hearing by these groups on the Plan on March 12 (6 p.m.).
- Land Use: (Kate reporting)
  - Hyacinth: a partition to 3 lots to eventually provide 8 units of middle housing.  
(Kate is helping applicants try to negotiate problems with City regulations)
  - a 2-lot annexation on Grizzley
  - an application to make the former Knechts (2590 RR) an overstock store.
  - 594 River Loop 1: an application to move from AG zoning to R-1.

Mark Gilliam, living on 260 Ruby Avenue asked for help dealing with theft in his neighborhood presented by the many homeless campers in the area. The Board suggested he get a petition from other homeowners in the area to be brought to the SCCO Board to pressure proper agencies.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted, Jerry Finigan, secretary