

Santa Clara Community Organization
 Executive Board meeting minutes
 August 3, 2023
 Messiah Lutheran Church & hybrid meeting

Those in attendance – total 20 (8 board members, 8 residents, 4 guests)

*hybrid attendees

<u>Board</u>	<u>Community members</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
Terri Reed	Gary Wildish	Cricket Deloc
Matt Vohs	Mary Leontovich*	Dave Dominic
Tim Foelker	Gary Wildish	Al Hrynyshyn
Dawn Lesley	Todd Weaver	Mary Durfee
Jerry Mohr	Peter Thurston*	
Patrick Kerr	John Crowder	
Kate Perle	Natalie Crowder	
Jerry Finigan	Chris Fuller	

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by the chair, Kate Perle. She called for self introductions. Kate introduced Dave Dominic who gave a presentation on the Upper Willamette Soil & Water Conservation District. Dave summarized the history of SWCDs which began in 1937. In Oregon there are 45 such districts, with 2 in Lane County. Their concern is fire, soil, water, wildlife habitat and pollinators. Traditionally the District works with local agriculture. In 2020 the County passed a tax base which gives a consistent funding source. They work with the Pure Water Partners program which protects and improves riparian zones. The District has initiated partnerships with schools to educate children about natural habitat. They support local farms to establish sustainable agriculture and support farmers markets. In urban settings the District helps establish bio swales and rain gardens. After the Holiday Farm fire, the Pure Waters program pivoted to assisting landowner victims in restoring vegetation and mulching to guard against soil erosion. The District works with a large number of community partners to accomplish its goals by offering grants. Al Hrynyshyn urged people to get involved with the District by offering their names for election. Santa Clara is in zone 2 and Mary Durfee’s term, who represents zone 2, will expire soon. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

Business meeting:

Patrick moved the minutes from the July 6 meeting be approved as submitted. Tim Foelker seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Terri reported on the preparations for the upcoming August 6 concert in Awbrey Park. Kate reported that the good neighbors contract between RRCO and SCCO and the Navigation Center on River Avenue is ready for review. She will send it out the Board and it will be discussed at the September meeting.

Updates:

Kate reported that RRCO will be holding a River Celebration gathering Sept. 9 and SCCO is invited. There will be a demonstration on August 26 of the Prairie Mountain water station.

Patrick gave a report on the Neighborhood Leaders Council. Chairs of the NLC are on a rotating basis and Patrick will co-chair the next NLC meeting. He asked for suggestions for topics the NLC needs to consider.

Tim reported that plots are available for winter gardening at the Santa Clara Community Garden.

Dawn reported that the Social Justice Committee is looking for people to serve on its incident response team. The SJC will give presentations once a quarter at SCCO meetings with issues concerning ableism – dealing with supporting people with physical and mental challenges.

Tim gave a report on the Santa Clara Community Foundation. He said the fundraising garden party July 22 was very successful and the bottle drop fundraiser has collected about \$300. The next work party at Hileman Landing will be using the Corvallis Youth Corp.

John Crowder gave an update on LTD's plans for River Road. The new director has backed away from the EmX idea and is establishing a program called "right-size bussing". It appears there will be more traffic signals on River Road.

Land Use:

- Lot adjacent to 214 grizzly. An annexation determination to create a home
- 2615 Lone Oak Way zoned R-2, a zone verification

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan