

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Meeting minutes
Thursday, January 3, 2019
Messiah Lutheran Church
3280 River Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the chair, Kate Perle. There were 31 present, including 8 Board members. Members of the audience introduced themselves.

Program: Andy Davis, CERT volunteer presented a power point giving an overview of potential disaster risks and how the community can prepare individually and as neighborhoods for such an event. Disasters to prepare for include earthquakes, floods, storms, and fire. Andy detailed preparations: be informed; make a plan; and build a kit. He said generally the best practice is to stay calm, and stay at home. If there is an evacuation, follow the plan that you have in place, take your emergency bag that you have prepared, notify your emergency contacts, and take your pets. The program concluded at 8 p.m.

Announcements:

- Kate and Jerry Finigan described a meeting with leaders of Eugene Parks and Public Works about the historic building on River Loop #2 and its possible community use. There are many issues to explore before this might be viable.
- Jesika Heikkinen announced another collection event of recyclable plastics and the need to find someone to do local collection to reduce automobile trips to turn in these plastics.

Reports:

- Jesika reminded the group of the monthly work party at Awbrey Park on Saturday, January 5.
- Jerry announced a meeting with the fire chief of Lane Rural and the City of Eugene. This was to gather information for one of the goals of the Neighborhood Plan.
- Santa Clara Community Garden: Peter Thurston said the workshop on the lasagna style compost demonstration was successful and that soon he will put out announcement of the availability of garden plots.
- Land Use applications: Kate announced a developer/community meeting for 599 River Loop #2 on January 8 at 5:30 at the site. Also, a voluntary annexation for a quarter acre site on Santa Clara Avenue. Jerry announced the approval of the Wildrose Estate development adjacent to Awbrey Park.

Old Business: David van der Haegen submitted a draft diversity statement for potential adoption. Peter Thurston moved the statement be reviewed and brought back for discussion at the February meeting. Jerry Finigan seconded. motion passed.

New Business: Kate indicated that the Board elections that normally occur in January may need to be postponed as Rene Kane at Neighborhood Involvement indicated that to be consistent with our neighborhood charter, we would need to have announced the election by a full community mail notification. It was decided to do such a mailing and hold elections in February. David Van der Haegen will work with Jerry Finigan to get the postcard printed and mailed.

Other Matters: Roger Smith asked if a traffic study would be done for the proposed LTD transfer station and other development. Pat Walsh who works on this project assured a traffic study is part of the process.

Jerry collected the board activity time logs and passed out new ones for the month of January.

Farming/gardening 101: Kate indicated that in January people should concentrate on pruning trees and ordering seed for the spring.

meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

submitted,

Jerry Finigan, secretary