

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board minutes
Thursday, October 3, 2019
Messiah Lutheran Church
3280 River Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. There were 19 in attendance, including 7 Board members. Introductions were called for. Ann Vaughn moved the minutes from the September 5th meeting be approved as submitted, Patrick Kerr seconded. Motion passed.

Presentation – Moving Ahead: Andrew Martin of LTD presented an update on the process of planning transportation along major corridors in the future, with emphasis on possible options. He was supported by Chris Henry from the City and Tom Shwetz from LTD. These included a no-change option, and enhanced corridor option, and EmX. Of the 5 corridors, the River Road Corridor seems to have most support. Following the presentation, some suggestions and concerns voiced included a concern about additional traffic interruptions with the enhanced option or EmX option; the issue of how the current transfer station provides a cultural asset for the North Eugene students and whether planned boarding stations would take that away; congestion on traffic lanes north of Beltline; and whether trees removed would be replaced (there will be 142 projected trees impacted by an EmX option. The presentation was concluded with an invitation to an open house at Harris Hall on Monday, October 21st at 7:30 p.m. on this topic. Also there are other input options on-line and comments in writing are accepted after this meeting.

Announcements:

- Jerry Finigan announced the annual meeting of Eugene Neighbors, Inc. The presentation this year will be “affordable Housing in Neighborhoods– Making It Happen, featuring two agencies that enable affordable housing. (Thursday, October 10 at Abby’s Pizza on River Road – social 5 to 5:30 p.m.; business meeting and presentation from 5:30 to 7:30.
- The first work party of the season at Awbrey Park is scheduled for Saturday, October 5 (9 a.m. to noon).
- There was an announcement from Bloodworks,, formerly Lane Blood Center asking that the word gets out that a bloodmobile comes every two months to Santa Clara (at Santa Clara Grange) but that they are considering canceling this service as there are not enough donors to continue (Next opportunity: Saturday, October 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- An announcement of a workshop: *Bystander/Upstander Workshop*: an opportunity to learn how to intervene into an harassment situation without escalating the situation (Oct. 10: 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church).

Reports:

- Santa Clara Community Garden. Peter Thurston reported that there was a harvest of lots of squash and tomatoes to be made available to the food pantry. There are upcoming workshops on pruning and composting.
- Land Use. Kate Perle reported that there were few land use applications in the last month:
 - approved partition at 320 Santa Clara Avenue
 - approved partition at 235 Irvington Drive
 - annexation of a tax lot at 187 Swain Lane.

Old Business:

- Kate announced that there is still a vacant seat on the Board and asked if there were nominees or volunteers. There was no response so the Chair asked those in attendance to consider this and volunteer at the next meeting.
- Peter Thurston asked if SCCO would like to follow up on the “Carbon Free Challenge” from last month. He said the Board should investigate how we could involve the community in this. He suggested SCCO should promote the 350 Eugene website. There are 160 individuals from Santa Clara registered on the site but only 140 belongs to a group. SCCO might facilitate groups.

New Business:

- Jerry Finigan, representative for SCCO to the Neighborhood Leaders Council, reported that the NLC is looking to neighborhoods to suggest topics of interest for the coming year that may be priorities of neighborhoods. Kate suggested that those who have recommendations forward them to Jerry.

Other matters:

- Kate announced that the next Community Advisory Committee for the Neighborhood Plan is scheduled for October 15 (6 to 8 p.m.), and The Corridor Study Group – October 14.
- Kate announced the next Fill Your Pantry event at the Fairgrounds is scheduled for November 10.
- George Price asked what was being done in the neighborhood to prepare for emergencies. He said that not everyone might be CERT trained but can begin building emergency kits. Kate suggested that George might bring back some suggestions as to how the neighborhood might be informed to build an emergency kit in incremental stages.

meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary