

Santa Clara Community Organization
General meeting minutes
Thursday, October 4, 2018
Messiah Lutheran Church
3280 River Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the chair, Kate Perle. There were 19 in attendance, including 9 Board members. The meeting began with introductions and the Chair introduced Mark Gissiner, Police Auditor for the City of Eugene.

Mark Gissiner's presentation: There was a description of the function of police auditor and what types of complaints are addressed. He gave a history of his career and indicated that when he took the job in Eugene he thought there were a number of issues regarding police use of force that needed to be dealt with. Mark said that he and the new police chief, Skinner, have a similar view and philosophy. He said that also peer reporting has helped make problems more transparent. Mark said that the issue of mental illness and homelessness has made the job of policing very difficult since generally police are not generally trained for these issues. There was a period of question and answer.

Eugene Water and Electric presentation, featuring general manager, Frank Lawson: Frank introduced John Brown, chair of the EWEB Board, and Sonja Carlson, Board member and Santa Clara resident. Mr. Lawson used a power point to discuss priorities and progress being made by EWEB. This included strategies for reducing costs, improving reliability, emergency preparedness, reducing the carbon footprint, and resiliency. Q & A considered other topics like where power is purchased and issues like finding dispatchable sources of energy that provides reliability no matter the capriciousness of nature or phases of the sun. Frank discussed the reliability of the McKenzie River, which seems to be consistently reliable even through drought periods. There was a discussion of emergency preparedness and the group discussed that SCCO might look into hand pumps to extract water from wells in times where power is problematic.

These presentations were followed by an abbreviated business meeting. Kate moved the minutes from the September meeting be approved as submitted, Rebecca Marx seconded. Motion passed.

Reports:

- the next Neighborhood Planning event is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on October 24 at Peace Presbyterian Church – a working group session.
- Rebecca said the Lone Oak Off Leash Dog Park is complete and being used. She had the Board sign thank you cards to the entities that donated to the creation of the park.
- The first work session of the season will be Saturday, October 6.
- Luper Cemetery, as in the past, will be open to the public on Veteran's Day (November 11).

- Peter reported that the Santa Clara Community Garden will be expanding with six new plots. Down to Earth has donated a gift card, which may be used to purchase seeds for a winter cover crop. Tim Foelker will be demonstrating a lasagna style compost.
- Land Use – the application for Katie Lane development, adjacent to Awbrey Park, has been deemed complete.
- a number of city-wide upcoming and ongoing events were announced.

Old Business:

- Jerry Finigan handed out a form to the Board to be used to log volunteer time being spent in support of the neighborhood association. This log will be used by Neighborhood Involvement to justify City investment in neighborhoods.
- Kate continues with talks with the Parks and Open Spaces regarding an historic building on River Loop 2 that might be considered for a small community building.
- There was a discussion about last month's proposal to apply for a limited matching grant to establish neighborhood signs announcing the Neighborhood Plan. It was also suggested that a grant might be applied for to purchase hand pumps for emergency preparedness. It was decided that more research would have to be done before we might be ready to do this.

New Business: none

meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary