

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board meeting minutes
November 3, 2022
Messiah Lutheran Church and hybrid meeting

Those in attendance – total 9. (6 Board members and 3 residents)

*hybrid attendees

Board

Jerry Finigan
Patrick Kerr
Kate Perle
Matt Vohs
Terri Reed
Louis Vidmar

Community Members

Gary Wildish
Martha Johnson
Pete Bogardus
Ivy Dreyer Goldman*
Mary Leontovich*

Presenters

Mark Zinniker*
Jeremy Somogye*

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She called for self-introductions. Kate introduced Jeremy Somogye from EWEB who gave a presentation about scenarios of how to deal with the Leaburg Canal dam as a decision needs to be made as to whether to make expensive mitigation and rehab repairs or to decommission the dam. There are four scenarios under consideration – 2 that involve mitigation and rehab, and 2 that involved the decommissioning of the dam. The decision will be based on the triple bottom line (cost; social impact; and environmental impact). Whatever decision is made will have a significant impact on consumer rates. The public comment period has been extended to mid-December. The meeting was opened to question/answers from the audience. This portion of the meeting ended at 8:13 p.m.

Kate opened the business meeting. Patrick moved the minutes from the October 6 meeting be approved as submitted, Terri seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old business: There still needs to be a volunteer to create a mailed newsletter so that SCCO meets the requirement of notifying of a general meeting for the purpose of board elections. Terri suggested that in the future we aim for September to make sure we have a pool of eligible residents.

Social Justice Committee: Martha gave a presentation from video which discussed the racial wealth gap in America. There was an extended discussion dealing with this after the video.

Land Use: Kate said there are three active applications

- Buster Place – a subdivision on Scenic Drive of 10 lots
- Terra Linda – an application to divide one lot into two in preparation for future Development.
- The St. Vincent DePaul development on Green Lane

Announcements:

- RRCO's November 14 meeting will feature impacts of flooding if there is a dam Breach up-river.
- The Urban Reserve process is heading for planning commissions: November 15 at the County and December 6 at the City.
- The "Fill The Pantry" events is scheduled for November 15 at the Fairgrounds (11-4)
- Remember to vote!

Updates/reports:

- There will be a combined meeting of RRCO and SCCO boards, The Neighborhood Plan Committee, and City staff on November 30 to work on finalizing the plan.
- The next work party at Awbrey Park is November 5 (9 to noon)
- Louis reported on the Ward 7 forum.
- Jerry reminded people to turn in their volunteer hours for October.

Other matters:

- A resident on Hunsaker Drive reported a large bump in the pavement that needs to be fixed as it is dangerous to traffic and asked who should be contacted. Kate said this portion of the road belongs to the City so the issue should be reported to City Public Works.
- Kate said we are still looking for a representative from SCCO to attend the Neighborhood Leaders Council meetings

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary