

Santa Clara Community Organization  
Executive Board minutes  
Thursday, November 1, 2018  
Messiah Lutheran Church  
3280 River Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. There were 15 in attendance, including 6 Board members. The meeting began with self introductions of those in attendance. George Price moved the minutes from the October 4 meeting be approved as submitted, Ann Vaughn seconded. Motion passed.

Kate introduced Eliza Kashinsky of WE CAN who gave a presentation regarding why housing has ceased to be affordable, using a power point as a visual aid. She showed the increase in the percentage of normal income needed for housing costs – this as a function of inflation, costs of home construction, lack of supply (supply and demand) in both ownership and rental costs. This is also due to lack of housing diversity and how it does not respond to the demographics. Multiple family structures are generally cheaper than single family housing but the structure now existing discourages this diversity. After all the costs to develop a modest single family house is aggregated, the cost is \$300,000 or about \$2000 a month in mortgage payments. Some blocks to multiple-family development includes reluctance of financial institutions to invest in them, limited land availability, and zoning and code discouragements. The current Housing Tools and Strategies committee is analyzing how some of these hurdles might be mitigated. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session.

The business meeting began in 8:07 p.m.

Reports:

- River Road/Santa Clara Neighborhood Planning Process: Ann Vaughn reported that the Community Advisory Council has shifted process slightly to address a concern that the current process is not accounting for the integration of topic recommendations; and the CAC is stepping up their activity during the coming month so the process doesn't delay the project timeline. Anyone who is interested is invited to these upcoming CAC meetings.
- Awbrey Park: The regularly scheduled Friends of Awbrey Park work party will take place Saturday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Luper Cemetery: Peter Thurston reported that there is a two day open house at Luper during the Veteran's Day.
- Santa Clara Community Garden: Peter Thurston announced a lasagna style compost construction and demonstration during on the upcoming Saturday at the garden
- Kate mentioned some upcoming meetings in the area, including:
  - Climate Action Plan meeting
  - Nov. 12 River Road Community Organization meeting also dealing with climate change.
  - the "Fill your Pantry" event at the Lane County Fairgrounds
  - Envision Eugene Technical Advisory Meeting

- Kate said that upcoming programs includes LTD bringing some design plans for their new transit station at Hunsaker and River Road for discussion in December; and for January – a disaster-preparedness discussion

Jerry collected the activity log sheets from Board members for the month of October, and passed out forms to be completed during the month of November, 18

meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

submitted,  
Jerry Finigan