

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board meeting minutes
December 7, 2023
Messiah Lutheran Church & hybrid meeting

Those in attendance – total 18 (7 board members, 10 residents, 1 other)

<u>Board members</u>		<u>Residents</u>		<u>Others</u>
Kate Perle	Jerry Finigan	Scott Sorenson	Mary Leontovich*.	Jeanine (presenter)
Matt Vohs	Jerry Mohr	Jim Weidemaier	Eric Carlson (presenter)	
Louie Vidmar	Tim Foelker*	Katie Weidemaier	Patty Driscoll*	
Terri Reed		Chris Fuller	Bob Cox	
		Gary Wildish	Jim Morrison	

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She called for self-introductions. Kate then introduced Eric Carlson of the Santa Clara Water Board, who introduced Jeanine, the Board’s liaison with EWEB. Eric described the origin, structure and mission of the Water Board which was formed in 1955 and is responsible for providing water and maintaining street lighting in the Santa Clara area. This was followed by a question and answer session. Kate suggested that the Water Board make it easier to contact them.

Business meeting:

Matt moved the minutes from the November 2nd meeting be approved as submitted, Jerry Mohr seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.

Announcements:

- There was an accident at Ferndale and River Road that resulted in one fatality
- Kate announced that there will be a memorial for former Board member, Patrick Kerr on January 20th at the Irving Grange (3-5 p.m.)
- The January program will be a presentation by the Social Justice Committee
- There was a meeting of the neighborhood leaders with the Office of Equity and Community Involvement to attempt to restructure how neighborhood funds are allocated. Neighborhoods will be asked to present an annual workplan in order to anticipate financial demands. The City will begin hosting websites for neighborhood associations.

Reports:

- Social Justice Committee: Terri reported that the SJC will have a new standing Agenda item – service opportunities in the community. The presentation topic in January will be facilitating disability access and participation.
- Kate reported on the grand opening and ribbon cutting for Peace Village
- Friends of Awbrey Park: Jerry F. reported on the December work party at the park.
- Santa Clara Community Foundation: Tim reported on activities of the Foundation including looking for grant opportunities, the Hileman Landing work parties (Hileman Heroes), and that measurements were done at the historic schoolhouse in order to determine how much land should be included in the project.
- Land Use: There was no report as Kate has been out of town.

Other Updates:

- The Eugene Planning Commission continues to deliberate on the RRSC Neighborhood Plan.
- There will be a luminary parade in northeast Santa Clara on December 21st, and community caroling is in the planning stage.
- Kate is still looking for suggestions for future programs. Terri suggested the issue of public safety – especially in connection with Cahoots. Tim said he is a member of the Lane County Parks Committee and that questions or even a presentation might be a topic at a future SCCO meeting.
- Terri reported there will be a community food drive in March to benefit Food for Lane County.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan