

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Meeting minutes
Thursday, March 7, 2019
Messiah Lutheran Church
3280 River Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. There were 23 present, including 8 Board members. Introductions ensued.

Program: Kate introduced Ellen Teninty and Chris Henry. Using a Power Point, Chris presented the plan for the restructuring of Belt line and the Delta and River Road interchanges with Beltline. The Beltline Delta interchange construction will begin by the end of the year. It may be five years before we see any bridge construction. The program was followed by Question and Answer.

Announcements: Gary Haliski pointed out the electronic contact information at that are now listed at the bottom of agendas.

Reports:

- Neighborhood Plan – Community Advisory Committee: Kate reported that there is an upcoming public meeting scheduled for March 14 at 6 p.m. The CAC is looking for volunteers to spread information about this meeting.
- Santa Clara Community Garden: Peter reported that garden lots are for sale and anyone interested should contact him.
- Neighborhood Leaders Council: Jerry reported that the NLC is spending much of its energy discussing how to respond to four State measures that have immense impacts on local land use planning.
- Land Use: Kate reported there are two applications in the works. One is the plans for the Transit Station at Green Lane and River Road. The other is for Wildrose Estates on the eastern boundary of Awbrey Park. The developer is resisting establishing a trail from the development to Awbrey Park. Jesika Heikkinen, adopter and Coordinator of Friends of Awbrey Park responded that Friends support access to this new development and will let planners know this important fact.

Old Business:

- Planning for the Awbrey Park Wildflower Walk and Community Festival: Gary Haliski reported that Santa Clara Community Organization is partnering with Friends of Awbrey Park to expand the Wildflower Walk to a general community celebration. A committee met and the festival is trying to expand this event scheduled for May 4. He said seven additional groups will be represented and he is continuing looking for more. Gary described the events that are planned.

- Diversity Statement: There was some discussion about the proposed statement. Kate suggested that the following statement be adopted by the Santa Clara Community Organization and become the foundation for community signage:

The Santa Clara community is rich with Natural beauty, passionate residents and a commitment to using our collective diversity as an asset to benefit our present and inform our future. Our community affirms this commitment in support of diversity and its multiple benefits, those visible, tangible and otherwise. We support dialogue, discourse and disagreement in constructive and holistic capacities that further relationships and prosperity for all at the table.

Peter Thurston moved that this position be adopted, Patrick Kerr seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Kate asked the Board to approve the use of City Neighborhood Investment funds allocated to Santa Clara to sponsor George Price and Tim Foelker to a training workshop: “Cultivating Community Through Events.” Kate moved this be approved, Patrick Kerr seconded. Motion passed.
- Jerry Finigan moved, Kate Perle seconded that Tim Foelker be reimbursed from SCCO accounts for renewal of our website domain name for 5 years in the amount of \$105.85. Motion passed.
- There is a proposal that the Santa Clara Crossings at Hunsaker and River Road be named for Irene Ferguson who was killed by an accident at that location. Kate and Ann Vaughn had responded to this proposal that this location is central to Santa Clara and that it might be more appropriate to commemorate her death in some other way. Discussion suggested that she should be remembered somehow – perhaps naming the new street that would run through this street after her or name some other amenity after her if a hardscape park is established there.
- Keeping track of volunteer hours: Jerry indicated that the log of volunteer hours has been changed to reflect 6 categories that would need to be cataloged as hours are recorded. He passed out a description of these categories and the new recording forms. He said he would fill in these categories when forms are turned in if there is any confusion about these.

meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

submitted,

Jerry Finigan