

Santa Clara Community Organization  
General meeting minutes  
April 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. There were 144 in attendance, including 8 Board members. Kate introduced a proposal by LTD to temporarily allow car camping on their lot at Hunsaker and River Road. This would be allowed until work begins on their transit station which will probably be in 2019. There were representatives from LTD, St. Vincent de Paul, and the City to take input and respond as necessary. The discussion began with a short description of the history of the car-camping program and the City policies regulating it. This was followed by audience response and input, many submitted in written form and presented by Rebecca Marx. Discussion was terminated at 8:30 p.m. The overwhelming response to the proposal was negative.

Wildflower Walk and Celebration: Jerry reported that plans are moving ahead for this community celebration on Saturday, April 28. During the next couple weeks he will try to determine what will be included on the SCCO table there and who might attend it. There will also be table there representing Santa Clara farms, the River Road-Santa Clara Library, and the Yoga studio. There will be a community-wide newsletter mailed out in the next week or so announcing this event.

Northeast Neighbors: Kevin Reed from Northeast Neighbors suggested that representatives from Santa Clara attend the public open house on the Beltline Plan at North Eugene on April 24 since these plans affect not only Northeast Neighbors, but also Santa Clara and River Road.

Lone Oak Dog Off-Leash Park: Rebecca Marx reported that the matching grant for developing this park has been recommended by the Department Advisory Committee and will be submitted for approval by the City Council. Plans are that, pending that approval, work on the Park will begin in late May.

ArtCity: Charly Swing introduced the concept of establishing visible art along River Road and Santa Clara. Artists are being identified in River Road, and there will need to be a similar identification in Santa Clara. Artists have begun meeting to discuss what types of projects might be considered.

Announcements:

- Jerry reported that the launch of a committee to advocate for a feasibility study for a regional park district is scheduled for 7 p.m. April 17 at the RR Park District offices.
- Kate reported that the next SCCO meeting (May 3) will feature a candidates forum for County and City positions. Zach Mulholland, candidate for the EWEB Board suggested that race might also be featured.

Reports:

- Awbrey Park: Plans are underway for the Wildflower Walk and at the next work party (Saturday, April 7) these plans will be advanced.
- Santa Clara Community Garden: Plots continue to sell in the community portion and there are still a couple left.
- Impact of SB1051 – the permitting of Secondary Dwelling Units (SDUs) in all R-1 and R-2 zones. Jerry reported the NLC was recommending that no action by the City Planning staff until a process of public and neighborhood input be established. There was some discussion about whether SCCO might respond to this. It was decided to let the NLC letter to City Council speak for itself.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board approved through e-voting that funds moved from the Transition Fund to the SCCO newsletter fund so that newsletters might continue to be mailed to our unincorporated residents. To make the vote official, Kate moved the Board approve this transfer in this regular meeting, Louis Vidmar seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jerry Finigan said that the NLC representative needs to be approved. Jerry has been attending, extending from his chair position. Kate would be automatically this position unless she appoints another representative. Jerry said he would continue if the Board wanted that. Kate gave the opportunity to other board members. With no other interest, Kate appointed Jerry to continue in that role.

meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

submitted,  
Jerry Finigan, secretary