

Santa Clara Community Organization
General meeting minutes
July 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Jerry Finigan at 7:08 p.m. There were 18 present, including 7 Board members.

Presentation: Beaver-Hunsaker Corridor Plan

Becky Taylor presented the general plan for redevelopment of the Beaver Hunsaker corridor. There was general support for the plan, but with some questions about how the plan segues with the State plan to connect North Delta with Division, and with the plans for the redevelopment of Hunsaker at the planned LTD transit station. Also the plan for a multiuse trail from Division to Wilkes was discussed. Becky indicated that there was research into the possibility of an access road through eastern Santa Clara, but it appears the prohibitions of such a development outside the urban growth boundary is too much of a challenge. The next step will be to present the plan to the County Commission and to seek funding for the project.

Kate Perle moved, Ann Vaughn seconded that the minutes from the June 1 meeting be approved as drafted. Motion passed.

Reports:

- Santa Clara Community Garden: Peter Thurston reported that there have been some demonstrations of composting techniques at the garden. The garden continues to contribute to the food pantry at St. Matthews. The border fence on the west side of the garden has been completed.
- Awbrey Park: Gary Haliski reported that the work parties has been suspended during the summer. There is a kids program in the park on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Wendover Park work parties: Kate Perle reported there are ongoing work parties at Wendover Park on each second Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Land Use:
 - consideration of an annexation request for a half acre property on Lone Oak Ave. Future plans for a multifamily housing unit.
 - approval of an annexation request for a lot at 2908 River Road.

Old Business:

- It was necessary to approve the letter submitted by e-mail to the City Council in support of the LTD Transit Station for change of use to permit a bus station at the corner of Hunsaker and River Road. George Price moved, Ann Vaughn seconded the letter be approved after the fact. motion passed. There was an agreement in discussion that SCCO continue to work with LTD proactively to assure a design that allows for a community meeting center. The group reviewed the plans as currently designed and it was suggested that one thing we might lobby for is to reconfigure the planned public market design from the long strip design to one of a more square shape. Kate suggested forming a group to brainstorm this and present the suggestion to LTD in a letter. George moved this be approved, Ann Vaughn seconded. Motion was approved.

- The Chair suggested that one of the actions approved earlier, that SCCO support and encourage approval of funds to allow for a feasibility study of a regional park district. There was some confusion as to where and when that would be most effective. Kate agreed to talk with Dale Weigandt to find out what would be the best course of action.
- The Board was reminded that another issue that was approved was to pursue the possibility of a dog park at Lone Oak Park. The Chair said he would contact Rebecca Marx to see if the issue can be revived in the August meeting.

New Business: Christine Dribin said the illegal fireworks was more than a distraction for her neighborhood and suggested it might be a good idea to provide a safe place for people to fire their illegal fireworks. It was suggest such a location might be a popular spot for the City police. It was suggested the community might reach our to these offenders in a friendly manner to get better cooperation.

meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

submitted,

Jerry Finigan