

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board minutes
Thursday, September 5, 2019
Messiah Lutheran Church
3280 River Road

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. There were 22 in attendance, including 7 Board members. Introductions were called for.

Presentation: LTD: Kate introduced Pat Walsh on behalf of LTD to begin the first presentation – an update on the development of the River Road-Hunsaker Transit Station. Pat introduced four representatives from the Lane Transit District there to aid in the presentation. He introduced Randi Staudinger who presented a full summary of the plans for the development of the Station. She said the PUD became effective in July, and that LTD is working on a construction document that will be ready in October. This was followed by questions which were answered by the LTD team. A main concern was what would become of the 5 acres that were not within the plan and whether the previous discussions about this was still applicable, and how the River Road Corridor Study fit into these plans. There were also concerns about how traffic would be affected during construction and by the installation of a traffic light at Green Lane. This presentation concluded at 7:40 p.m.

Presentation: Carbon Free Challenge: Linda Perrine of 350 Eugene gave a presentation about the impact the United States has on the globe through its exorbitant carbon footprint and an initiative to reduce this footprint one household at a time. She gave instructions of how community groups could form teams or community groups to begin the process of making life choices that reduces individual carbon footprints. She reported on the student Global Climate Strike on September 20th and related activities extending through September 27th. At the close of questioning, Peter Thurston suggested that SCCO include the carbon-free challenge as a regular report at future meetings. This presentation concluded at 8:14 p.m.

Julie Fischer, representing the RR-SC Neighborhood Plan, passed out information on the ongoing survey concerning the Corridor Study and asked that word be spread to other residents asking them to participate.

Kate opened the regular business meeting. Tim Foelker moved the minutes from the August 1 meeting be approved with the correction that the business meeting had begun at 7:53 p.m., not 9:53 p.m. Matt Vohs seconded. Motion passed. Jerry Finigan gave the Treasurer's report: There is a total of \$1774.28 in the checking account. \$1401.75 is dedicated to the Santa Clara Community Garden, leaving \$372.53 in the SCCO account. There were no announcements. Under reports, Peter Thurston reported that everything is growing gangbusters in the garden and that the winter squash planted for the Food Pantry is doing very well. Jerry reported on the Neighborhood Leaders Council which had a combination business meeting-Social on August 27th. The only item of business was a discussion of needed regulation of short term rentals. Also, there was a question about

how many neighborhoods would participate in the Eugene Parade (Sunday Streets) on September 22. Tim and Peter announced there will be a meeting at Fire Station #2 (#62) on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss possible projects that might be considered for use of the timbers from the fir trees removed from the Fir Grove area. Kate listed a number of land use petitions and applications. Under Old Business, Kate asked who might be interested in filling the vacant Board seat. No one came forward. Under New Business, it was decided that SCCO is not interested in participating in the Eugene Parade under the Neighborhoods banner.

Under "Other Matters", Jerry said that somewhere in the future, SCCO might consider setting up a 501(c)3 if we begin more complex projects that may require collecting donations. Jerry also requested that the Board turn in their volunteer hours for the month of August. There was a question and discussion about the Lombard Apartment proposal on lower River Road. Kate announced that the River Road Community Organization will be discussing LTD options on September 9. It was suggested that sometime in the future Jon Belcher be invited to discuss Greenway protections.

meeting was adjourned at 836 p.m.

submitted,

Jerry Finigan, secretary