

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board Minutes
Thursday, September 6, 2018
Messiah Lutheran Church
3280 River Road.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. There were 11 in attendance, including 5 Board members. The meeting began with introductions. The floor was opened to public comment. Thomas Watkins reported that his car keeps getting vandalized in retaliation for his actions against illegal camping. He said he was concerned about the outward lawlessness in Eugene.

Rebecca Marx moved the minutes from the August 2 meeting be approved as submitted. Ann Vaughn seconded. motion passed.

Reports:

- Dog Off-leash Area – Lone Oak Park. Rebecca reported the park is now currently complete as Alan Carr has finished constructing the kiosk there. Becca said that it would be good if sometime in the future the pathway in the park be upgraded to make it more handicap friendly.
- Neighborhood Plan report: The working groups last met on August 28 and were given assignments to draft potential policies to address the goals that had been formed at the neighborhood forums. These will be brought back to the next working group meeting on September 27. The next Community Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11.
- Awbrey Park Volunteers: Volunteer work parties resume in October (Saturday, October 6 – 9 a.m. to noon)
- Santa Clara Community Garden: Peter Thurston sent a report that the Garden has scheduled two work parties at the garden (Saturday Sept. 15 and 22, 10 to noon) Also there is scheduled a composting workshop August 29 from 10 to noon.
- Luper Cemetery: There are two work parties scheduled in the next two months. One by a crew of new students attending Northwest Christian University and another by Troop 182.

Land Use: Kate reported that no new applications have been filed but there have been 4 consultations scheduled.

- 183 Ferndale Dr.
- Wildrose Subdivision (abutting Awbrey Park)
- 599 River Loop #2 (possible subdivision)
- 181 Ross Lane (apartment complex planned)

Announcements:

- Moving Ahead open house – considering the River Road corridor. Kelly Middle School Sept. 25 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Community Advisory Team meeting, River Road Park Dist., rm. E Tuesday September 11.
- Motion picture *Under The Bridge* in advocacy of the homeless Sunday, Oct. 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the River Road Park Annex; and Monday, Oct. 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Emerald Park Rec Ctr.

Old Business:

Still awaiting new developments regarding Safe Routes to Schools and the Transfer station and plaza plans at River Road and Hunsaker Ln.

New Business:

- Kate has done research on a building at 990 River Loop #2. Apparently it has historical significance as it was a former schoolhouse moved into that location. Kate suggested it could be used as a Santa Clara community center if it is preserved and rehabilitated. She'll continue pursuing research and trying to lobby appropriate agencies that might get this in motion.
- Rebecca suggested we might pursue a small matching grant to get a sign made that could be easily relocated that advertises the Neighborhood Plan. She said she would be willing to look into it. Louis Vidmar moved that SCCO support this initiative, Jerry seconded. Motion passed.

Other:

- Kate said there will be a form made available at the next meeting where Board members might log their volunteer hours. This could be used by Neighborhood Involvement to support future budget requests.
 - Some possible future programs: EWEB presentation; WECAN; Eugene Police
- meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary