

Eugene Neighbors, Inc
Annual Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2019
Abby's Legendary Pizza, River Road

There were 30 in attendance. Those present identified themselves and which neighborhood they lived in. ENI members present included Janet Bevirt of SHiNA, Carolyn Jacobs of SUNA, Jerry Finigan, of SCCO, Clare Strawn of RCCO, Anne Milhollen of NE Neighbors, Sue Cummings of Jefferson/Westside, Nancy Classen of FAN, Pete Knox of Downtown Neighborhood, Wayne Wilson of CAN, and Randy Prince of Amazon Neighbors.

The business meeting was called to order by ENI Board Chair, Randy Prince at 5:32 . Randy described the mission of ENI and gave an account of the neighborhood projects supported during the last year. Janet Bivert moved the minutes for the 2018 Annual Meeting be approved as submitted, Cliff Gray seconded. Motion passed Unanimously. Randy asked if there were any questions regarding the printed treasurer's report – there were none. Anne Milhollen moved the business meeting be suspended for the program and reopened after it was done, Jerry Finigan seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The business meeting was suspended at 5:48 p.m.

Program: Affordable Housing in Neighborhoods – Making it Happen

Randy introduced Kristin Karly of the St. Vincent de Paul Housing Division, and Ellen Meh-Galloway of City of Eugene Department of Community Development. Kristin opened with a definition of what affordable housing is as opposed to “work force”, or “middle” housing. Ellen described how the City supports affordable housing to make it possible with programs such as community block grants, emergency housing programs, rental rehab loans and land acquisition for potential affordable housing developments. The City supports development of affordable housing with such incentives as SDC exemptions and property tax exemptions. The City funds these from an excise tax exacted on construction projects.

Kristin began her presentation by affirming how lucky St. Vincent de Paul is to be working with the City of Eugene, which has such programs and encourages low income housing. There was a description of the low income housing in the River Road area between Maynard St. and Howard Ave. St. Vincent's has been working with the River Road Community Organization to make this happen, along with a number of other stakeholders. The result is that 53 low income units will be constructed there.

The presentations were completed at 6:20 p.m. A question and answer session was opened. This continued until 6:58 when Randy reconvened the business meeting. He opened nominations to ENI Board seats coming open, currently held by Cliff Gray, Jerry Finigan, Christine Donahue and Pete Knox. He announced these current members would like to continue on the Board. There were no further nominations. Anne Milhollen moved these current members be elected to another 2-year term, Bernie Corrigan of Friendly Area seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary