

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2020 (via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by the chair, Kate Perle. Others attending included Jerry Finigan, Dawn Lesley, Matias Torres of the Eugene Public Library, Matt Vohs, City Councillor Claire Syrett, Jerry Mohr, Ann Vaughn, Mary Leontovich, Tim Foelker, George Price, and Randi Staudinger of LTD.

Kate introduced Matias Torres, director of adult services at the Eugene Public Library. He began with the announcement that EPL is offering expanded services to all residents until September 14, meaning that library cards are being issued without charge to Santa Clara and River Road residents who are not incorporated. Currently the Library are working on providing holds on books and preparation for opening up. The Library is currently open on line and a library card gives access to e-books. This is a wide-ranging service and Matias described several subscription possibilities including Hoopla, providing fiction books of up to 10 per month and includes music; Canopy which offers up to 10 e-movies per month; Access, offering movie documentaries with unlimited access; Free Gold, offering up to 5 downloads per month of music. Matias said also available are e-magazines and learning programs like Mango, offering language-learning. He said that someone is always available at the library by phone or on the website between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. He said the Library's next emphasis will be on physical outreach as the City of Eugene begins its phase-2 opening. Currently the Bethel branch is closed. He said the Library would very much like closer contact with River Road and Santa Clara.

Q & A: Mary asked how the Library got the holds to people. Matias said that the Library is working on curbside delivery which they hope to roll out in the middle of June. Mary asked if, during the pandemic, more people were using on-line services. Answer: definitely. Jerry asked if, given the new free service to River Road and Santa Clara, there is an uptick from this area and Matias said there definitely is. He said the Library summer reading program is trying to find a way to connect with the community. Matt asked if one wanted to access one of the subscription services mentioned if one should go to their portal, or to the Library website. Matias said it is much easier to go through the Library portal. Claire asked about River Road and Santa Clara access after September and Matias said the access will not be available after September but that the Library would very much like to find a way to expand their services. Tim asked if there was a link that could be posted on the SCCO website and Matias said there is a data-hub and e-book link that is available. George asked is a card could be applied for on-line. Matias said it is possible but the on-line service is very busy and might require patience. Kate said Santa Clara is very much wanting a branch library in our neighborhood someday: how do we do that. Matias said to contact his director who is very open to expanding library service. Tim asked if EPL is reaching out to the River Road-Santa Clara Volunteer Library and Matias said that currently there is some coordination with them with children's books. Kate asked if there were out-of-the-box thinking going on like how to use little free library boxes. Matias said there are some unconventional suggestions like bike-mobiles. Tim listed the Library director's contact: Wo'hearn@eugene-or.gov. Matias was thanked and left the session at 7:37 p.m.

Mary said she would call the Library director about out desire for a branch library.

LTD Transit Station: Kate introduced Randi Staudinger of LTD to give an update on the transfer station under construction at Hunsaker and River Road. Randi said that work began on May 11 and that currently a lot of rock is being brought in to form a base. Next week plumbers and electricians will come and in mid-June the foundation blocks will be worked on. The electrical poles on Green Lane will be replaced by underground wiring and at the same time trenching will be done for the traffic signals. Delta will be working 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and they don't anticipate road closures except when traffic signals are placed and the road may be closed during the night at that time. Kate asked what will be used with the land added with purchase of the hair salon and Randi said there will be a more enhanced entrance added to the design. Jerry asked if the hair salon was still there and Randi replied that it is still there and that demolition permits have been acquired to take the buildings down in a week. Tim asked if there is coordination being done with the County who will be redesigning Hunsaker. Randi said that will be done when the County gets their funding and planning in place. Tim said some short term improvements have already been planned but that these improvements have been delayed until next year.

SCCO pandemic programs: Dawn reported there had been two calls on the dedicated phone ("batphone"). One was glad to get the SCCO flyer and was wondering about rental assistance. Dawn called to check on it and found that nothing was available now but that federal monies might eventually be available. The second call was about a nuisance property and neighbor on Scottdale. Dawn said she surveyed the property and agreed it needed some response. Kate said it looked like an issue to be reported to the County Code Compliance. Tim asked if that was something one of us might pursue. Dawn agreed to follow up on this. Tim said there has so far been no activity on the Recovers web site.

Beaver-Hunsaker short term improvements: Tim is working with the planners in their siting of a crosswalk on Hunsaker – either on Taito or on Summer Lane. Tim said efforts need to be coordinated between the County and the City to make sure the Delta multi-use path is folded into the planning of Beaver. Claire said she believes coordination is adequate but will check with Carolyn Burke to confirm this. Ann said she is happy to see these improvements are funded but if they are already funded, why is it being postponed for a year. Claire conjectured that the timing of getting the engineering and construction done this summer would not be possible so it is being delayed. Mary asked Claire about the impact of the economic shutdown on the City budget. Claire responded that the impact hasn't really hit for this year but the crunch will come in the next budget cycle. There is a large rainy day fund that will help. Dawn said this is also true of the County budget and that the County is waiting to get firmer data before they get too excited.

Neighborhood Plan: Kate reported she is working with a group discussing the implementation of the neighborhood plan once it is adopted. Neighbors might be advocates for the plan going forward. Jerry said the strategies and actions might be incorporated in the department master plans to assure their efficacy. Claire said that would be done but many of the actions might not fit in any master plan and might be

orphaned and we need to make sure that doesn't happen. Kate expressed concern that, as requirements of HB2001 are effected, neighbors might believe it was because of the Neighborhood Plan. Claire said currently the State has a group working on how to implement HB2001 and on its potential effects. Dawn suggested that we have a strong argument for local control given the work we have already done. Claire said that Chris Pryor is on this rules committee and that we could reach out to him. Jerry updated Claire on what the Santa Clara Board is doing right now, meeting weekly to discuss the Neighborhood Plan and making small tweets in it so when it comes time for us to approve it, the discussion has already been done. Tim suggested that it might be required that neighborhood people make sure that strategies and actions in the plan are not ignored after its adoption as events ensue to make sure any projects in the neighborhood fits the plan.

Drive In Event initiative: Kate gave Claire a summary of the idea of offering a community event featuring a drive in movie and how we were discouraged by Billie Hernandez of the City recreation department. It was decided that we should not let this be the last word but that we should continue to see if we might overcome the obstacles that seem to stand in our way. This would mean solving the transmitter problem and circling back with the Recreation department to see if we could simply borrow their projection screen.

Land Use: Kate reported only one action – an application to divide one lot into three on Wilkes Drive.

Kate reminded the group that our next discussion about the Neighborhood Plan by Zoom will be June 11 at 6:30 p.m. and the topic area will be transportation. There was a discussion about what might be done with edits done on the Plan by the neighborhood associations so that we don't keep passing them back and forth to form an agreement. It was agreed that, if we complete our edits before River Road, we give them to RRCO to inform them in their discussions and that once they finish their discussions all edits be submitted to the CAC to polish the Plan and issue a final product.

meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

submitted,

Jerry Finigan