

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Membership meeting
February 4, 2021 (via Zoom)

Those in attendance – total 25 (9 Board members, 16 others)

Tim Foelker (Board)	Gary Haliski	Jerry Finigan (Board)
Mary Leontovich	Patrick Kerr (Board)	Michael Nieman
Dawn Lesley (Board)	Laura & Paul Shang	Kate Perle (Board)
Autumn Seaborn	George Price (Board)	Jenny noall Welker
Ann Vaughn (Board)	Pat Walsh	Ed Singer
Louie Vidmar (Board)	Candice Kramer	Matt Vohs (Board)
Tony & Vickie Sanko	Leah Robin	Peter Bolander
Judie Gatson	guest: Jason Davis (Lane County)	

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the chair, Kate Perle. Kate called for introductions of those present.

LTD Transfer Station – Santa Clara: Pat Walsh reported that the station will begin operations Sunday, February 7. LTD staff will be at the station on Sunday to answer questions and enable the passenger using the new location. The former station at River Road and River Avenue will no longer be used. The new location has six bus bays with one dedicated to Ride Source.

Dawn moved the minutes from the January 7th meeting be approved as submitted, Patrick seconded. Motion passed with no opposition and one abstention.

Reports:

- Dawn reported on the “bat phone”. someone found the contact information at historic schoolhouse and left a message on the phone. Unfortunately there was no way to backtrack to find out who called. In the future notices will leave the instruction to leave a message with name and contact number.
- Tim reported on the community garden. Plots for the coming year is now available. Contact Peter Thurston.
- Gary reported on Friends of Awbrey Park. He supervised two groups of scouts, one composed entirely of girls. They did a good job of cleaning up debris left during the winter. Plants are just starting to show shoots. The next regularly volunteer event will occur on the upcoming Saturday (February 6).

Update from Lane County on progress of Covid vaccinations: Jason Davis from Lane County reported that so far in Lane County 75,000 individuals have been vaccinated. There is incredible demand and attempts to preregister has overloaded the website. He said that the County began emergency response a year ago and weren't really prepared for what was coming. Originally the County was trying to work by itself then worked with the CDC. Currently there is much more guidance coming from the State of Oregon.

Jason said that the County hoped to vaccinate 150,000 people at the Lane Events Center and Autzen Stadium, but only 30,000 doses of vaccine showed up. Coordination obviously being an issue, a committee was formed to advise Lane Health Authority to address the challenges of unpredictability. Currently groups have been prioritized for

vaccination. They'll begin with oldest citizens and phase younger ones in using 5-year increments. It is hoped that all seniors will be inoculated by early March. It is hoped that 10-15,000 is vaccinated each day if vaccine is available. It is also hoped to achieve greater outreach using mobile health units and local pharmacies – beginning with CVS and Walgreens. As of this week the first priority group – educators – will be mostly satisfied.

Q&A:

- Ann asked what sorting is going on in preregistration. How is it possible to be moved up in priority? Jason – Making sure one is enrolled is the most proactive step. Age will be a main qualifier, and pre-existing morbidities will flag registrations. At registration, completely filling out the questionnaire would be important.

- Laura said she found registration to be difficult. Jason said that they have found some browsers didn't work with the website and that it looks like only Explorer seems to interface properly. He said that the County is partnering with some with pharmacies and drive-through clinics are being set up. He said opportunists might try to trick people in the registration process. The County will never ask for Social Security numbers or monetary compensations. At this point the main drive-in clinic is at the Lane Events Center and is serving about 2000 per day.

- Vickie and Tony expressed the concern that when they registered the form was not filled out correctly. Jason said they would still be in the database and is secure. If the age in entered incorrectly, they would need to try to make sure that was corrected.

- Michael thanked Jason for his work and wondered why there were no questions about pre-existing conditions. Jason said at this point age is superseding preexisting conditions. Michael said he is concerned about the uncertainty of how many doses would be available and whether Jason might guess when the 65+ age would be in the queue. Jason said the allocation process should improve and that it seems that in the eyes of the Federal government Oregon is being deprioritized since it is not a hot spot. He expects the next distribution will increase Oregon's share by about 5%. He hopes the senior population will be vaccinated in two months. One fly in the ointment is the recent judge's ruling that inmates be prioritized.

- Mary testified that her experience at the Lane Events Center was very positive.

- Ed asked how age is being validated. Jason said they ask for ID when the person shows up.

- Tim also offered kudos to the working team. But he said that it appears the entire County website is down. He asked what vendor might be blamed for this. Jason said they had tried to use the service that had been used for other Lane County business and it was not up to the task as it didn't properly interface with a number of browsers. The County is trying a number of work-arounds.

- Laura said she asked her provider – the Oregon Medical Group – if she could get inoculated. They said they didn't have any information about vaccines. Jason said the upper management knows but the information has not flowed down to individual clinics.

Jason said he would be sending Kate some talking points that can be posted to answer questions people may have.

Board Elections: positions open are seats currently filled by Tim Foelker, Louis Vidmar, Kate Perle, Ann Vaughn, and Patrick Kerr. Michael Nieman expressed a desire to serve on the Board. Ann said she would be willing to not run for re-election to make room for a new member. Tim nominated Mary who said she would serve only if forced. Jerry

moved that Tim, Louie, Kate, and Patrick be re-elected to their current seats and that Michael be elected to the Board. Dawn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Updates:

- Kate reported there was nothing new with land use applications.
- Kate reported that she, Jerry, and Tim has met to work on bylaws for the new Santa Clara Community Foundation with the nonprofit lawyer. The Foundation is now a legal entity recognized by the State of Oregon.
- There was a cougar siting on River Loop #2
- Kate reported that the Board confirmed Jerry as the Santa Clara alternate on CAC of the Neighborhood Planning group. The group meets at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month. Mary offered kudos to Kate for her expert steering of the group at the last meeting.
- Kate reported that the results of the third and final community meeting planning the Santa Clara Community Park is now available on line.
- Kate reported that efforts are on-going to find out how the mailing list for the postcard announcing the neighborhood meeting got so mixed up. Cindy Koehler is working on trying to get the County moneys expended on this back.
- Kate said that we still haven't heard back from County Commissioners about the letter we sent to them asking for County aid in funding newsletters and other services to County citizens in Santa Clara.
- Gary announced a blood drive on the 15th and 16th at Riviera Baptist Church. Currently as blood is taken, it is tested for Covid antibodies that might be used in therapies.
- Kate reported on our promotion of housing micro-sites in Santa Clara. She said we have done some outreach to Riviera Baptist. Dawn said her outreach to the American Legion was not really rejected and they might consider it later but currently they don't feel they have the band width to take on anything new now. Tim offered them wood from our Santa Clara "Timber Company" for building projects in which they are engaged. Kate said that one of these sites next to the historic schoolhouse might provide better security for the building. It is not a policy of the Parks Department to allow this but she'll try to see if they'll make an exception.

Future topics:

- Jerry said sometime this year we might update the bylaws to correct some issues Gary identified and to add governance of the new Santa Clara Community Foundation to the duties of the SCCO Board.
- Gary said we should discuss how we can put some action to the words we adopted regarding human rights and inclusion.
- Mary thanked Ann for her years of contribution to the Board and welcomed her to the "Board Plus" team.
- George asked if he could see the flyer that was sent to Riviera Baptist suggesting they host a micro-site.

meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

submitted,
Jerry Finigan