

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive meeting minutes
March 3,2022. (via Zoom)

Those in attendance – total 22 (9 Board members, 8 residents, 5 non-residents)

<u>Board</u>	<u>Community members</u>	<u>non-residents</u>
Terri Reed	Gary Haliski	Terry Mcdonald
Kate Perle	Mary Leontovich	Ryan Ceniga
Jerry Finigan	Charlotte Hennessey	Foster Martinez
Patrick Kerr	Joel Robe	Councilor Claire Syrett
Tim Foelker	Martha Johnson	Julie Nowacki
Jerry Mohr	Rod Graves	
Louis Vidmar	Patty Driscoll	
Dawn Lesley	Christy Smith	
Matt Vohs		

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She called for introductions.

Affordable housing on Green Lane: Terry McDonald and Foster Martinez described the plans for a St. Vincent de Paul project at 101 Green Lane. This is a 10-unit housing facility for veterans. Questions about the project included a concern that the entrance to the facility be past the LTD entrance to the bus station. The entrance is past this entrance. There was a question about how permanent this housing would be. Terry said the plan is to make this a temporary facility and to transition residents to more permanent housing – maybe a 6-month stay. Staff will be constantly on-site. It is uncertain how long it would take to begin the development as this depends on whether the application is appealed to LUBA. It could be as short as 4 months, or as long as 16 months. Tenants will be accepted by referral and if their income is below 50% of median income. Families will be accepted as some unit provide for that. The neighborhood will be constantly involved in the process.

Social Justice Committee presentation: Martha Johnson reported that the 4J School Board unanimously accepted the harassment policy. She said that the discussion in the presentation will be a follow-up from the earlier “graffiti to paintball” presentation by focusing not on the problem but on solutions. She said that the solution to hate is knowing our neighbors. This is bedrock of community. More events bringing community together could be key. She said the welcome letter to new neighbors is currently on our website and anyone is welcome to download the letter and use it. Gary asked how we might get more Board members involved in this effort. We might try to get more members trained for the bias response team, using the “Upstander/Bystander” class. He said this stresses on acceptance over confrontation by making sure anyone targeted is not ignored. People need to know the difference between hate crimes and bias incidents. Martha said the antidote to fear is community connection promoting laughter and fun. Both asked for people to brainstorm ideas for such events. Kate suggested an

art share (“art on the verge”) along River Loop #1. Julie N suggested a community park event at Emerald Park. Dawn suggested dog watching stations – welcoming and watering stations for dog walkers. She also suggested porch fests where multiple concerts are available. Terri suggested a local music event where people might bring pies.

Santa Clarans for Safety: Rod said the current plan for the bike/ped trail from Hunsaker to Wilkes is flawed because it does not adequately take safety into account. He said there needs to be a discussion with planners to try to use Zane Lane instead of Admiral as it’s corridor. Kate explained for the group the plan vision that was used when the City applied for a grant to construct the path. Gary said that it needs to be clearer what discussion took place to come up with this plan. Claire Syrett explained that as a City Counselor it is not her role to get involved in planning but she could be available as an advocate. Dawn asked if residents on Zane Lane had been contacted. Kate said that a set of questions needs to be created to begin this process. Charlotte asked why the school was used as a destination for the path. Kate said that children who are currently being driven to school might use such a path if it were available. Rod pointed out that the current multi-use path on Beaver/Hunsaker is not at all safe. He asked what would be the best way forward. Kate suggested making a list of specific concerns. Rod said Gary has already started such a list and his group will use Gary’s list as a beginning to make a more comprehensive list.

Patrick moved the minutes from the February general meeting be approved as submitted. Martha seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate asked if there were others who would like to serve as Executive Board officers. Currently the officers are Kate Perle, Chair; Jerry Finigan, secretary/treasurer; and Tim Foelker, vice chair. There were no other nominations. Dawn move the Board keep its current officers for another year, Patrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate announced that next month’s meeting will be a forum of candidates running for west Lane County Commissioner. Two of the candidates – Dawn Lesley and Ryan Ceniga was present at this meeting and Kate will contact others. It was decided that each candidate would have 3 to 5 minutes to present themselves and their views and after these presentations, they will each have an opportunity to respond to prepared questions, organized by categories. Patrick, Gary, Matt and Kate volunteered to work on these questions.

Updates:

Bat Phone – Matt said that outside of one telemarketer call, there has been no activity on the phone.

Neighborhood Plan – Jerry described the “corridor walks” in which members of the CAC assessed identified commercial intersections for future zoning. Once this process is complete, the CAC will again give the public an opportunity to react to the plan. Presentation to the City Council will be later this year.

Santa Clara Community Garden – Peter was not present. Jerry reported that as far as he knows, all the plots for the coming growing season is rented out. Compost workshops continues.

Friends of Awbrey Park – Gary reported the next work session is this coming Saturday.

The Awbrey Park Wildflower Festival will probably be on April 30.

Santa Clara Community Foundation – Tim reported that the account for the Foundation stands at about \$5800 and the lumber that was salvaged from the trees taken out of Fir Grove. There is a \$275 filing fee due to the attorneys. The Foundation is looking for donations. Kate has sent the contract back to the City with the Foundations suggested revisions. Jerry Mohr and Kate are working on a brochure to help with fundraising. Matt asked if the Foundation would post Zoom links for those not on the Board. Tim said he would see how the Board feels about it.

Land Use – Kate reported that applications include the 70-unit Peace Village on the Peace Presbyterian site; 10 lots at Buster Place; and a zone change at 4199 Scenic Drive (AG to R-1 – 3 lots).

Other items:

- Tim said that a group meets the last Monday each month at 4 p.m. at the Filling Station to discuss community projects and invited anyone else interested to join.
- Joel reported that March 19th at 3 p.m. there will be a class advancing the City's Emergency preparedness dealing with the interface of radio assets. The next Ready Northwest meeting is March 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- Kate moved that SCCO again join Eugene Neighbors, Inc. the upcoming year. Dawn Seconded. Motion passed.
- Kate said to keep our eyes open for possible future presentations at SCCO meetings.
- Dawn said that her campaign will be hosting a coffee at Awbrey Park, March 19 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Louis reported that the Scottish Festival returns to Irving Grange May 28.

Dawn moved the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted,

Jerry Finigan sec/treas.