

Santa Clara Community Organization
 General meeting minutes
 March 2, 2023
 Messiah Lutheran Church and hybrid meeting

Those in attendance – total 42 (9 Board members, 28 residents, 5 others)

*hybrid attendees

<u>Board</u>		<u>Community members</u>		<u>others</u>
Jerry Mohr*	John Q. Murray*	Tom Tallon	Erlene Christenson	Sasha Vartanian
Kate Perle	Gary Turpen	Gary Wildish	Natalie Crowder*	Jon Patrick
Patrick Kerr	Joyce Peters	Charlotte Hennesey	John Crowder*	Doug Singer
Tim Foelker*	Chris Peters	Ron Lamie	Lee Stubbs	Ryan Cenega*
Jerry Finigan	Dawn Dray	Rich Kiehn	Katie Preston	Jameson Auten
Louie Vidmar	Maggie Wall	Barbie Walker	Jewel Murphy	
Dawn Lesley	R. Wall	Lee King	Mitchell Christensen	
Matt Vohs	Martha Johnson*	Mary Leontovich*	Patti Driscoll*	
Terri Reed	Peter Thurston*	Susie Spidell*	Gary Haliski	
	Darcy Davis*			

Kate called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. She called for self-introductions. She introduced Jameson Auten, General Manager of LTD who said that as the new manager he would concentrate on new directions for LTD, concentrating more on public outreach with the realization that public transportation impacts the community and the needs and wishes of the community should be an integral part of transportation planning.

Kate introduced Sasha Vartanian, Lane County transportation planner. She introduced Jon Patrick and Doug Singer, City of Eugene transportation planners. She described a project between the City and County to transfer jurisdiction of maintenance of parts of River Road from the County to the City; the first step being the annexation of those parts of the Road. This would allow for urbanization of the Road that is not possible under County management. Sasha also brought up other projects in process including the extension of the bike path from Hunsaker north to Wilkes, a traffic-calming project for Spring Creek around Awbrey Elementary, and urban upgrades for Wilkes.

Gary Haliski described the response of the Santa Clara Community Organization’s Social Justice Committee after the distribution of anti-Semitic flyers in parts of Santa Clara neighborhoods. He described the networking with other groups and a canvassing of neighborhoods on Sunday. In discussion, it was suggested that many church pastors were not aware of this initiative and it would be good to establish networking with local churches.

Ron Lamie of the Irving Grange described a project the Grange is now planning. He said the Grange is very much interested in becoming a larger part of the community. He said that the Grange, like other parts of the community, struggles with graffiti. To respond to this the Grange would like to have a mural cover the entire east side of its building and are currently working with Mural Mice Universal to effect this. In the future there will need to be thinking sessions and input sessions, as well as organizing volunteers to establish the mural. The Grange is currently looking for grants to get this done.

Dawn Lesley moved the minutes from the February 2nd meeting be approved as submitted, Patrick Kerr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- Gary Haliski announced that the 12th annual Awbrey Park Wildflower Festival is set for Saturday, April 29th. The next work party at Awbrey Park is this Saturday, March 4.
- Kate passed on a message from Friends of Trees that trees are available.
- The next meeting of Ready Northwest (emergency preparedness) is March 7 and will concentrate on “Map Your Neighborhood”.
- The Oregon Transportation Committee is arranging a public meeting to discuss upcoming transportation projects in the area.
- The City of Eugene are asking for suggestions for bike/ped projects. A free bike program for kids was explained.
- Kate reported that the River Road Community Organization has sent a letter to School District 4J asking to be included in discussions about the fate of the North Eugene High School building after it is abandoned for the new school. She asked if SCCO might also write a letter asking to be included. Patrick moved such a letter be created and sent, Matt seconded. Motion passed.
- Kate said that the Council and County Commissioners are making decisions regarding the delineation of urban reserves. Kate said people should get their comments in.
- There was a report about the removal of trees in front of the LDS Church. The City stopped them and fined them for the removal. The current stumps will be removed.
- Kate explained the large police presence on Crocker February 28: It was in response to a drug house on the street.

Land Use report:

- Kate said there is application for a 6-lot subdivision on Green Lane and Jerry F. attended a community/developer meeting for it on Zoom.
- There was a community/developer meeting for the Kempf development on Grizzley Lane .
- There was an inquiry about 3 lots at Santa Clara Square.

Reports:

- Peter reported on the Community Garden – there are still a few plots available.
- Tim reported on the Santa Clara Community Foundation: The Foundation has adopted Hileman Landing as a project and the first work party removed invasives at the entrance. Tim is working with the County to develop a work plan for upcoming work parties. He, Kate, and Louis met with John Moriarty of the Oregon Community Foundation who said he would look out for possible grants for the Schoolhouse project. The Request for Proposals by the City for adoption of the schoolhouse closed March 1st. The Foundation is raising monies through the Fred Meyer Rewards program and collection of cans and bottles.

Other matters:

Jerry F. suggested a bylaws review committee to recommend updates to the bylaws to reflect current practices and correct some word choices. Gary, Louis, and Tim volunteered to work on the committee with Jerry.

Terri thanked the group in the program to help Food for Lane County. She said over 330 lbs. of food was collected.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan