

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

Those in attendance – total 25 (9 Board members, 15 residents, 1 other)

\*hybrid attendees

<u>Board</u>	<u>Community members</u>		<u>Other</u>
Tim Foelker*	Gary Haliski	Paul Shang*	Lindsie Leech*
Jerry Finigan	Mary Leontovich*	Laura Shang*	
Jerry Mohr*	Peter Thurston*	Chris Peters	
Patrick Kerr	Margie Griffith*	Joyce Peters	
Matt Vohs	Gary Wildish	Ken Carpenter	
Dawn Lesley	Rachel Debuse*	Ann Carpenter	
Kate Perle	Angela Wagnon	Erlene Christensen	
Louie Vidmar	Thad		
Terri Reed			

Kate called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. She called for self-introductions and read the group agreements. She called for elections to five Board seats expiring. They were held by Tim Foelker, Louis Vidmar, Kate Perle, Patrick Kerr, and Dawn Lesley. Each of these people offered to run again for their seat. Kate called for further nominations. There were none. Paul Shang moved that the candidates be re-elected as a slate. Gary Wildish seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate asked Lindsie if she would like to introduce herself to the group as the new City Councilor representing Santa Clara and answer questions. She did so, saying she would like to meet with a group of Santa Clarans to be given a tour and answer her questions to become better familiar with the neighborhood. She said that she would be at Countryside Pizza on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> at noon to meet with constituents.

Ken Carpenter moved the minutes from the January 5<sup>th</sup> general meeting be approved as submitted, Patrick Kerr seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Kate asked if we wanted to continue a hybrid option for SCCO meetings. It was agreed that most people would like that option. Kate said this would mean finding a solution to the access to a better wi-fi signal. Louis asked if the City provides a My-Fi. Patrick said he would check into it. Tim said he would look into possibly boosting the existing signal. Kate said she would leave it to Matt to figure out a solution.

- Kate reported that a joint meeting between SCCO and the River Road Community Organization is being planned to review and discuss the Neighborhood Plan to assure both groups are on the same page before rolling it out to the public. She encouraged anyone in the room who needs to be better educated on the Neighborhood Plan to access it on the City Site and review it.

- . Kate asked if a date for the Awbrey Park Wildflower Festival had been chosen yet and if any discussion about SCCOs involvement has taken place. Gary Haliski said that would be discussed at the next Awbrey Park work party at this coming Saturday.

## Reports

- Terri reported that the entire month of February is designated for a food drive for Food For Lane County. Santa Clara will be participating by donating foods to the collection barrel at On-Point Credit Union at Fred Meyers and by volunteering: links for volunteering opportunities will be shown on the SCCO website.
- Kate reported on the status of the Neighborhood Plan. The CAC is now negotiating with the City to try to get through the adoption phase of the plan. Corridor codes have been taken out of the Plan as the City is devising city- wide codes for designated corridors. Gary Wildish asked if SCCO could get a presentation to hit the highlights of the Plan. Kate said that could definitely be done.
- Kate said next month LTD will be giving a presentation about how Moving Ahead is shifting its plans to better fit community needs. Responding to a question about the LTD land next to the new LTD station, Kate said that plans are in progress to make that land an urban park surrounded by affordable housing using affordable housing grants. Gary Wildish said LTD is not allowed to do any property planning and development and will sell the land as extra property to whoever is to develop it.
- Peter reported on the Community Garden. Currently there is discussion of establishing a fence around the garden as trespassers are stealing from the garden.
- Tim reported on the Santa Clara Community Foundation. The Foundation is taking on a new project – taking on stewardship of Hileman Landing. The first work party at the Landing is scheduled for this coming Wednesday. The City has produced an RFP for the historic schoolhouse and it is out for review. Kate has completed the Foundation proposal to adopt the schoolhouse. Responses to the RFP are due March 1.
- Land Use: Kate reported the only filing currently for Santa Clara is the Santa Clara Community Park – Phase one – which is to be undertaken during 2023. Gary reported that some members of the Board met with residents of Admiral about the routing of the bike path. Gary said that the rumors of a dog park in the area are unfounded. Kate said that Safe Routes to Schools was awarded \$318,000 for safe routes around Awbrey Park Elementary. There has been \$6,000,000 awarded for the construction of a bike/ped bridge over Beltline connecting Santa Clara to the River Road area. \$12 million will still need to be found to make this bridge possible.
- Kate said that Santa Clara has not had a representative on the Neighborhood Leader Council for about two years and asked for a volunteer. Patrick and Louis said they would switch off to attend NLC meetings.
- Gary Wildish gave information about the Navigation Center. He reported there is room for 74 people there and there are currently 72 housed there. The goal is to get 30% of these formerly homeless into permanent housing. Patrick added some information about the management of the Center.
- Kate encouraged people to volunteer for an Egan Warming Center.
- Jerry F. suggested a future agenda item: appointment of a bylaws review committee as there are some parts of the bylaws that need to be changed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Submitted,  
Jerry Finigan, secretary