

Santa Clara Community Organization
 General meeting minutes
 January 5, 2023
 Messiah Lutheran Church and hybrid meeting

Those in attendance – total 30 (7 Board members, 20 residents, 3 others)

*hybrid attendees

<u>Board</u>	<u>Community Members</u>		<u>Others</u>
Tim Foelker*	Tim Gay	Tanya Stolt*	Charlie Rojas
Jerry Finigan	Ed Singer*	Bob Cox	Lyndsie Leech (presenter)
Patrick Kerr	Gary Wildish	John Q.	Dan Bryant (presenter)
Jerry Mohr*	Scott Harkness	Ken Carpenter	
Kate Perle	Jan Harkness	Ann Carpenter	
Terri Reed	Caleb & Gina*	Mary Leontovich*	
Matt Vohs	Joshua Celas*	Angela Wagnon*	
	Michelle*	Jay Zink	
	Barbara*	Martha Johnson	
	Janet Ayres	Erlene Christensen	

Kate called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. She encouraged everyone to sign in and she read the group agreements (group interaction protocols). Using noisemakers, she encouraged everyone to celebrate our volunteers, reading the volunteer list for all the committees and work parties during the year.

Kate introduced Lyndsie Leech – new councilor for Eugene Ward 7. Lyndsie made some opening remarks and said she was currently on the steep learning curve any new councilor must undertake to get up to speed on the Council. She then took some questions from the group. This portion of the meeting concluded at 7:40 p.m.

Martha Johnson of the Social Justice Committee introduced Dan Bryant of Square One Village who gave a comprehensive overview of homelessness and the various efforts he and others have undertaken to mitigate the challenges of the homeless. He said that one main problem is that there is shame attached to their condition and there is injustice built into the system. Society must recognize that all people deserve human dignity. He discussed the small village model being used in the region to help establish this dignity and establish a path to success. This was followed with a question and answer session. This portion of the meeting concluded at 8:39 p.m.

Business meeting:

Patrick moved the minutes from the December 1st meeting be approved as submitted. Matt seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Under new business Jerry encouraged that SCCO renew its membership to Eugene Neighbors, Inc. Matt moved that SCCO renew its membership. Patrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Terri announced that she has begun working with other neighborhoods – especially Northeast Neighbors—to facilitate a food drive for Food For Lane County.

- Reports:

- Tim Foelker reported on the Santa Clara Community Foundation. Fundraising has begun humbly using BottleDrop and has already raised \$100. He encouraged everyone to join this effort.

- Friends of Awbrey Park. Jerry Finigan reported that the next work party at Awbrey is this coming Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon and everyone is welcome to come help improve the park.

- Kate said that she and Jon Belcher met with Pat Walsh, public affairs representative for LTD to discuss adjustments in LTD's internal work for future plans after the River Road Community Organization reached out to suggest adjustments.

- Kate reported that Margaret Mazzola for the Eugene Police Department is forming a contact list to keep people apprised of police activity in the area. Anyone wanting to be on this list can contact her.

- Kate reported that the Eugene Planning Commission will be discussing proposed code amendments to protect the Willamette Greenway and will be reviewing progress on the Urban Reserve issue.

- Kate said that Gary Haliski is trying to simplify his responsibilities and will be giving up managing the blog posts for SCCO. We'll be looking for someone to do that.

Patrick commented that he was quite impress with the newsletter that was mailed out and offered Kudos to Jerry Mohr.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan