

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Meeting minutes
February 3, 2022. (via Zoom)

Those in attendance – total 20 (7 Board members, 10 residents, 3 non-residents)

Board

Kate Perle
Jerry Finigan
Patrick Kerr
Tim Foelker
Jerry Mohr
Louis Vidmar
Matt Vohs

Community members

Mary Leontovich	Martha Johnson
Gerry Brown	Peter Bogardus
Xia Wang	Terri Reed
Darcy Kerr	Steve Karter
Katie Preston	Judie Gatson

Non residents

Brianna Hite	Leseli Lastra	Naivi Vargas
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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She called for introductions. Patrick moved the minutes from the January 6 meeting be approved as submitted, Tim seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Kate announced the Board seats that is to be voted on for the 2022-2024 term. They are seats currently held by Jerry Finigan, Jerry Mohr, Michael Neiman, and Matt Vohs. Jerry F. and Jerry M. indicated that they would like to serve another term, Matt said he would if no one else wants his seat, Michael has expressed his desire not to seek another term. Kate described what Board members currently do and that the expectations really depend on each Board member's willingness and interests. Terri Reed expressed an interest in being a member of the Board. There were no other nominations. Kate asked for a vote on the slate of nominees – Jerry Mohr, Matt Vohs, Jerry Finigan, and Terri Reed. The four was elected unanimously.

Old Business: Kate reported that the Board is still looking for a newsletter editor and said anyone with an interest in doing this is encouraged to volunteer.

New Business:

- Martha Johnson reported on the social justice issues at North Eugene High School. She said that graffiti in the bathrooms and posts on Instagram is targeting and harassing other students based on their race. The school has asked Instagram to supply an identification and the school has so far been unsuccessfully in finding the perpetrator. She said there is no District policy on this, even though it is occurring in a number of schools. There is a draft policy that will be voted on by the school board next week. She said public pressure on the school board and police would keep this issue front and center. Martha asked if there would be volunteers that would supply cookies to the Black Student Union to show them our community support. Tim suggested that a letter of support posted on the SCCO web page might also be offered for circulation.
- There was a letter of welcome that could be used to welcome new residents affirmed by e-mail by the Board. Kate asked for a physical motion in support of the letter. Patrick moved the letter be supported by the Board, Tim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- Jerry F. reported that Rod Graves announced a group on Admiral has been formed to lobby for route for the bike path other than using Admiral, and that Zane Lane made more sense. The group has dubbed themselves “safety for Santa Clara”. Kate asked if the members of the ad-hoc bicycle committee – Jerry Finigan, Gary Haliski, Tim Foelker, and Peter Thurston would be willing to contact Cindy Graves and meet with the group. Jerry said he would contact the rest of the committee to arrange this.
- Kate announced that the River Road Community Organization next meeting (Monday, February 14 will feature a comprehensive discussion of the proposed Beltline reconstruction and local access bridge. Patrick will be there to represent SCCO and Kate said anyone else interested should attend.
- Kate said that the River Road Board is working with the County to put into place a “Good Neighbor” policy regarding the establishment of a homeless “navigation center” at the former VA clinic on River Avenue and they have invited Santa Clara to join in to this agreement. This agreement will form an MOU with policies that would protect the neighborhoods.
- Kate said the River Road/Santa Clara Volunteer Library has invited SCCO to have a table at their open house July 30. This event is planned for 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Neighborhood Leaders Council will host a presentation by the Chamber of Commerce regarding homelessness. This is a preface to forming a public/private partnership on this issue.
- Robert Brack of the Human Rights/Neighborhood Involvement Department (HRNI) is looking for volunteers to update policies regarding neighborhood associations.
- Gerry Brown reported on the recent simulated disaster incident. This simulated a chlorine leak disaster at the rail yard. This was coordinated by Ready Northwest. It was asked if the simulation was recorded. Kate suggested Jackie Worster of RRCO as someone who might know.
- Louis Vidmar reported the Scottish Festival is returning this year in it’s full glory, and to watch for information.

Updates:

- Santa Clara Community Garden. Jerry reported that Peter Thurston is currently Selling plots for this year’s growing season.
- Friends of Awbrey Park. The next work session is this coming Saturday (Feb. 6) and that there may be a discussion about setting a date for the Wildflower Walk.
- Santa Clara Community Foundation. Tim reported the Foundation is still working with the City on an agreement to transfer the old schoolhouse to the Foundation. He said the Foundation is still looking for a liability insurance provider to satisfy the agreement, and that they are ramping up fundraising. Tim suggested that, once the schoolhouse is acquired, it might be used as a hub for disaster communication.

- Land Use. Kate reported that there was a celebration of the opening Of Peace Village by Square One Villages at the Peace Presbyterian site.
 - There is a subdivision plan for River Loop #1
 - There was a zone change approval at 4199 Scenic Drive in preparation for a future subdivision.

Other: Kate asked for volunteers for an interview by Brianna, Leseli and Naivi for their university project.

Patrick moved the meeting be adjourned, Matt seconded. Motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted,

Jerry Finigan