

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Membership minutes
May 1, 2025
Messiah Lutheran Church

Those in attendance – 36 (8 Board members, 24 residents, 4 guests)

<u>Board members</u>	<u>residents</u>		<u>*hybrid attendees</u>
Kate Perle	Gary Wildish	Erik Jensen*	Mike Clark (City counselor)
Terri Reed	Ken Wyman	Terry Narva	Brian Steffan (YMCA)*
Jerry Mohr	Darcy Davis*	Joel Narva	Hannarose Mcguinnes (RG)
Patti Zachary	Jim Weidemaier	Jana*	Jameson Auten (LTD)
Jerry Finigan	Patty Driscoll	Loralee Jones	
Scott Sorenson	Sue Crum	Todd Weaver	
Matt Vohs	Daniel Henson*	Cliff Coles	
Louie Vidmar	Gary Voorhes	J.S.*	
	C.J. Mann	Bob Cox	
	Rocio Parra*	Robin Clement	
	Mark Portman*	Pat Walsh	
	Jeneca Jones	D & J*	

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by the Chair, Kate Perle. She gave some introductory remarks about the mission and membership of the Santa Clara Community Organization and meeting protocol. Kate introduced the program by giving a short history of schools in Santa Clara and the role the parcel at Hunsaker and River Road has played in the culture of Santa Clara. She introduced Jameson Auten, CEO of the Lane Transit District, who described how the conversation with the YMCA began and how LTD saw healthy outcomes if the YMCA is located next to the LTD transit station; and that they liked that the YMCA is a community gathering space. Kate introduced Brian Steffan, who was in St. Louis and was presenting virtually.

Brian gave a short history of the YMCA and how it evolved. The current YMCA facility that opened last year in south Eugene cost 75 million dollars and opened with no debt. Brian shared a power point tour of that facility. He said the when a capital project like this is undertaken there are 55 steps in the process. He said that interest in the new YMCA was much greater than anticipated so they started to look beyond south Eugene. He said that most cities have multiple facilities, and he showed images of buildings in other cities. He said the goal of the YMCA is to have a facility for everyone in the city that is accessible by a 10 minute drive. The original YMCA on Patterson street served 8700 households; the new one already serves 10,200 households. He said the YMCA uses a consulting firm called "GRO". They estimate that a facility in Santa Clara would serve 6500 households. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Kate reported that the July meeting will feature all plans for future transportation in Santa Clara. The presentation concluded at 8:28 p.m.

Kate opened the business meeting. Terri moved the minutes from the April 3rd meeting be approved with the correction that the third annual Santa Clara Concert in the Park is scheduled for Saturday, August 3rd 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. instead of 4 p.m. Jerry Mohr seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kate announced the upcoming Awbrey Park Wildflower Festival and reported two land use applications: The Lucy – a multistory development on Hunsaker; and a

land partition on Green Lane by Margaret Thumel. She announced the work party at Wendover Park and Louie Vidmar announced the upcoming Scottish Festival and the Irving Grange. Kate said she might look for a presentation on the Navigation Center in August and discussed how the YMCA development might interface with her vision of a community gathering place. Mike Clark was asked about how he saw budget reductions might impact various departments and Mike said he can't predict these decisions but he was sure no program will escape these cuts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan