

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Membership meeting
June 4, 2026

Those in attendance – 25 (7 Board members, 12 residents, 6 guests)

*virtual attendees

<u>Board members</u>	<u>Residents</u>		<u>guests</u>
Jerry Finigan	Gary Wildish	Patty Driscoll	Peter Simmith
Scott Sorensen	Rod Graves	Darcy Davis	Kerry Aszvlar
Patti Zachary	Cindy Graves	Tom Dodd	Dylan McCarthy*
Terri Reed*	San K-Q	Gay Kramer-Dodd	Rob Zako
Matt Vohs	DJ K-Q	Charlotte Hennessy	Sue Wolling*
Kate Perle	Noah Greene	Erin Greene	Brandon Whyte*
Louie Vidmar			

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She made some introductory remarks about SCCO and asked for self-introductions from the audience. Under announcements she announced that the grand opening of the Santa Clara Community Park is scheduled for July 18 and that the fourth annual Santa Clara Concert In the Park is scheduled for August 2nd at Awbrey Park. The Santa Clara Community Foundation will be tabling at both events. She asked for a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 7th meeting. Patti Zachary moved that they be approved as submitted. Matt Vohs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate introduced Peter Simmith of Better Eugene Springfield Transportation (BEST). He gave a report of the findings of their study of River Road. He said that this study was undertaken because of the number of deaths that has occurred on River Road and was tasked with studying the cause to inform changes that might be made. BEST used surveys, interviews, a town hall and walking tours, as well as engaging a youth advisory committee. What they found was that River Road is not really just one long corridor but has three segments, each with its own problems. This includes lower River Road, the Beltline area, and River Road north of Federal Lane. The study found some positive aspects of River Road includes nearby parks and businesses, the ubiquitous trees, the accessible busses, and the river path. What is not working includes safety, access, and comfort. Peter asked what should be highest priority and what issues might have been overlooked. He tallied the vote on these things and answered questions.

Kate introduced the second program: summer activities that are near the Santa Clara neighborhood which was presented by Matt Vohs. Matt gave a comprehensive list including the Eugene Library Story Time, The River Road Santa Clara Volunteer Library, The St. Matthews Play Area and summer community activities, The MEPAA Music Library, recreation offered by the City of Eugene, the Awbrey Park Concert, the Emerald Park concerts, the SCCO park nights, the grand opening of the Santa Clara Community Park, River Parks available in Santa Clara as well as playgrounds available in other parks. Besides these, Matt referenced other Eugene venues outside of Santa Clara.

Terri Reed gave further details about the Santa Clara Concert In the Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted: Jerry Finigan, secretary