

Santa Clara Community Organization
Executive Board meeting minutes
July 7, 2022
Messiah Lutheran Church & hybrid meeting

Those in attendance – total 16 (6 Board members, 6 residents, 4 non-residents)

<u>Board</u>	<u>Community members</u>	<u>Non-residents (presenters)</u>
Jerry Mohr*	John Stone*	Travis Knudsen
Matt Vohs	Martha Johnson*	John Faville
Terri Reed	Mary Leontovich*	Kevin Reed
Dawn Lesley	Karen Finken	Lisa Arken*
Louie Vidmar	Gary Haliski	
Jerry Finigan	Kathryn Beer	

*hybrid attendees

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She called for self-introductions. She introduced Travis Knudsen, public affairs manager of Lane Regional Air Protection Agency (LRAPA)

Public Comment Process for LRAPA actions: Travis gave an overview of air pollution rules and permits and an overview of how to comment on and respond to applications and actions. He said the LRAPA site gives the details of these applications and the history of the businesses seeking permits. Travis assured that LRAPA pays close attention to all public comment and they definitely have an impact on LRAPA decisions. This was followed by a question and answer session. This presentation concluded at 7:50 p.m.

North Eugene Neighbors promotion of a local traffic bridge connecting Green Acres Road to Beaver Street: Kate introduced John Faville and Kevin Reed of Northeast Neighbors. John gave a handout showing a map of the proposed bridge. This bridge would not be a highway bridge, but a local City bridge that would give access from the Santa Clara area to Coburg Road without having to use Beltline. After some discussion, Kevin asked for support from Santa Clara for this proposal. Terri Reed moved, Jerry Finigan seconded the following motion:

The Santa Clara Community Organization supports the proposed project of constructing an arterial bridge that would cross the Willamette River from Green Acres Road to the Santa Clara area. The bridge will be multimodal, carrying local traffic, transit, biking, and pedestrians. The City of Eugene and ODOT will work together to create a final design and to seek funding.

Motion passed unanimously. The motion will be reaffirmed at the next general meeting.

Seneca LRAPA permit: Kate introduced Lisa Arken from Beyond Toxics. She gave a brief description of her non-profit and its mission. She gave a short history of the Seneca operation and the biomass plant connected to the mill. She said it is no longer a local company as it was bought by a mega corporation – Sierra Pines. They have applied for a permit to step up production at the sawmill increasing atmospheric load from 39 tons per year to 61 tons. She said the public comment window closes July 29. Kate asked if Lisa could send specific

information to be placed on the SCCO website. Lisa said that the DEQ also has a process that would tighten pollution controls. That comment period closes July 19 and they will vote on it in the Fall.

Kate gave several announcements to close the meeting. She reminded that St. Matthews is sponsoring a party celebrating the Community Garden from Noon to three Saturday, July. 9. She reminded that there will be a joint meeting of RRCO and SCCO via Zoom on July 13 to discuss the Neighborhood Plan at 7 p.m. The Neighborhood Annual Report is due at Neighborhood Involvement by the 19th so everyone needs to get volunteer hours reported to Jerry F.

Dawn asked for a decision about the "batphone". It was decided by consensus to discontinue it. Kate asked Board members to adopt two Santa Clara parks to arrange for community games. These events would be advertised with post cards and sandwich boards.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary