

Santa Clara Community Organization
General meeting minutes
August 1, 2024
Messiah Lutheran Church & hybrid meeting

Those in attendance – total 25 (6 board members, 16 residents, 1 non-resident, 2 presenters)

*hybrid attendees

<u>Board members</u>	<u>residents</u>	<u>others</u>
Jerry Finigan	Mary Leontovich*	Jerry Carpenter
Kate Perle	Gary Haliski*	Todd Weaver
Tim Foelker*	Darrell Bowes	Charlotte Hennessey
Matt Vohs	Rod Graves	Jennifer Singh*
Terri Reed	Joel Narva	Steve Reiner
Dawn Lesley	Terry Narva	Lucia Rodriguez
	Sara Darling*	Ed Singer
	Leah Rosin	Angela Wagnon

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. Kate gave a few opening remarks about the mission and membership of the Santa Clara Community Organization. She then called for self-introductions.

Presentation: Kate introduced Logan Telles, transportation planner for the City of Eugene. Logan discussed the early planning for the Division Avenue project which includes a redesign involving two roundabouts. He said that it would make the street safer and businesses more accessible. The City has hired a consulting firm that is steeped in roundabout design and they have submitted two design possibilities after doing a safety analysis and a traffic control analysis. There will be a community open house to discuss this on September 11 at North Eugene High School. The presentation was followed by questions and answers.

Presentation: Kate Introduced Reed Dunbar, senior transportation planner for the City of Eugene. Reed discussed the construction currently being done at the intersection of River Road and Hunsaker. He apologized for the time it was taking as a number of problems came up that were not foreseen. He explained how the final design – the first of its kind in Eugene – anticipates a safer intersection, especially for bikers and pedestrians and will make it more expeditious for drivers. He then answered questions. He said the plans for the West Bank Path extension is on hold for now, citing budget issues.

Kate began the business meeting calling for a motion to approve the General Meeting minutes for April 4. Dawn moved the minutes be approved as submitted. Terri seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Terri gave an updated report on housing and homelessness, the topic of the April 4 meeting. The allegation from one person attending that meeting that the homeless causes more crime in the community. Terri reported that Ryan Skiles of EPD reported that research has disclosed that there is no correlation between the two.

Kate reported that the Board voted to support the City's request for a grant to study the River Road corridor.

New Business: Terri said a volunteer is needed from SCCO to be part of the St. Matthew's Community Partner Team – a group monitoring needs of those living in alternative housing situations. The position is a one-year term.

Reports: Tim reported on activities of the Santa Clara Community Foundation. He said that the Hileman work parties have been suspended during the summer. Kate reported on the schoolhouse project. There has been an agreement with the City as to what lands surrounding the building will be part of the project. The contract with the City is still being worked on as the City has decided that the insurance coverage would need to be greater than previously expected. Tim said the bottle drop fundraising is still going strong.

There was a short report on the outreach to Peace Village. People there are happy with their situation. Some minor problems is a complaint about the traffic noise from River Road and the incursion of neighbors surrounding the development.

Future meetings: Kate asked for program ideas. The September meeting will be an Executive Board meeting. The November meeting will feature the next Social Justice Committee presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary