

Santa Clara Community Organization
 General meeting minutes
 August 4, 2022
 Messiah Lutheran Church & hybrid meeting

Those in attendance – total 34 (7 Board members, 22 residents, 5 non-residents)

<u>Board</u>	<u>Community members</u>	<u>Non-residents & presenters</u>	*hybrid attendees
Matt Vohs	Tom Tallon	Irene Hunt	Claire Syrett*
Kate Perle	Lisa Carol Jordan*	Jewel Murphy	Becky Taylor*
Terri Reed	Julie Nowacki*	Natalie Crowder	Jonathan Patrick
Jerry Finigan	Peter Thurston	David Lawson	Terry McDonald
Jerry Mohr*	Jay Zink	Kurt Jahnke	Foster Martinez
Tim Foelker*	Steve Dent	Mona Dent	
	Charlotte Hennesey	Pete & Ramona*	
	Gary Haliski	Melissa Skinner	
	Janet Ayres	Susie Spidell*	
	Meta Maxwell*	Mary Leontovich*	
	Eruk Dreyer-Goldman*		

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She called for self-introductions. Peter Thurston asked for a motion to approve the contract with St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church vis-à-vis the Santa Clara Community Garden. Jerry Finigan moved the contract be approved, Terri Reed seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Kate introduced Terry McDonald of St. Vincent de Paul who pointed out some changes being made to the plans for a 10-unit development at 101 Green Lane. That was followed by a question and answer session. He also described a project to acquire mobile homes for the homeless.

Kate introduced Jonathan Patrick of the City of Eugene who described a proposal to annex a portion of River Road from Beacon to Wedgewood in order to make services more efficient and to relieve confusion of services like approval of driveways. There was much discussion – centered around distrust of the City of Eugene, especially regarding annexation. That was followed by an unstructured discussion about the City of Eugene, generally.

Gary moved the minutes from the June and July meetings be approved with the correction of the spelling of the names of Dawn Lesley and Lisa Arkin in the July minutes. Terri seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Gary gave a Social Justice Committee presentation based on the work of Robin DeAngilo: *White Fragility*

Jewel Murphy expressed her disappointment with what has become an eyesore at the former LTD lot at River Road and River Avenue sporting litter and graffiti, including the former Aaron’s building. Gary said that a recent news article reports that the Aaron building has been acquired

for a small medical clinic. Jewel expressed the opinion that, for the benefit of the community, someone should maintain the area.

Reports:

- Santa Clara Community Foundation: Tim Foelker said the Foundation is still working with the City toward an agreement to obtain the historic school building on River loop 2. The effort has begun to obtain donations. Gary Wildish was asked to suggest a contractor that the Foundation could work with as it is necessary to have this specified in order to obtain insurance. Gary Wildish did make some suggestions.
- The Neighborhood Plan – Kate reported that this will be introduced to neighbors at a Games in the Park celebrations where there will be 5 to 7 events every Tuesday night during the summer where games and ice cream will be offered to anyone who comes.
- Land use: Kate reported very little activity. The only report was that some confusion about street numbers was being worked on dealing with a zone verification for the Holly Care Center on Irvington.
- Friends of Awbrey Park – Gary Haliski said the work parties will begin again with the first Saturday in October.

Other matters: Teri Reed said the Navigation Center on River Avenue is on schedule to open August 15. One adjustment currently being made is to make it possible to bring pets in. Kate reminded that both River Road Community Organization and SCCO are working with the County on a good neighbor agreement to anticipate issues the center might present.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary