Santa Clara Community Organization
General Membership meeting
September 3, 2026

Those in attendance – 10 (8 Board members, 2 residents)

*virtual attendees

Board Members			Residents
Louis Vidmar*	Kate Perle	Terri Reed*	Gary Wildish
Jerry Finigan	Kevin Reed*	Matt Vohs	Jasper Longfellow
Patti Zachary	Scott Sorenson		

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She gave a brief description of SCCO and its mission and called for self-introductions. The meeting was open for topics introduced by attendees. Topics brought to the group included:

- Kevin Reed discussed the proposed redevelopment of Beltline
- Kate Perle discussed the upcoming forum at North Eugene High School on September 29. The topic will be land use. The general goal of the meeting is to inform residents about how permissible land zoning has changed vis-à-vis the goals laid out in the Neighborhood Plan.
- Patti asked about a house for sale on Hunsaker. Kate explained how permissible development on R-1 properties has changed.
- Kate announced the Open House planned at the Navigation Center on September 15.
- Kate announced that the Office of Equity and Community Engagement has arranged a neighborhood conference for Saturday, September 19 and described the agenda for that meeting.
- Kate announced the River Road River and Garden celebration set for September 13.

Terri Reed announced she would like to relinquish her position of Vice Chair of the SCCO Board since she no longer lives in the neighborhood. She asked the Matt Vohs replace her, Terri moved that Matt be elected to the Vice Chair position. Gary Wildish seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about who would manage our community events next year. With Terri's absence, Matt has agreed to do the planning for the Santa Clara Concert In The Park. Gary Haliski has encouraged SCCO to help him with the Awbrey Park Wildflower Celebration since the Friends of Awbrey Park no longer have the band width to arrange the event. There would need to be four more volunteers on this committee. Kate felt sure we could find Board members and other community volunteers for this. Gary Wildish moved that SCCO help with the celebration next year. Matt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the newsletter. Even though Jerry Mohr will not be able to continue on the Board, she is willing to help publish the newsletter – with the proviso that the Board supply content. It was decided that a newsletter would go out in late Spring with a postcard going out sooner.

Kate asked for ideas for upcoming programs for SCCO meetings. She said Jerry F. has already arranged a presentation by the River Road-Santa Clara Volunteer Library for the November meeting. Ideas submitted for upcoming programs included:

- food box project for the December meeting
- The Delta/Beltline rebuild (maybe for December or February)
- The decision of the YMCA Board regarding the location of their new building in Santa Clara
- Discussion of the LTD construction at Santa Clara Avenue
- The pros and cons of Flock cameras
- The possibility of lowering speed limits on River Loop 1, River Loop 2, and Wilkes
- The prospect of Delta Sand and Gravel moving their operation north and ceding land for construction of a bridge between NE Eugene and Santa Clara
- A discussion about how availability of community services are dependent on housing density
- A presentation by NEHS and their program to create tiny houses by the students
- inviting City Counselors and County Commissioners, and maybe the City Manager

Kate announced just two land use applications: A request for Zone Change to enable a senior living facility by Holly House; A request to divide one lot into two on Irvington Drive.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted, Jerry Finigan – Secretary