

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Membership meeting minutes
October 2, 2025
Messiah Lutheran Church

Those in attendance – 13 (7 Board members, 4 residents, 2 guests)

	<u>Board members</u>	<u>residents</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Patti Zachary	Jerry Mohr	Chris Fuller	Britni D’Eliso
Kate Perle	Matt Vohs	Chris Peters	Olivia McClellan
Terri Reed	Jerry Finigan	Joyce Peters	
Louis Vidmar		Patty Driscoll	

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. Kate gave some introductory remarks about the Santa Clara Community Organization and called for self-introductions from the audience. Terri Reed introduced the presenters: Britni D’Eliso, manager of the Lane County Stabilization Center; and Olivia McClellan, program manager of Lane County Behavioral Health Program including the Lane County Mobile Crisis Services.

Olivia began by describing the MCS (Mobile Crisis Services). It is comprised of teams of two using vans to cover all of Lane County responding to reports of mental health incidents. There are a variety of ways to contact the service. It is overseen by the Oregon Health Authority. The goal is to respond within an hour in the urban core, within two hours elsewhere in the County, and within three hours in the frontier areas. Florence manages its own crisis services under a subcontract. MCS coordinates with a variety of other health services in the County and does follow-up on cases within 72 hours. MCS may rarely take custody of individuals who might be a risk to themselves or others. Vans carry nuroxine to treat drug overdoses but care careful to be sure it is necessary. The program was launched in August 2024 and currently operates 6 vans. There have been 4048 dispatches since the beginning of the program. There is capacity for more staff and hiring for positions are currently underway. The program operates 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. five days a week and 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. on weekends. Average response times within the Eugene area has been 20 minutes and out of the more than 4000 calls, there has been only 44 times that it was necessary to take someone into custody and just 18 times when it was necessary to call in law enforcement for an arrest. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session and this part of the program completed at 7:43 p.m.

Terri reintroduced Britni D’Eliso. Britni reported that she currently manages the Lane Stabilization Center which has been established as a County mental health program but has not yet been opened though the planning is complete. It will be a 24/7 behavioral health facility. The facility will serve all acuity levels for clients that will be admitted voluntarily or involuntarily. It will feature an urgent care service and will involve a 23 hour observation period and a 24 hour stabilization period. The facility will be operated by a contractor named Connections Healthcare Solutions. The Stabilization Center will partner with Peace Health as it is establishing a mental health care facility to replace the closing of the Johnson Unit. It is expected that 70% of patients will come in involuntarily and that most will then assent to voluntarily treatment. Currently the program is implementing community engagement efforts. Funding is coming from a variety of sources totaling \$35 million with a \$4 million annual

operational budget. The County is currently closing on property off International Way and is working with the State on licensing and is initiating a facility design. Fundraising is ongoing. It is hoped that the facility will open in 2027. This was followed by a question and answer session. The program portion of the meeting finished at 8:15 p.m.

Business Meeting

Terri Reed moved the minutes from the August 7 General Meeting be approved as submitted. Matt Vohs seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Terri asked if SCCO wanted again to do food boxes for elementary schools. Interested parties should let Terri know if there are volunteers interested to doing this again.

Matt announced that the Santa Clara Community Park is now open.

Updates/ongoing projects

Jerry F. announced that work parties at Awbrey Park (Friends of Awbrey Park) resume the first Saturday of each month – the first one of the year Saturday, October 4. The Santa Clara Community Foundation continues with work parties at Hileman Landing and encourages people to contribute to the Foundation by filling the Bottle Drop blue bags.

Kate announced that the November program will feature Loral Hill Center and its plans to build a mental health facility in Santa Clara. In preparation for this, she has arranged with Loral Hill Center to tour an existing facility operated at Centennial Plaza. The tour is set for 2 to 4 p.m. October 6. Kate is looking for other suggestions for future programs.

Louis Vidmar made available QR codes for regional fiber internet services.

Chris Fuller reported that there is a new local news source – Dissonant Times – that are welcoming reporting on local events to put out a local newspaper. He also reported that a crisis care spinoff from Cahoots is trying to get established to serve Eugene. Chris also reported that there is a planned community gathering to speak against a City plan to contract with “Flock”, a service that would use cameras to film random automobile drivers cars. The way to find out about this demonstration: eyesoffeugene.org.

Land use:

Kate reported a zone change application for a 1 acre property at 301 Azalea in order to develop to low density standards. Also an annexation determination to develop a single family residence on the north side of Lobelia. Jerry F. reported an application for a 21-lot subdivision at 3850 Shenstone. 3.27 acres behind Irving Grange.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary