

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2024
Messiah Lutheran Church

Those in attendance – total 22 (7 Board members, 11 residents, 4 others)

<u>Board members</u>	<u>residents</u>	<u>presenters</u>
Kate Perle	Patti Zachary	Chris Elliott
Jerry Finigan	Matt Elliott	Chris Fuller
Tim Foelker	Jim Weidemaier	Joyce Peters
Terri Reed	Dani Crowley	Rich Sims
Scott Sorenson	Will Moir	Ruth Ann Sims
Louie Vidmar	Hildegard Moir	
Matt Vohs		

Kate called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She gave a brief description of how the Santa Clara Community Organization serves the community and called for self-introductions from the audience. She introduced Board member Terri Reed who in turn introduced presenters for the group Braver Angels: Grant Johnson, Dave McLean, and Luke Grossmiller. Grant told how he found Braver Angels and how for him it is a “safe place” for political discussion. Dave said he had been looking for a way to bridge the political divides and found that Braver Angels accomplished this. He said he is scheduled to present an objective presentation of Project 2025 on October 11 so, to prepare, have read all 967 pages of it. Luke handed out flyers and opened the room to questions. He said trainers are available for discussion skills but generally the local group uses the model of Listen, Acknowledge, then Pivot to the listeners perspective. Braver Angels meets at Oakshire Brewery every Tuesday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m.

This presentation concluded at 7:42 p.m.

Kate introduced Ron Lamie of Irving Grange. Ron said the Grange was established where it is 30 years ago. He said that Granges, generally, have decreased with the decrease in farmland over the years. Irving Grange has been trying to compensate by reaching out to the local suburban community in Santa Clara. Ron handed out a flyer for the upcoming celebration of the recently painted mural on the Grange building, also a flyer for what has become an annual event for Halloween: “Trunk or Treat” and a monthly schedule of events and classes offered at the Grange. Ron then asked for ideas for other collaborations with the community

This presentation concluded at 8:05 p.m.

Kate then opened the business meeting. She said that the presentation next month will be the Social Justice Committee presentation on mitigation for the homeless crisis. Terri moved the minutes from the August 1st general meeting be approved as submitted, Tim seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Kate reminded Board members to respond with a list of priorities to begin working on from the Neighborhood Plan.

New Business: Terri reported that the Executive Board agreed to work with St. Matthews to facilitate a food program for children at Awbrey Park Elementary School. It is the goal to create 20 food boxes and Terri suggested this might be

accomplished at an event at St. Matthews on an agreed date. She suggested a team might be formed using the SCCO blog

Announcement: Kate reported that the Eugene City Council will be holding a work session on October 30 to discuss annexation policy. Kate said she is not certain why the session was called but suggested that SCCO might somehow get involved.

SCCO updates:

- Jerry reported that the Friends of Awbrey Park will kick off its 17th season of work parties at the Park with a work session this coming Saturday, October 5 from 9 a.m. to noon.
- Tim reported on activities by the Santa Clara Community Foundation. Work parties have resumed at Hileman Landing to remove invasive plants once a month. Tim reported that Kate is the lead on the Santa Clara Schoolhouse project and asked her for updates. Kate reported that an agreement has been reached with the City regarding what lands will be included around the schoolhouse. Kate said she has planted some flowers around the schoolhouse to claim this ground. There is still no agreement with the City to transfer ownership of the schoolhouse to the Santa Clara Community Foundation as we are still trying to find insurance to satisfy City requirement. She said a structural engineers has given some recommendations regarding rehabilitation of the building and an architect will begin work on it. Kate suggested it might be time to create capital-raising activities to fund the project once everything is in place.

Land Use: Kate reported on recent land use applications

- 301 Azalea: annexation determination, replacement of single family residence doesn't require annexation
- 40 River Loop #2: multi family housing. 3 story building with 24 units. Adjustment request for building length
- 220 Blazer Ave: property line adjustment to create two lots that conform with existing fencing
- 120 Irvington Dr.: partition; creation of two parcels from one, forming a rear flag lot
- 84 Green Lane: partition; creation of three lots out of one
- 3036 River Road: proposed 9 lot subdivision with road extension of Ava to River Road

Other matters: Terri reported that the Arts in the Park grant is again open for application. There was a discussion about events that might be applied for. It was agreed that the concert that has been offered to the community for the last two years has been quite successful. There was a question about how successful the games in the park program has been. Matt had been at all of them and reported that, even though attendance was sometime sparse, the community seemed to appreciate them. Tim suggested that we might put together a community treasure-hunt in addition to the already active geo-caching in the neighborhood. There was a short discussion about the unique intersection being constructed at Hunsaker and River Road: How it is intended to function and some possible ways it might fall short.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted, Jerry Finigan, secretary