

Santa Clara Community Organization
General meeting minutes
November 4, 2021 (via Zoom)

Those in attendance – total 36 (7 Board members and 29 others)

Board

Kate Perle
Jerry Finigan
Patrick Kerr
Tim Foelker
Louis Vidmar
Dawn Lesley
Matt Vohs

Presenters

Reed Dunbar
Rob Inerfeld

Community members

Gary Haliski	Mary Leontovich
Ann Vaughn	Joel Robe
Peter Thurston	Marsha Zahm
Charlotte Hennessey	Thomas Dodd
Alex Holecek	Jason Ford
Randy Lawrence	Rachelle Salgado
Ray Salgado	Rayvon 001
Mark _____	Anna _____
Gary Kramer-Dodd	Mark Steinberg
Marth Johnson	Darcy Davis
Gary Turpen	Sylvia Kniest
Wendy McGowan	Don Henderson
Tom Tallon	Vanda Crocker
Rod Graves	

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She asked those present to rename themselves with their full name and their street name. She said the chat function will be used to ask questions and said if people wanted to be on the contact list for the City multi-use trail project, to put their email on the chat.

Kate introduced Reed Dunbar and Rob Inerfeld as presenters to describe the Hunsaker to Admiral multi-use path project. Reed used screen share to present slides describing the project of extending the west bank trail north to Admiral. Slides described the project purpose, it's limits, what might be built and timeline which shows planning scheduled for 2023, engineering for 2024, and construction for 2025. Reed said this gives plenty of time for public input to adjust and refine the plan. Question and answer was managed by people putting questions into the chat, which was read by Gary Haliski and answered by either Reed or Rod. The session was recorded and is publically available.

This portion of the meeting was ended at 8:30 p.m.

Business meeting:

Dawn Lesley moved the minutes from the October 7 General Meeting be approved as submitted. Patrick Kerr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

- Santa Clara Community Foundation: Tim said there is nothing new to report. He Described the genesis and mission of the Foundation for those who didn't know about it.

- Friends of Awbrey Park: Gary announced a work party at the park this Saturday from 9 to noon.
- Community Garden: Peter announced a composting event this coming Saturday from 10 to noon. He described the garden and its location for those who didn't know.
- Luper Pioneer Cemetery: Peter announced that the Cemetery will be open to the public on Veteran's Day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Social Justice Committee: Dawn announced that the Committee is still looking for more members. Martha Johnson gave the social justice education moment, featuring the first Black person brought to Oregon – he was brought as a slave, purchased his freedom, and went on to become a notable citizen.
- Bat Phone: Dawn said that there are problems with phone service in her area. As a result, Matt Vohs has agreed to take on that role.
- Land Use: Kate announced 2 zone verifications and 1 annexation. There was an inquiry about the zoning of the lot where KFC is. Not sure what that is about.

There was a discussion about what needs to be in the newsletter to be sent in December. Articles will be submitted to Gary regarding the SC Foundation and schoolhouse project, an article about the Social Justice Committee, one concerning emergency preparedness, an article about the Hunsaker to Admiral multi-use path, one about Peace Village and, of course, an announcement of the January elections. The Bat Phone number will be published. Gary will check on the status of funding for this.

Joel reported on the emergency preparedness organizing. He said that Santa Clara, River Road and Bethel are teaming up in order to build capacity and make organizing consistent. The group is working with Andy Davis. The next step is to form survey teams to work on identifying neighborhoods. The group meets once a month. Jerry suggested that a good place to begin identifying neighborhoods might be the Final Report of the Santa Clara Neighborhood Blueprint Project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary