

Santa Clara Community Organization
General Membership meeting minutes
November 6, 2025
Messiah Lutheran Church

Those in attendance – 34 (8 Board members, 22 residents, 4 guests)

*hybrid attendees

<u>Board members</u>	<u>Residents</u>		<u>Guests</u>
Jerry Finigan	Jenny Noall	Brian Welker	Pat Reilly
Kate Perle	Teresa Hutchins	Dominic Pallazola	Peter Simmeth
Matt Vohs	Erlene Christensen	Ming Lai	Devin Jenkins (presenter)
Terri Reed	Cynthia Graves	Thomas Dodd	Brandy Brooks (presenter)
Patti Zachary	Rod Graves	Gay Kramer-Dodd	
Louis Vidmar	Brandon Bernhardt*	Dennis Wildberger•	
Jerry Mohr	Charlotte Hennessy	Kellie Steiner•	
Scott Sorenson	Verity Welker	Joel Narva	
	Shari Welker	Terry Narva	
	Clement6530*	Susan Spidell*	
	Rachel DeBuse*	Mitchell Christensen	

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by the Chair, Kate Perle. Kate gave some opening remarks about the Santa Clara Community Organization and meeting protocols, then asked for self-introductions of those in the audience. Pete Simmith from Better Eugene Springfield Transportation described an initiative that over the next few months, will engage residents of Santa Clara and River Road in a study of the River Road corridor and invited people to a town hall regarding this on November 13 at Howard Elementary School (7-8:30 p.m.). Kate introduced Pat Reilly who invited anyone who knew his wife and community activist to donate to a fund to establish a commemorative bench for her.

Kate then introduced the program – a discussion about Laurel Hill Center’s plan to build a 54 unit housing development for those struggling with mental health off of Hunsaker Lane. Presenters were Devin Jenkins and Brandy Brooks from Laurel Hill Center. Using a power point they showed an aerial view of the site. They described who they serve and how they provide them with permanent supportive housing. They explained why this matters and described the service providers engaged in this. They said their vision is to provide a safe place for people who require support for their behavioral health and housing stability to help them live and thrive. They said the timeline for the project is to break ground in 2027 and have the project complete by 2029. This was followed by a question and answer session. The program ended at 7:59 p.m.

Kate opened the business meeting. Matt Vohs moved the minutes from the October 2nd meeting be approved as submitted. Terri Reed seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Kate announced the upcoming Willamette Farm and Food event. Under New Business Terri announced that again this year SCCO is partnering with St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church to provide Thanksgiving meals to a dozen families of local elementary school students who experience food insecurity. Turkeys, food bags and gift cards will be provided.

Reports:

- Parks Volunteers: Jerry Finigan reported that the most recent work party by Friends Of Awbrey Park dealt with blackberry vines along the River Road frontage and Windfalls from the recent storm. Kate said the Wendover Park volunteers hold Work parties the 2nd Saturday of each month. The upcoming one will be spreading bark chips on the trails.
- Santa Clara Community Foundation: The Foundation is collecting cans and bottles In preparation for the Bottledrop holiday promotion. There will be a photo opportunity at the Schoolhouse to get a picture for the Bottledrop photo Contest. The Foundation has formed a fundraising committee to begin collecting donations for the next phase of the schoolhouse renovation. The Foundation continues to wait on City attorneys to complete their review of a contract to be agreed on before any renovation on the Schoolhouse can begin.
- The next clean-up at the Navigation Center is scheduled for December 5 (10 a.m.)
- Area Plan: Kate reported that some neighbors have formed a committee involving both RRCO and SCCO to begin implementation of the newly-adopted Area Plan.
- Land Use Report:
 - 3362 Wisteria: annexation of a .16 acre vacant lot at NW corner of Wisteria and Ginko
 - American Legion adjustment review of plan to build a freestanding ADA Accessible clubhouse. Parking and paved driveways behind existing historic building
 - Ava Haven adjustment review for block length requirements for access from River Road to serve their subdivision
 - Compeau River Loop – subdivision final plat of Declan Orchards. 17 new lots an extension of Banton and Wedgewood streets
 - NW Family Estates– 185 Ferndale– subdivision final plat of 4 lots on .93 acres
 - 301 Azalea-zone change from AG to R-1 at east end of Azalea. Public hearing November 19, 5:30 p.m.
 - 266 Lobelia – zone verification. Evaluating rights to operate home based business-administrative work for a home health care business

Kate asked for suggestions for future programs

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary