

Santa Clara Community Organization  
Executive Board meeting minutes  
December 2, 2021 (via Zoom)

Those in attendance – total 14 (6 Board members and 8 others)

Board

Kate Perle  
Jerry Finigan  
Patrick Kerr  
Tim Foelker  
Jerry Mohr  
Dawn Lesley

Community members

Gary Haliski                      Peter Thurston  
Mary Leontovich                Charlotte Hennessey  
Darcy Davis                      Judie Gatson  
Kamau Gatson  
  
Nonresident guest: Keith Higgins

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. She called for introductions. Dawn moved the minutes from the November 4 meeting be approved as submitted. Patrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Gary said it is imperative we find a willing newsletter editor. He said there will be 2, maybe 3, mailed newsletters to be sent out each year.

Announcements:

- Kate recommended that we read the recently issued Moving Ahead newsletter and its recommendation that the River Road corridor be considered for MX. Information can be found on the LTD website. Mary asked if MX would make it easier or more difficult for pedestrians to cross River Road. Kate said she didn't have that information. Jerry asked if this recommendation might make it easier to have the City claim at least some of the property adjacent to the Transfer Station for public use. Kate said this is already definitely on the City's radar and that Kate is making sure the City feels our avid interest in this.

- Dawn said the redistricting map is available. The delayed census, caused by the pandemic, has cause this process to be expedited. The redistricting process involved a non-partisan committee of 15. The committee presented 3 maps to the Board of County Commissioners and the Board selected one of these. The goal was to split the County into 5 equal population districts. The map selected had a lot of similarities to the old map. She said the selected map can be found on [lanecounty.org/redistricting](http://lanecounty.org/redistricting). Look for Map J.

- Vaccination Center issues: There was some issues at the Howard Elementary vaccination opportunity Tuesday night – a site set up for pediatric vaccinations. A number of protesters showed up causing some disruption. There was a police presence which set up a free speech area to separate protesters from participants. The event became loud and uncomfortable. Patrick said there are not vaccination sites planned for Santa Clara.

- Patrick announced that this day Board member Matt Vohs and his wife, Blaire, welcomed their new baby girl into the world.

## Reports:

- Social Justice Committee: Gary presented a 4 minute video which demonstrated the advantages conferred on those who had white privilege. He said the committee is still looking for more members. The Social Justice Committee will offer an expanded presentation in January focusing on the Kyle Rittenhouse decision and how it might apply to Santa Clara.

- Santa Clara Community Foundation: Tim said the Foundation Board meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The Board has set up 3 committees so far – Financial Oversight Committee, Executive Committee, and Nomination Committee. The Board has set up a P.O. box and now has a donation page on the Foundation website. There is room for more Board members and the Foundation is looking for public opportunities to get the word out. Kate reported on the progress of the Schoolhouse Project. An architect is drawing up a possible floor plan for the finished project. Jerry Mohr is working on a brochure. Gary Wildish has priced out the estimated cost of the improvement. The Foundation is working on a final draft for an agreement with the City to take possession of the schoolhouse.

- Community Garden: Peter said there is not much to report right now as plots are fallow. There is some composting continuing.

- Friends of Awbrey Park: Gary reported that the next work party is this coming Saturday.

- Land Use: Kate

- 2645 Ross Lane – zone verification
- 2545 River Road – zone verification
- 3974 Banton – zone verification
- 3915 Scenic Dr. – upcoming zone change hearing (12'15 at 5 p.m.) AG to R-1.
- 801 River Loop 1 – zone change AG to R-1 approved
- 4199 Scenic Dr – lot validation

- Neighborhood Plan update: Kate reported the next CAC meeting is January 9. Currently it is planned there will be Spring and Summer outreach to both neighborhoods and a full presentation of the Plan to elected will be next Fall.

- Other: Martha Johnson wants to create a welcome to the neighborhood letter that might be presented to new residents and made available for anyone to print off to take to be taken to new neighbors. There was a discussion as to whether this might be given some official imprimatur by being endorsed by the SCCO Board.

Dawn asked for an update on the Japanese knotweed invasion. Tim said he has been working at Hileman Landing poisoning knotweed individually. It would be good if we could get a work party together to do this. Jerry Mohr said she has found a native plant – Pacific Waterleaf – could be planted to choke knotweed out.

Dawn asked if something should be done to prepare for the February Board elections besides the newsletter being sent out. It was agreed that everyone should actively recruit to fill Board positions.

Kate reminded people to send their volunteer hours to Jerry F for recording.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Submitted,  
Jerry Finigan, secretary