

Santa Clara Community Organization
General meeting
Thursday, December 5, 2019
Messiah Lutheran Church
3280 River Road, Eugene

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Chair, Kate Perle. There were 21 in attendance, including 9 Board members. Introductions were called for.

Special Agenda: Refining the River Road-Santa Clara Neighborhood Plan

Kate described the scope of the plan and timelines of the approval process. Julie Fischer described the process up to this point and what is the goal of this current meeting. Goalkeepers present were asked to summarize the priorities of their field of responsibility. Mary Leontovich discussed the land use goal. Ann Vaughn discussed transportation. Kate Perle discussed parks and natural resources; and Jerry Finigan discussed the community goal, especial vis-à-vis service delivery. In the absence of Ed McMahon, Julie Fischer discussed the economic development goal.

Following this, the floor was opened for discussion. George Price raised a concern about the stoplights at the Beltline-River Road intersection. Reacting to a concern that the installation of bike lanes would restrict traffic flow, Kate said that such paths are context-sensitive and that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to this. There was a discussion about LTD and how they work with businesses that are affected by their service improvement, especially as it relates to business parking. There was a question about how parks are planned and developed, and Kate said the parks master plan is pretty specific regarding this and can be accessed on-line. Skepticism was voiced regarding government plans in general and the observation that there is some lack in trust that as government plans are developed, citizens are just given token involvement. Regarding the concern about traffic lights at River Road and Beltline, Tim Foelker moved that a task force be formed to try to solve this problem. Louie Vidmar seconded. 4 people volunteered to serve on this. Motion passed.

At 8:19 Julie Fischer directed the group to split in two to review maps of the land development on the River Road corridor, and the proposals in the Neighborhood Plan regarding transportation. Participants were asked to make notes on these maps as to what might be changed, added, or considered.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

submitted,
Jerry Finigan, secretary