

River Road Community Organization / Joint holiday meeting with Santa Clara
Community Organization

Minutes

December 13, 2010, River Road Annex

RRCO board members present: Carleen, Ray, Bev, Becky, Jan, and Beth
Absent: Marilyn, Kate, Lyle

After visiting and sharing dessert, Jerry Finigan, chair of SCCO, introduced the board chairs and then also Steve Rowland from the River Road Santa Clara Tribune.

Steve spoke about the concept for the paper including stories written by locals, and the importance of the Mom and Pop businesses in our area.

Carleen and Ray updated us on the activities RRCO has been active in and sponsored this past year, which was very active for RRCO.

Jerry mentioned SCCO activities, and then talked about the status of the jUST team. He mentioned that moving forward with the recommendations of the transition report was a priority; that a massive educational outreach in four areas was determined to be needed, (land use, transportation, governance and parks); that just applied for the SNAP grant; and that the next few months will be very busy and will need a lot of energy for the outreach.

In that vein, Jerry recorded an inner circle outreach in which individuals expressed their perspectives on our neighborhood strengths, concerns, and hopes for the future. 18 people responded, including two of our County Commissioners, Rob Handy and Jay Bozievich.

Jerry mentioned that a refinement plan for our area looks likely, and that Envision Eugene will be wrapping up soon. We should hear about the Snap grant soon as well.

The meeting was very well attended and positive feedback was heard concerning the circular seating arrangement and the method of listening to each person as they expressed their ideas and concerns.

Meeting adjourned ~ 9 pm.