S.M.I.L.E. BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2012; SMILE STATION

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Officers and Directors present: President Mat Millenbach, Treasurer Pat Hainley, and Secretary Eric Norberg; and Directors Stan Hoffman, Michael Hayes, Gerri Sue Lent, Ellen Burr, and Nancy Walsh

President Mat Millenbach called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm, and asked for introductions from Board members and attendees around the room. He then asked the Board to review the minutes of the July Board meeting. Ellen Burr moved the minutes be accepted as presented; Gerri Sue Lent seconded; the vote was unanimous to approve.

President Millenbach next brought up the matter of the "Grimm" TV crew filming near S.E. 15th and Knight. It appears the central character of the show is depicted as living at a house there, so the crew returns periodically to film. At least one neighbor reportedly feels threatened and endangered by the film crew at these times, and a few other neighbors find the filming to be inconvenient and annoying, although the filming seems to be faster and quieter lately, as a result of previous input, according to one neighbor present -- yet he went on to suggest SMILE contact the City Film Office to ask that it require film crews to better abide by "the seven principles". It was alleged that the "Grimm" film crew had cut a limb off a tree to accommodate a truck, and had towed private cars parked in temporary no-parking areas to places down the block, to remove them from the scenes being filmed.

Mat Millenbach said he would initiate a conversation by letter with the film office about the granting of film permits, and he would also contact NBC. Gerri Sue Lent suggested approaching the city through Commissioner Amanda Fritz, who also heads ONI.

Mat added that NBC had offered $500 to SMILE, and he proposed giving $200 of it to Philip Krain's art project at Llewellyn Elementary School (which Philip had presented to SMILE previously), and giving $300 of it to the Portland Parks' scholarship program. The Board agreed with this allocation.

Ellen Burr then presented a Land Use update. She said she had sought a presentation to the SMILE General Public Meeting in September from the architect for the proposed Westmoreland 100-unit, 4-story apartment building just north of the Post Office, which would have no on-site parking -- but it appears such a presentation is unlikely anytime soon. She has plans for a dialogue with the city on this issue, and is getting some advice

from Amada Fritz. The city has commissioned a parking and transportation study to examine the impact of this sort of apartment development on neighborhoods; Ellen said that the city is unlikely to act until this study is completed and released, and after public forums occur. The timelines for that are September and October.

Apropos of this issue, Ellen disclosed that although parking is not required on-site, a loading zone is! And it must have ingress and egress! Two developers are currently pursuing this sort of no-onsite-parking apartment development in Portland, and they are cousins and are based in the same building.

Ellen said she is personally concerned about any four-story building of this sort in a neighborhood that has only one other four-story building (and that one is stepped, so it does not seem that high). The Southeast Uplift representative present offered additional information on the city process underway to examine these issues.

Gerri Sue Lent proposed three matters for discussion on the agenda for this Board meeting. The first was putting a toll on the new Sellwood Bridge to help pay for it. Her proposal was specifically to apply a toll only to those using the bridge who do not live in Multnomah County. Eric Norberg pointed out that this was originally advocated by SMILE, but tolling via automatic car identification equipment was adjudged by the county as being too expensive to raise money for much more than the equipment itself (and that was with tolls applying to every driver). The county also fears too many drivers would just go north to the Ross Island Bridge to avoid the toll, further congesting that bridge. Ellen Burr reported on a city meeting where this idea was examined, and said that it is very late in the game for any change. Pat assured that since SMILE had originally advocated tolling, it had been "thoroughly vetted".

Gerri Sue Lent next advocated a "graded schedule for garbage pickup". She said she generates almost no garbage, and wants a smaller container and a lower rate to go with it. However, it is not Heiberg Garbage which sets the rates, but the City of Portland. A robust and droll discussion followed.

Gerri Sue Lent next said she is concerned the new median barrier will not stop idiots from trying to cross McLoughlin Boulevard just south of Tacoma Street -- although the barrier has now been extended using perforated metal, which "looks unpleasant". She wants an overpass for pedestrians crossing McLoughlin there. Mat said SMILE would advocate a ramp and stairs to access the Springwater Corridor pedestrian bridge from the west side sidwalk in the area in question. He will pursue this.

Pat Hainley moved meeting adjournment; simultaneously seconded by Gerri Sue Lent & Stan Hoffman. Unanimously passed at 9:04 pm.