

SMILE BOARD MEETING

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OFFICERS PRESENT: Mat Millenbach, President; Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nate Maki, Bradley Heintz, Gerri Sue Lent, Nancy Walsh, Michael Hayes

President Mat Millenbach called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm, and asked for introductions around the room. He then reminded everyone that the Sellwood Bridge would close the following day and would be shifted northward onto new piers on Saturday, so that it could serve as its own detour during the construction of the new Sellwood Bridge. If all goes well it will reopen on Thursday, January 24. Traffic congestion is expected, in the week it is to be closed; the Sellwood-Westmoreland Business Alliance will hold a public event for onlookers Saturday in front of the Oaks Pioneer Church.

Michael Hayes announced a Springwater Cleanup planned for Sunday at Golf Junction Park; Mat reminded that the same day there would be a Healthy Children discussion course at SMILE Station.

Mat asked that the minutes of the December Board Meeting be reviewed; with no corrections or omissions offered, Pat Hainley moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, and Nate Maki seconded the motion, which then carried without objection.

Mark Wilson appeared before the Board, representing our SNAC Committee, to discuss a formal pocket park in the space around the SMILE Christmas Tree on the Bybee-13th curve -- and the proposal by resident Dean Hanel, who was also present, for a bike path on the west side of the road at that curve. Bradley Heintz also participated in this presentation.

Mark Wilson explained that this proposal for a pocket park at the SMILE Christmas Tree, which is on PDOT land, is not just to celebrate the vista over Oaks Bottom at that point, but also to allow a wider sidewalk to better accommodate both bicyclists and pedestrians. There are grants available from Metro and elsewhere that could finance this concept, he explained. There is a February 22nd deadline for the Metro grant; he asked if the SMILE Board might endorse this grant application.

There followed much discussion about bike safety on that curve; Hanel conceded that although the illustration he had distributed to the Board showed a separate bike lane on what currently is the west side parking strip, he now thinks a wider sidewalk

might be the better solution. The bike traffic on that curve is primarily going to and from Llewellyn Elementary School, he pointed out.

Mat Millenbach asked about the grant details. Wilson said that this grant is to be for a total of \$50,000, and it requires the applicants to come up with slightly over 10% of the grant amount requested. Michael Hayes pointed out that PDOT would have to be a collaborator on this project; it's on their land. The SMILE Board could vote general support, he said, pending specifics and a concrete proposal. Bradley Heintz observed that the subject of this grant and the proposal is improvement of the corner for safety.

President Millenbach then made what sounded like a motion: That SMILE support the conceptual proposal to improve the pedestrian and transportation infrastructure in the area of S.E. 13th and Bybee Boulevard, in pursuit of grant funding. Michael Hayes took it to be a motion and seconded it, and then encouraged SNAC to bring a specific proposal to the next Board meeting for potential approval by the Board. Mat responded that the statement he had dictated was not a motion -- just a suggestion.

Bradley Heintz then made an expanded and somewhat different motion: That SMILE support the pursuit of grant funding to improve the pedestrian, bike, and transportation infrastructure in the area of S.E. 13th and Bybee Boulevard.

Michael Hayes withdrew his second of the first motion, inasmuch as it had been disavowed as a motion by Mat Millenbach who had made it, and Michael seconded the second motion, which had been made by Bradley Heintz. Secretary Eric Norberg expressed consternation over the welter of motions and non-motions. The question was called while Eric was writing Bradley's motion down, and it carried with seven "yes" votes and one abstention.

Next on the agenda was Scott Stevenson, Secretary of the Moreland Farmers Market. The market, though nonprofit, is not a 501(c)3 nonprofit, and thus contributions made to it are not tax-deductible. Southeast Uplift has until now been its fiscal agent, but bureaucracy and the high costs encountered with Southeast Uplift has led the Board of the market to prefer that SMILE be its fiscal agent instead (SMILE is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, as is Southeast Uplift). Pat Hainley and Mat Millenbach have been in conversations with the Moreland Farmers Market Board about this.

The market accepts SNAP cards; if a SNAP card holder buys up to \$5 worth of qualifying produce or merchandise at the market, they will receive up to \$5 in additional tokens for additional qualifying purchases at this market. New Seasons Market is the major sponsor of this benefit; much of what the market's fiscal

agent receives for the market is this major donation from New Seasons. Pat Hainley raised the possibility that these SNAP tokens could be resold to others by SNAP card holders receiving them, which could create a liability for SMILE if SNAP were misused.

Stevenson explained the reconciliation process employed at the market to prevent this sort of thing, using specifically assigned personnel at the market. The market intends to reconcile SNAP matters, and thus would not burden Pat Hainley with this. The market has taken SNAP since 2008; 60-70% of local farmers markets here have a similar token match, and there have been no problems to date. But, to clarify, Stevenson made the point that the tokens given by the Moreland Farmers Market to SNAP card holders can ONLY be used at the Moreland Farmers Market, which makes such misuse unlikely -- especially with the market's reconciliation process.

A discussion followed concerning elements of the proposed fiscal arrangement. Steven said that it is proposed that the market execute a 1-year contract with SMILE; he presented the proposed contract at this point. Pat Hainley said that he would like to have time to examine that contract, which he had not previously seen in this form, and he said he would return with it to the next SMILE Board meeting on February 16th with a recommendation to the Board concerning execution of the contract. Stevenson said that that would be acceptable.

There being no other business on the agenda, or offered from the Board, Gerri Sue Lent moved the SMILE Board Meeting be adjourned. Nate Maki seconded the motion, which then carried unanimously at 8:51 pm.