

SMILE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013
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Officers and Directors present: President Mat Millenbach, Vice President Paul Notti, Treasurer Pat Hainley, Secretary Eric Norberg; and Directors Gerri Sue Lent, Michael Hayes, Bradley Heintz, Nate Maki, and Tom Ramsey

President Mat Millenbach called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm, and began with a request for introductions from everyone in the room. With a quorum present, he then asked that the minutes for the March 6 and the April 3 SMILE General Public Meetings be reviewed. Brian Posewitz moved that the March 6 minutes be accepted as presented, and Michael Hayes seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. Then Brian Posewitz made a motion that the April 3 minutes be accepted as presented, and Carolyn Timmerman seconded the motion, which then also passed unanimously. After that, Brenda Ray Scott made an announcement about a benefit community event.

President Millenbach next introduced the members of this year's SMILE Election Committee, and yielded the presiding of the meeting to Bradley Heintz until the Board election process was completed. Mat then read an election statement from Gail Hoffnagle, nominee for SMILE President, who was absent in order to celebrate her brother's birthday today. Mat gave his own election statement for the Vice President position, for which he was nominated, mentioning his own background. Eric Norberg gave a brief background statement; he was nominated for re-election as Secretary. Pat Hainley did the same for re-election as Treasurer. All officers serve for one year.

Five nominees were presented by the Election Committee for the four open at-large seats (two-year terms) on the SMILE Board. **Bob Burkholder** introduced himself as a retired firefighter and a member of the SMILE S.N.A.C. Committee. **John Fyre** pointed out that he had long served SMILE -- he's a former SMILE President and Vice President, and has even personally done renovation work on SMILE Station -- and "it's time now to serve SMILE again." **Brian Posewitz**, a regular attendee of SMILE meetings in the recent past, said that he is a long-time resident, with a background as a lawyer; he now works part-time from home; he, too, is a member of the S.N.A.C. Committee. **Anna Stulz** reported that she had moved here from San Francisco in 2006; "Portland is a great place to be." She participated in the "tree inventory", and as a result found SMILE, and now is a regular attendee of SMILE meetings. She, also, is a member of the S.N.A.C. Committee; she went on to endorse all the other

Board candidates. The last nominee -- and the only sitting Board member in the group to be seeking re-election -- was **Nancy Walsh**. She was out of town, but she had prepared a background letter, which Mat read to the attendees.

Bradley Heintz then opened the floor to additional nominees for any of the open offices, position by position, but no further nominees were offered. So he closed the nominations and proceeded to the election. [A member of the Election Committee had been at the sign-in table, and had prequalified all SMILE members as they arrived, giving those who were SMILE members ballots to use at the appropriate time.]

When the ballots had all been voted and collected, the Election Committee retired to the SMILE basement to tabulate them. While this was taking place, President Millenbach called for committee reports.

Nancy Champlin reported for the S.N.A.C. Committee, which she currently heads. The PP&R "Bird Festival" is coming up soon in Sellwood Park, and the SNAC Committee will participate in it. SNAC is also involved in efforts to create a "pocket park" at the SMILE Christmas Tree, a Douglas Fir on the Bybee-13th curve, just south of Wilhelm's Portland Memorial. SNAC is also involved in the "Sellwood Gap" project.

For the Land Use Committee, Mat reported briefly, in the absence of Ellen Burr, its Chair, who was then on vacation in New York City. Mat explained that he was on that committee initially, and has kept closely informed on its activities. Its biggest issue currently is large apartment houses being built with no resident parking. A 46-unit, four-story apartment house of this sort is currently under construction just east of the 7-Eleven store on S.E. Tacoma near 17th. A four-story apartment house with some resident parking, proposed for S.E. Tacoma at 23rd, has also been a focus for the Land Use Committee -- it's currently in Design Review at City Hall.

Pat Hainley gave a brief Treasurer's Report, distributing a one-page balance sheet. We are ahead of budget so far this year. He went on to answer several questions from attendees.

The Friends of the Sellwood Community Center Committee was represented by its Chair, Kevin Downing, who confirmed that the Center is on the Mayor's "cut list". These budgetary cutbacks are to occur in the fall. The fate of the Center is "not yet written in stone", and SMILE is pressing its interest in potentially taking over the operation of the Center -- but we "need time to figure it out". We need due diligence to develop an operating plan -- and we will meet with City Council members and the Mayor individually seeking the support of the city to do this -- by having the Center funded for the next twelve months.

There is a May 16 budget hearing at City Hall, and Kevin urged as large a turnout from the SMILE community as possible to support this unusual request. (The city would receive SMILE'S final proposal by December 31 of this year, he said.)

Paul Notti, who is leaving the Transportation Committee which he has recently chaired, started with a tribute to Mat Millenbach, which received applause. The Transportation Committee is concerned about details of the planned stoplight at S.E. 6th and Tacoma, and Multnomah County will be present to discuss it at the June SMILE meeting. The SMILE Board has endorsed a traffic calming measure for Tenino Street, but PBOT has it "on hold" for now. The planned 19th Street Bike Boulevard will involve signals at Bybee and Tacoma. He mentioned several other issues the committee has been involved with this year. The committee now needs a new Transportation Chair, since he is leaving the post and the Board. Applause followed, in appreciation of his extensive service to SMILE.

The Church Committee Chair, Nancy Walsh, reported via a letter read by Mat about the Oaks Pioneer Church, for which we are the renting agent. Revenue for its rental continues to improve; recent rehabilitation of the building has made it more appealing for potential renters. There are plans to clean the church soon, and to update its website.

For the Sundae in the Park Committee, of which Nancy Walsh is also Chair, continued progress in preparing the 34th annual event on August 4th was reported.

President Millenbach ended this part of the meeting with a salute to each member leaving the Board.

Nate Maki, a retiring Board member who was also a member of the Election Committee, then appeared before the meeting to announce the results of the ballot count in this year's SMILE Board election:

PRESIDENT -- Gail Hoffnagle
VICE PRESIDENT -- Mat Millenbach
TREASURER -- Pat Hainley
SECRETARY -- Eric Norberg

AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED (4, for two-year terms)
Bob Burkholder
John Fyre
Brian Posewitz
Nancy Walsh

All candidates were thanked by the Election Committee for stepping forward to be involved in the neighborhood association.

Mat Millenbach adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.