

SMILE Station

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Fyre; Gerri Sue Lent; Nancy Walsh; Ellen Burr; Brian Posewitz

SMILE President Gail Hoffnagle called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm, and began by requesting a review of the minutes of the May Board meeting as well as the June 3 Special Board Meeting. Discussion of and revisions to the Special Board Meeting minutes took thirty minutes; Eric Norberg expressed concern that some revisions were intended to reflect what participants intended rather than what they said. After considerable back-and-forth, there was agreement on the amendments to be made, after which Brian Posewitch moved that the minutes be approved as amended, and Mat Millenbach seconded the motion -- which carried unanimously at 8:04 pm. Pat Hainley then made a motion that the May 15 Board meeting minutes be approved as submitted, and Mat Millenbach seconded the motion, which also carried unanimously.

Hoffnagle then asked for introductions around the room, after which she introduced Duane Ray of the Senior Studies Institute, who said he was present to thank SMILE for the use of SMILE Station on Mondays. He went on to give details about the institute and its activities, which include courses and classes for seniors. A colleague arose to give further details, and to offer a public "thanks" to SMILE Station Manager Lorraine Fyre for her assistance. The group has used SMILE Station since 1991; their programs started through Portland Community College.

Steve Baker was next on the agenda, appearing on behalf of the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association to announce that ENA is partnering with Reed College to present a dog show -- entirely free to attend and to participate in; the only fund-raiser associated with it is the sale of T-shirts promoting the show, for \$10 per shirt, or three for \$25. The show will award three trophies, and many ribbons. A colleague offered more details. This event will be part of the Reed College "Community Day". There will be four dog categories, with ribbons; three trophies will be for audience-voted "Best In Show".

Kevin Downing, former SMILE President and our lead negotiator for SMILE in the Union Pacific Railroad settlement, followed. He pointed out that although he works for DEQ, nothing he had to say in any way related to a DEQ position, and he was not a

spokesman for DEQ. He gave a quick history and background of the lawsuit recently settled with Union Pacific, for the benefit of Board members who were not on the Board at that time; Judge Michael Hogan was involved in this lawsuit from its beginnings a half century or more ago. In 2004 the existing injunction was modified, loosening some restrictions on the railroad and tightening others.

The matter was finally settled and vacated in 2012, with an agreement that included an implementation of air quality improvements in the Brooklyn Yard. The railroad will put high-efficiency filters on cranes, and replace two 50-year-old locomotives with newer and cleaner ones. Those changes are due to be made by this December. Kevin has been talking with Robert McCulloch, Chair of the ENA, which was also a party to the lawsuit and the settlement, about monitoring air quality near the Brooklyn Yard; Reed College is doing a similar study already, and we might participate in that one. There is a grant opportunity relevant to this available from PGE with a July 31 deadline -- the grant, if applied for and approved, would be for buying equipment to conduct an air quality study. The Board of SMILE will consider whether to pursue this grant, he said. There are still many details to work out on a possible grant application.

Doug Menely, a local State Farm Insurance agent, and a former SMILE Board member, was present at SMILE request to report on our current insurance coverage through his agency. He has had our insurance since 2004, which centers on a general liability policy for SMILE, covering SMILE Station, SMILE events, and the Oaks Pioneer Church (for which SMILE is the renting agent). Coverage is for up to \$200,000 per incident; lifetime limit is \$4,000,000. "It's very comprehensive." When we started this policy it cost us \$3,122 per year; by 2008, our excellent claims history had reduced the annual cost to \$2,073, and it had dropped further to \$1,829 annually by 2012. It has a \$5,000 deductible. It does not include Director and Officers Liability Insurance, which we understand we have through Southeast Uplift.

Mat Millenbach next gave a "City Comprehensive Plan" update. "It's a huge and complicated document." There will be a meeting this Saturday, June 22; the last meeting was June 1; he and Brian Posewitz attended that one, which he characterized as "a mapping meeting". He and Brian tried to identify and correct details in the plan pertaining to our neighborhood. Mat gave his own comments on that meeting; President Hoffnagle said she would like to join Mat and Brian at the next meeting on Saturday.

Ellen Burr, Chair of the Land Use Committee, appeared, to request reimbursement by SMILE of our portion of the costs of conducting an informational parking survey, done for the benefit

of the neighborhoods and the city. \$580.70 was spent on performing the survey; based upon survey response, our portion would be \$103.55. Eric Norberg moved that this reimbursement be made by SMILE; Mat Millenbach seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

Ellen reported that Mr. Joe Bradford, local developer, wants to meet with the SMILE Board concerning our LUBA appeal of his project, just south of S.E. Tacoma Street at 23rd; this request was considered and acted upon just before meeting adjournment.

Mat Millenbach then made a motion: "In order to efficiently and effectively pursue the appeal to the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals in the Moreland Station Apartment case, the SMILE Board of Directors appoints Ellen Burr, SMILE Land Use Chair and Board member; Lisa Brown, resident and SMILE member; and Mat Millenbach, SMILE Vice President -- to represent SMILE, along with attorney Andrew Stamp. It is expected that the representatives will report to the SMILE Board as necessary to keep it up to date on the progress of the case, and will comply with directions of the Board." Pat Hainley seconded the motion. The motion was approved with one abstention but no "no" votes.

Brian Posewitz observed, to the Board, that the previous minutes were ambiguous about whether he would actually be willing to Chair the Transportation Committee, and he wanted to put it on the record that he will assume this responsibility. He has already met with Kyle Chisek and Paul Notti. President Hoffnagle thanked him for his willingness to serve in this capacity. He said he would like the Transportation Committee to meet on each third Wednesday of each month at SMILE Station, just before the monthly SMILE Board Meeting.

Brian added that he has been attending the Sellwood Gap Trail meetings; the alignment opposite the CarBarns is still in question, and the city will pave the alignment it prefers soon. This is a possible agenda item at the next General Meeting, with resolution at the next Board meeting, in July.

Nancy Walsh, Chair of the Sundae in the Park Committee, reported that just this afternoon she had had a call from Jeff Milkes of the Portland Parks Bureau. Jeff had previously told us that the budget would not permit a "Movie in the Park" on August 4 to end "Sundae in the Park", as in the recent past, nor the usual Parks-Department-provided live entertainment from 5:30 to 8:30 pm before the movie. In today's call, Jeff said some money had been found, a movie would be shown in the park August 4th (it will be "E.T. -- The Extra Terrestrial"), and there will be entertainment between 5:30 and 8:30 pm as in the past, although he did not yet know what it would consist of.

AT 9:15 pm, PRES. HOFFNAGLE CALLED FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONFER WITH OUR ATTY. ON THE LUBA APPEAL; THE ROOM WAS CLEARED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS CONCLUDED AT 10:12 pm, AND THE PUBLIC
MEETING OF THE SMILE BOARD RESUMED.

As concerns the previously-reported interest of developer Joe Bradford to meet with the SMILE Board, John Fyre suggested that what we need to determine is what the neighbors would accept, before having such a meeting: "Maybe three stories for the building instead of four". Ellen Burr suggested the meeting could be a waste of time: "He knows what we want; we've told him for eight months."

It was pointed out that the SMILE Board is only being asked to listen, and that there is no requirement to do more than that at such a meeting. After some discussion, the Board seemed favorable to giving Bradford the opportunity to say whatever he wants to to us, but with no expectation of SMILE actually taking any action at such a meeting. We would simply be giving him the opportunity of speaking to us as he asked to do.

With that thought in mind, President Hoffnagle determined that the majority of the Board members present could attend a one-hour Special Board Meeting for this purpose on Friday, June 28, at 7:30 pm, and she will publicly announce this meeting immediately, so as to meet the SMILE Bylaws' requirement for calling a Special Board Meeting on that date.

There being no other business, Pat Hainley made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; John Fyre seconded the motion; and the motion carried without objection at 10:18 pm.