

SMILE BOARD MEETING

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OFFICERS PRESENT: Gail Hoffnagle, President; Eric Norberg, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Burkholder; Michael Hayes; Nancy Walsh; Brian Posewitz

SMILE President Gail Hoffnagle called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm, observing that at that point there was no quorum, making the acceptance of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting and Special Board Meeting impossible. She then asked for everyone present to introduce him or herself.

Nanci Champlin reported for the S.N.A.C. Committee. "We've been very busy with the Sellwood Gap Project". She gave background on the issue, and added that funds have been allocated to pave the trail between Umatilla and S.E. 13th. S.N.A.C. is working on plans for the adjacent public lands; there's no hard and fast city rule about that; just guidelines. Space between S.E. 9th and Marion Street is proposed as a triangular adjacent parkland project. A public involvement phase is underway, per the city's best practices -- "we want to make it scenic without intruding on neighboring private properties". Nanci then answered clarifying questions, and showed alternate diagrams for the property in question.

President Hoffnagle pointed out that the city is unlikely to provide maintainance for this property if SMILE succeeds in having it assigned for this purpose -- and so maintenance will have to be part of the final plan. Nanci commented that the public-involvement phase will hopefully draw input from ALL of the community about the plan, and such tangential concerns as would go with it, like maintenance. There followed a brief discussion about the need for a community garden here, but this site would probably not be appropriate for something like that.

Lisa Brown gave a brief Land Use Committee update for absent Ellen Burr. She endorsed as accurate the account, presented in minutes which could not be acted upon this evening due to a lack of a quorum, of developer Joe Bradford's presentation at the recent Special Board Meeting (although Ellen Burr has noted a misspelling of Bradford's attorney's name). Gail Hoffnagle read aloud a follow-up e-mail from Bradford. Lisa then clarified Mat Millenbach's motion, as submitted for the minutes of the June 19 Board meeting, concerning the Board's having appointed her to the special LUBA Appeal committee: Specifically, that her "representation" of SMILE on the committee is not legal

representation. Her concern on this point, she said, stemmed from the fact that she is in fact an attorney.

Kevin Downing was present to speak on a Union Pacific railroad issue. Specifically, he said he needs Board approval for the planned application for an EPA grant concerning air quality monitoring around the Brooklyn Yard rail facility, and the approval must be made before July 31. This grant would be for \$22,000 for a "black carbon monitor", to be owned by Reed College, and \$400,000 for an experimental program to help truckers driving old and dirty trucks to buy new ones with cleaner diesel engines. He explained the drayage business, and how this grant would help clean up the air in the neighborhood. This is a trial project that is not unfamiliar to the state. He discussed enforcement details of the proposed contract involved in this truck trial project. Kevin explained all this within the context of RPA rules and regulations. No financial participation by SMILE is required in applying for this grant.

Since the Board was one person short of a quorum, Eric Norberg suggested that Board member John Fyre, absent to attend his daughter's birthday party in Oregon City, and who was reachable by phone, was acquainted with this issue, had read the attachment Kevin had circulated to the Board this week, and could thus cast a vote via speakerphone on it. Eric added that he had a motion to propose giving a SMILE Award to the Black Cat Pub next door, for having allowed us to pick up and use in SMILE Station their WiFi Internet service without compensation for several years -- time-sensitive, since the bar is about to close and the building to be levelled to make way for a new mixed-use four-story building. That would also require a quorum, but the motion (already circulated to Board members present) could be read to John, before allowing him to participate by speakerphone in both votes -- both of which must be passed well before the next Board meeting, or both will be too late to be of use.

With the Board's permission, Eric initiated a speakerphone call to John Fyre, who agreed that he was fully up to speed with the details of Kevin's grant request and the reasons for it; Eric then read him the resolution for a SMILE Award. Fyre agreed to participate in both votes.

Brian Posewitz moved that the SMILE Board allow Kevin Downing to apply for an air quality improvement project for the neighborhood, and Eric Norberg seconded the motion. The vote on Brian's motion was unanimous -- 7-0 in favor, with John Fyre participating by speakerphone. Eric Norberg then formally proposed the resolution he had circulated to the Board members present and had read to John Fyre, and with Nancy Walsh's second, the vote again was again 7-0 in favor, with John Fyre again participating via speakerphone. Eric thanked John for his assistance in getting these two time-sensitive motions passed in

time for them to be of use, and John returned to his party.

President Hoffnagle next brought up her desire to have SMILE Committee reports be part of each Board Meeting. She said she also wanted to work with our web provider, HostPond, to clean up and update the SMILE website. The Board members present seemed amenable to both goals.

Nancy Walsh, Chair of the Sundae in the Park Committee, updated the Board on the August 4th celebration in Sellwood Park. She brought promotional lawn signs and urged Board members to take any they were willing to place (and retrieve for re-use next year). She reminded Board members this is SMILE's biggest event of the year, and all Board members in town should attend and assist where and when they were able.

Nancy reported that the Portland Parks Department has now not only decided to provide a Movie In The Park at the end of Sundae in the Park after all ("ET -- The Extra Terrestrial"), but has just told us the name of the band they have booked to provide live music in the interval at the end of our scheduled Sundae in the Park activities and the start of the movie. They are also providing the Climbing Wall after all, too. Our handbill/poster, once again designed for us by Gray Whalen, has now just been updated with the additional information, and will appear again this month in the SMILE newsletter on page 3 of the August issue of THE BEE, which will be in readers' hands in the week before Sundae in the Park.

There being no other business on the agenda, or offered by anyone present, President Hoffnagle pronounced the meeting ended at 9:02 pm.

However, she asked the Board members present to stay for a brief Executive Session -- and asked spectators to leave the room at that point to keep the legal strategy to be discussed confidential. There was no need for any spectators to plan to return to a meeting after the Executive Session, since without a quorum of the Board present, there would be no public vote possible after the Executive Session, and the public meeting would thus be concluded immediately after the Executive Session ended.