

SMILE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2013
SMILE Station

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

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

SMILE President Gail Hoffnagle called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm, observing that a quorum was present. Minutes of the June and July Board meetings, and the June and July Special Board Meetings, were presented. Two minor corrections -- one each in the Special Board Meeting minutes -- were reported and corrected. John Fyre then moved that all four sets of minutes be accepted as amended. Mat Millenbach seconded the motion, and the motion carried with 9 yeas, no nays, and one abstention (from a Board member who explained that she was not present at some of the meetings, and thus could not personally verify the accuracy of the minutes).

Kevin Downing was not present to report on the Sellwood Community Center; Pat Hainley said that he is following up on the SMILE Business Plan finances for the Center with the city.

Reporting for the Transportation Committee, Brian Posewitz said he had held his first Transportation Committee meeting, with four people present -- the proposed stoplight at S.E. 6th and Tacoma was the main subject of the meeting. He plans to hold a larger meeting to air the issue; he wants a full process of input from the community. There followed a discussion of ways to alert a cross section of the neighborhood to such a meeting.

Ellen Burr reported for the Land Use Committee. The LUBA hearing was at that time set for the oral argument in our appeal of the density transfer at S.E. 23rd and Tenino is 11 am on September 12 in Salem, but that could change. She also reported on the activities of the citywide committee of neighborhoods on issues related to zoning and parking requirements for new apartment houses, design review opportunities, and so forth.

Brian Posewitz questioned a \$1,500 bill from our attorney, but Pat and Ellen said they believed that it was attributable to our having requested his presence at four Board meetings. Pat said he was unconcerned by the bill, but Mat requested clarification by Mr. Stamp, our attorney, on the billing. Nonetheless, Mat moved, and Nancy seconded, that SMILE pay the bill submitted by Stamp. After some discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

In the absence of its Co-Chairs, Michael Hayes, a member of the SNAC Committee, reported on the committee's activities. The workgroup for the Sellwood Gap will do two "meet and greets" -- one tomorrow, and one on Saturday -- at the Metro site for the proposed amenities beside the Springwater Trail in the Sellwood Gap area. A bigger meeting is planned for October or November, and more notice will be given for that one. Ultimately, the results of these public meetings will be brought to the SMILE Board for a formal recommendation. Brian Posewitz suggested that there needs to be a public involvement plan in writing prior to the latter steps. Michael said that the main concern encountered so far is how SMILE would find a reliable way to provide maintenance for these amenities on an ongoing basis.

Reporting for the Sundae in the Park Committee, which she Chairs, Nancy Walsh said that the 34th annual event went well on August 4th -- we were lucky with the weather. However, cutbacks in the Parks Department put a crimp in our plans, somewhat -- and we hope to resolve such issues in advance for next year. We estimate about 2,000 attended Sundae in the Park this year, with attendees including Oregon Senator Ron Wyden and his family; we served about 1,800 ice cream sundaes. Nancy commented that people often assume this is a SMILE fundraiser; but it's a loss for SMILE, since all proceeds go to the Meals On Wheels program at the Thelma Skelton Center on Milwaukie Avenue. We would like to get sponsors involved in the future to reduce our costs. The ice cream has gone up from \$20 to \$26 per 2-1/2 gallon tub. There followed a question-and-answer exchange about various details of Sundae in the Park.

Nancy Walsh next reported for the Church Committee, which she also Chairs. We have worked in the last year on the transition for maintenance of Oaks Pioneer Church from the Portland Parks Department to ourselves. The resulting improvement in the church's appearance has improved the bookings of the church.

Lorraine Fyre, who is part-time manager of both SMILE Station and the church, was present and said that the Master Gardeners helped prune the roses at the church, and replaced some of the rose bushes. She wants a subcommittee of horticulturists to assist with the proper maintenance of the garden at the church.

Nancy said that we need to update the **OaksPioneerChurch.org** website, and she has been talking with "HostPond" about that. She explained about the wedding packets given to prospective wedding parties. There followed a general discussion about SMILE funds, budgeting, fundraising, and related issues.

Ellen Burr pointed out that with the Black Cat now closed, demolition of its building will begin soon -- which may require removing at least one SMILE tree which is close to the property line, and about which she plans to consult an arborist. A new

building will rise on the property, no doubt taking the entire lot; Milwaukie dentist A. Farid Bolouri plans to build a four-story building there, with retail on the ground floor, and apartments on the three floors above that. We will probably hear construction sounds inside SMILE Station at certain hours.

President Gail Hoffnagle then led a discussion of our "sellwood.org" website, which can be reached either via:

www.sellwoodmoreland.org or www.sellwoodmoreland.com

Gail said she is trying to simplify the website so people can find what they want on it. She is trying to update it and remove outdated and unused information. She received Board consent to proceed with that.

Gail also said she is concerned about how the sponsorship money for Sellwood Park from Columbia Sportswear has been handled and spent. She asked permission of the Board to pursue that question, and the Board again gave her approval to proceed.

There being no other business, Nancy Walsh moved the meeting be adjourned, and John Fyre seconded the motion -- which passed with evident unanimity at 9:23 pm.