

SMILE GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2013

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen Burr, Nancy Walsh, Gerri Sue
Lent, Michael Hayes; Brian Posewitz, Bob Burkholder

SMILE President Gail Hoffnagle called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, noting the presence of a quorum, and began by asking for a review of the minutes of the September 4th General Public Meeting. No corrections or omissions were offered; Mat Millenbach moved the minutes be accepted as submitted; Bob Burkholder seconded; the motion carried with no objections. Hoffnagle then called for introductions around the room from everyone present, after which the agenda items proceeded.

Ali Ryan was present from Portland Parks and Recreation to share with us that last spring, a city code change was made to allow Park Rangers to write citations to those who are not obeying leash and scoop laws. Shortly, after two weeks of intensive publicity about it, the PP&R Rangers will start enforcing these rules with citations, especially in Oaks Bottom and Sellwood Riverfront Park. There were statements of enthusiasm for this new policy from some of those present, followed by an extensive Q and A session on enforcement details.

Next to appear was John Cole from the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, to discuss the "Comprehensive Plan" for the city being worked on by the Bureau -- there is a new application for mapping available to those visiting the website: www.portlandbps.com/gis/cpmapp/. Now, the city map may be scaled to show just some areas or all of the city, and to allow overlays of such map data as demographic composition, zoning, facilities, and infrastructure. A working draft "part one" of the plan was begun in January; a working draft of "part two" is underway this month. Community comments on both will be blended into the proposed plan in the spring of 2014, with more public comments following. Next fall Portland will have a new Comprehensive Plan -- the first since 1980. Cole performed a tutorial and demonstration of how the website works for seeing proposed changes, and how to make comments or proposals online. The current comment period runs through December 31.

Ellen Burr made a Land Use Committee Report; the committee met this evening just before the current meeting, and received public input on a variety of things. Neighborhood notice and

demolition of old buildings was brought up. The Black Cat building next door to SMILE Station has now been demolished and the site cleaned up and fenced off, in anticipation of the developer receiving a building permit for his planned new four-story mixed-use building there. The permit is expected to be issued within a month or so. The developer, A. Farid Boulouri, presented his plans in detail at the September SMILE Board meeting.

Burr said that the Moreland Station LUBA appeal was denied; our attorney would like to meet with the SMILE Board about it. There may be a special Board meeting; if so, it will be announced in accordance with our bylaws.

There being no other business on the agenda or offered by those present, Nancy Walsh moved the meeting be adjourned, and Gerri Sue Lent seconded the motion -- which then carried with evident unanimity at 8:59 pm.