

SMILE BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014
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OFFICERS PRESENT: Gail Hoffnagle, President; Mat Millenbach,
Vice President; Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg,
Secretary

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

SMILE President Gail Hoffnagle called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm, noting the presence of a quorum. She then asked for a review of the December 18 Board meeting minutes; Brian Posewitz found that a paragraph did not quite correctly express what he intended, and he presented a revised paragraph to better express it to the Board, and said he would e-mail it to the Secretary for inclusion in the December 18 meeting minutes. Bob Burkholder moved, and Nancy Walsh seconded, that the minutes be approved as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

Gail Hoffnagle announced that Nancy Champlin was unable to report on the SNAC Committee as scheduled, because she had gone to the movies. She will be back to present next month.

Brian Posewitz next reported on behalf of the Transportation Committee, which he heads. He said the city is gratified that SMILE officially has no objection to the planned 6th Street traffic signal on Tacoma, as long as the proposed configuration for the intersection is implemented.

The re-stripping of Tacoma at 17th that PBOT wants to do, to improve safety at the intersection, may now be able to proceed, since it appears the proposed (by SMILE) 25 MPH "construction speed limit" for Tacoma is acceptable to ODOT and PBOT and thus may be established. The lower speed limit is necessary to minimize the loss of parking spaces on the north side of Tacoma west of 17th, and thus minimize the impact on businesses there.

Brian pointed out that TriMet bus service after MAX opens will be discussed at the March 5 SMILE General Meeting. This led to a wide-ranging discussion about handicapped-accessible options at the local MAX stations, and talk about how local residents can better access light rail: Small shuttle buses were suggested, which could loop through the neighborhood picking up and delivering MAX passengers.

President Hoffnagle announced that a woman has contacted her about possibly providing a memorial bench (a memorial to her parents) in the Golf Junction pocket park at the south end of

13th Avenue. Mat Millenbach, who has been participating in the maintenance of the park, recalled that a local resident had provided a bench in the park, later followed by a picnic table and a trash can -- which collectively struck the neighbors as a bit of an eyesore, and were subsequently removed. Mat conceded that perhaps simply just a bench might now be acceptable to the users and neighbors of the park. The potential donor gave Gail a flyer with potential bench designs; Mat took the flyer and said he would sound out the immediate neighbors about it to see if there remain any objections.

At the Golf Junction park, added Mat, a tree limb fell off some time ago and damaged the fence -- and Margaret Branson (a former SMILE Board member) is paying for the fence repair herself. Mat moved that \$360 be appropriated from the dedicated Golf Junction Funds administered by SMILE to reimburse her for this. Pat Hainley seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

Nancy Walsh was on the agenda to discuss the latest attitude about Movies in the Park as a part of Sundae in the Park, from the Portland Parks Bureau. Parks previously provided a movie, and pre-movie entertainment starting at 4 pm, each year -- and let us use their equipment for the noon-to-4 pm part of Sundae in the Park. Last year, cost-cutting changed all that -- Parks decided not to provide the movie or extra entertainment, so we paid \$2,000 for the stage and awning -- but Parks reversed themselves at the last minute, long after their summer schedule was printed and distributed, and did provide a movie and some entertainment, which made use of our stage and awning.

This year, Parks is interested in presenting entertainment from 6 pm and a movie -- but we would have to pay for it all: \$450 for the movie, \$200+ for the Climbing Wall, etc. Nancy said there is the possibility they could bring in the stage and awning early enough for us to use it too, in return for our paying for the movie and entertainment provided by Parks -- "it could pencil out". There followed considerable discussion about risks and opportunities associated with this subject. "Some horsetrading will be necessary". The Sundae in the Park Committee will discuss all this at their next meeting, Wednesday, February 12.

There being no other business, Pat Hainley moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Nancy Walsh seconded the motion, which carried with evident unanimity at 9:04 pm.