

SMILE GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 2014
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OFFICERS PRESENT: President Gail Hoffnagle; Vice President
Mat Millenbach; Secretary Eric Norberg
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen Burr, Brian Posewitz, Nanci
Champlin, Nancy Walsh, Corinne Stefanick, Bob Burkholder

President Gail Hoffnagle called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, asking for introductions around the room. Since there was not a quorum present, the consideration for approval of the June General Public Meeting minutes was postponed.

First on the agenda was Land Use Chair Ellen Burr, to introduce and discuss Diana Richardson's request for Portland to vacate an undeveloped 13-foot-wide strip beyond the paved portion of S.E. Grand Avenue on the east side of this one-block cul-de-sac just south of Spokane Street. (Prior to this meeting, a publicised public walk to inspect the site on Grand Street had taken place.) Ellen gave the background on the application, and Multnomah County's Mike Pullen and a colleague from PDOT named Michael were present to serve as resources if necessary.

Ellen explained that the vacated space, if the petition is granted, would be used to extend the elevated lot to the east currently occupied by a boat sales company. Diana, who leases the property to the boat company, said that eventually mixed business and residential construction could occupy that lot, along with some parking. When he was asked, Michael from PDOT arose to say that the county and city can accomplish everything they intend to at the east end of the new Sellwood Bridge without any impact from this street vacation, if it were to be granted. The SMILE Board will consider taking a position on this request at the July 16 Board meeting.

Next on the agenda was Wendy Collins, who was present to discuss the "aging in place" cooperative organization called "RISE", which serves a section of Southeast Portland from Lents west to the Willamette River and from Powell Boulevard south to the Clackamas County Line (although Ardenwald is also included in its service area). RISE originates from the "Village Movement" some years ago; the purpose is to allow aging residents to stay and live in their own homes, while requesting and receiving needed services to make that possible. The project is just getting started here. The organization is a 501c3 nonprofit.

Nancy Walsh was next, to report on "Sundae in the Park" (she chairs the relevant committee), which is just 30 days away now.

Nancy reported on progress made in getting everything ready, and asked for Board members to volunteer to help during that day as needed, especially in the noon-to-4 pm time period, during the annual event which this year is on August 3rd.

The meeting ended with a few announcements from various attendees.

There being no other business on the agenda or offered at the meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Diana Richardson, and seconded by Nancy Walsh. The motion carried unanimously at 8:29 pm.