SMILE BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2015 SMILE Station

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OFFICERS PRESENT: Corinne Stefanick, President; Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Szigethy; Teneisha Caceres; David Schoellhamer; Nancy Walsh; Nanci Champlin; Miriam Erb

President Stefanick called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm, and began by soliciting self-introductions from those present, around the room. With a quorum of the Board in attendance, she asked Board members to review the minutes of the April 15th Board Meeting. Miriam Erb moved that the minutes be accepted as submitted, and Nanci Champlin seconded. The motion carried with eight affirmative votes, no negative votes, and one abstention.

President Stefanick brought up the matter of SMILE's Board having previously approved being a fiscal sponsor for the Moreland Farmers Market – a nonprofit, but not a 501c3 – in matters involving food stamps and the SNAP program. Now, Free Geek – itself a nonprofit – wants to give a computer to the Market to use to monitor this program, and the question we confront is whether or not the existing agreement, which Pat Hainley described for the new Board, was broad enough to include acceptance of this computer for the Market.

It seemed clear that it would, and Nancy Champlin made a motion that SMILE accept the computer donation from Free Geek for the Moreland Farmers Market, and that the Board requests that we receive reporting to verify the use of the computer for this particular purpose. Miriam Erb seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

Stefanick reported that Mat Millenbach recently received, and forwarded to the Board, a letter from Bob Stacey of Metro, in response to a letter he'd written on behalf of the Board, expressing SMILE's concern about the Metro parcels along the Sellwood Gap portion of the Springwater Trail not at this time being zoned for "open space". Stacey responded in his letter he wants, at this time, to leave Metro's options open – and he was noncommittal.

It appears we can certainly go ahead with our final "open space" plan in one block of this land, after months of deliberation and community input to arrive at this final plan; but as it stands now, that property could later be rezoned for other purposes. Nanci Champlin filled in the background on what led up to SMILE writing the letter to Bob Stacey. "If nothing else," said Nanci, "Mat's letter has at least solidified SMILE as a stakeholder." She informally discussed further options for SMILE.

President Stefanick asked the Board if it wants to hear at each Board meeting about the various OLCC notices and demolition/land use notices that we routinely receive, or simply circulate them? The sense of the new Board seemed to be: Circulate them, and then only discuss at the Board meetings those the Board wants to discuss – in order to streamline the process. There followed some discussion of demolitions in the neighborhood, and the Board policy as might relate to these matters.

Stefanick brought up the issue of a planned city homeless camp near OMSI. The city wants to move the "Right 2 Dream 2" camp from its current location on a demolished commercial property on West Burnside over to the east side of the Willamette River, and is focusing on a property a short distance east of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, which is now being examined for environmental impacts. It is surplus property owned by the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT). "The goal [of the city policy] is to reduce homelessness by 50%," said Corinne. No action by the city is expected on this encampment until the environmental and service issues there are resolved. There followed some discussion of this matter by the Board.

Pat Hainley said that he had, as requested, arranged access to our "blog website", www.SellwoodMoreland.org, for President Stefanick – and she can delegate others to receive such access.

On another matter, Pat Hainley went on to make a motion that Corinne Stefanick and Gail Hoffnagle, our President and Vice President, become authorized signers on our checking account; that Mat Millenbach and Sean Murray be removed from the list of authorized signers; and that he and Eric Norberg remain as authorized signers. Nancy Walsh seconded this procedural motion, which then carried unanimously.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to Nanci Champlin's "branding SMILE" presentation, continued from the last Board meeting. She distributed a general "elevator speech" form about SMILE, with lots of blank spaces on it, in which Board members were to provide the most appropriate words to fill the spaces. Each Board member was to present his or her "elevator speech" about SMILE after completing this form. After a quiet period in which each Board member prepared this exercise, all proceeded to present their versions of the speech.

At the end of the meeting, Board members – particularly the newly-elected ones – were invited to state their areas of interest, and their motives for joining the Board.

When this discussion concluded, Nancy Walsh moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Steve Szigethy seconded the motion, which then carried with apparent unanimity at 9:19 pm.