SMILE BOARD MEETING

June 17, 2015 SMILE Station

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Szigethy; Teneisha Caceres; Mat Millenbach; Nancy Walsh; Nanci Champlin; Bob Burkholder; Miriam Erb

President Stefanick called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm, and began by soliciting self-introductions from those present, around the room.

She then proposed canceling both the General and Board meetings this August, as Southeast Uplift and other Inner Southeast neighborhoods have been doing, and asked for input. Although this would be the first time such procedure was followed at SMILE other than when one of these meetings fell directly on the date of a national holiday, the only objection was voiced by Eric Norberg, who remarked that he could not remember a single August meeting in which there had not been issues and matters for SMILE to address. Mat Millenbach moved Stefanick's proposal be adopted by the Board, and Bob Burkholder seconded it. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 1. (One Board member later in attendance had not yet arrived.) There will be no SMILE General and Board meetings this August 5th and 19th.

Millenbach confirmed that he has sold his condo in Sellwood and is moving to a new residence near Lloyd Center in Northeast Portland, and thus must soon resign from the Board under our bylaws. He has not yet submitted his resignation however.

Stefanick turned to asking Board members to review the minutes of the May 20th Board Meeting. Nanci Champlin pointed out that her first name was misspelled once on page one. Steve Szigethy moved the minutes be accepted as thus amended, and Corinne Stefanick seconded. The motion carried without objection.

Eileen Fitzsimons and Dana Beck were present to acquaint the new Board members with the SMILE History Committee, of which both are members. Eileen explained its origins — which partly involved organizing to preserve old copies of THE BEE (which has been publishing since 1906) that were repeatedly threatened with destruction. The committee also has been building an extensive neighborhood historic photograph collection.

The BEE archive is on microfilm at the Sellwood Branch library, but the microfilm reader there is close to failing, and the newspaper archives could possibly be digitized by the Multnomah County Library to allow easy online access to everyone. "When the time

comes," Eileen said, "SMILE may be asked for a letter of support" for such a project. Vice President Gail Hoffnagle then voiced her appreciation for the work by Eileen and Dana do, and her comment drew a round of applause from the Board.

Nanci Chapin reported that she had submitted a proposal to Metro for funding for our Sellwood Gap project in April, and she has now been invited back by Metro for a full-funding-request presentation. She will proceed with that, and we should know the outcome in August. She added that ours is one of the few projects being considered for a developed area, and that could work in our favor. The Board gave a round of applause to Nanci.

A letter from a local resident has led to some concern of possible safety issues involving the stringing of lights (and later removing them) from our SMILE Christmas Tree, which is now part of the Oaks Bottom Overlook pocket park. Pat and Matt Hainley were present, and gave background and detail on this annual Holiday project. Some Board members commented that it would be unfortunate for this long-standing community year-end tradition to be lost. No decision was made at this time.

President Stefanick brought up the Southeast Uplift Land Use and Transportation Committee, and she and Steve Szigethy voiced the thought that perhaps our Land Use and Transportation Committees could similarly be combined. Mat Millenbach suggested they be kept separate (and the bylaws may require it). Gail Hoffnagle and Eric Norberg both expressed the thought that those interested in one committee are often not interested in the other, and combined meetings would of necessity be longer, and thus less appealing to attend. No decision was made on this idea at this time.

Meantime, as head of our Transportation Committee, Szigethy reported that ODOT will be at the July 1st General Meeting to discuss the resurfacing of McLoughlin Boulevard from S.E. Harold Street south into the City of Milwaukie in 2017.

David Schoellhamer was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but Miriam Erb expressed appreciation for all the work already done by this new Board member. David is heading our Land Use Committee, and is our representative to the SEUL Land Use and Transportation Committee. But, he will not be our overall representative on the Southeast Uplift Board; but we need one. Gail Hoffnagle then volunteered for that responsibility, leading Steve Szigethy to move, and Pat Hainley and others on the Board to second, that Gail be named our official representative to the SEUL Board. The motion carried unanimously.

President Stefanick ended the meeting by announcing that there is a new Chair of our Crime Committee – Karen Tam, who was present to acknowledge her role. The committee will meet in SMILE Station on Tuesdays.

President Stefanick then announced the meeting as being adjourned, at 9:04 pm.