SMILE Board Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2019
SMILE Station

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OFFICERS PRESENT: Tyler Janzen, President; Simon Fulford, Vice President; Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg, Secretary
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Burkholder, Elaine O'Keefe, Julie Currin, Elizabeth Milner, Rhea Smith

President Tyler Janzen called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m., and began by asking those present to introduce themselves, around the room. When that was completed, Janzen determined that a quorum had been attained, and he requested the Board review the minutes of the November 20 meeting. After the review, Elaine O'Keefe moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, and Pat Hainley seconded the motion, which carried with one abstention, and no negative votes.

Addy Quit, of the Rose City Rollers "roller derby" team based at "the Hanger" at Oaks Amusement Park, was present at the request of Tyler Janzen to tell SMILE more about this World Champion team in our midst. After she did so, he commented that he was looking for ways in which SMILE could partner with the team – perhaps, he suggested, with an Open House for the team at SMILE Station, maybe co-hosted by the Sellwood Moreland Business Alliance. Details of the team and its impact on the neighborhood were discussed, amid positive comments from the Board.

Next to appear, at his own request, was former SMILE Board Member Tim DuBois, who said he was hoping to find a current Board Member to coordinate with "Oregon Clean Air", a nonprofit organization with a focus on the Brooklyn Yard railyard. He said that this group had recently received a $20,000 grant to pursue its focus, from some source. Elizabeth Milner expressed interest in being such a liaison, "if it's not too much work". It appeared to the Board that she had accepted the assignment. DuBois explained that the organization's primary concern about the Yard is the "dirty diesel trucks" constantly entering and leaving it, and not Union Pacific itself. Pat Hainley observed, "That is basically a State issue".

Scott Kelly, Chair of the SMILE Transportation Committee, was next on the agenda to seek the SMILE Board's support for approving and submitting two letters proposed by the committee. The first concerned Portland's "Rose Lane" Project, which in the case of Sellwood would be to find a way to speed Express Buss 99 over the Sellwood Bridge in congested morning traffic. (Eric Norberg commented that if a solution were not found for that problem, Bus 99 could be routed north from Sellwood through Westmoreland and up to the Tillikum Transit Bridge and downtown, echoing its route during the Sellwood Bridge construction – only, this time, stopping in a couple of places in Westmoreland on the way

through, to finally bring rapid downtown transit back to Westmorland commuters.) As concerns approving the letter and sending it to the city, Simon Fulford moved that be done, Bob Burkholder seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The second letter would be directed to Metro, expressing support for the suggested Oak Grove to Lake Oswego pedestrian and bike bridge, which is currently the subject of discussion and is the object of a grassroots effort. President Janzen questioned the relevance of SMILE's support for such a bridge so far from our neighborhood, but Eric Norberg moved the letter be approved by the Board and sent; and after a brief discussion Simon Fulford seconded, and the motion carried by a vote of: 6 yes, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining.

Recently-resigned SMILE Board Member Justin Dick was present by invitation to discuss "inclusivity"; he feels SMILE is perceived in the neighborhood as not being inclusive. He acknowledged that he does know that we do seek inclusivity and diversity, but if there are other perceptions in the community, what do we need to do to address this? President Janzen suggested re-examining our bylaws – conceding that despite all our efforts, many residents here are unclear about what SMILE is and what it does. Tim DuBois, from the audience, contributed that he had read our bylaws, and "they really are inclusive"; he advised we consider targeted outreaches. Elaine O'Keefe suggested SMILE sometimes hold its meetings at various other public places in the community, to meet and reach new people. She also said that we may need a "Diversity Committee". General discussion followed on the various points made. Elizabeth Milner asked, "How can we best represent and advocate for the community?" Nancy Walsh suggested, "Engage more with churches and schools." Discussion continued, with no specific conclusions, or actions indicated, at this time.

At this point in the meeting, President Tyler Janzen requested a short Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter, which qualified under the SMILE bylaws as cause for an Executive Session; those not on the Board left the room at this point, and these public minutes were discontinued at 8:55 p.m., as a result. (Elaine O'Keefe kept separate confidential minutes of the Executive Session.)

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The Executive Session ended at 9:11 p.m., and the room was reopened to non-Board-Members, some of whom were still waiting outside. Pat Hainley made a motion that the Treasurer be authorized to obtain a corporate credit card to facilitate the SMILE payments which require a credit card. Elaine O'Keefe seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously. Tyler Janzen made a motion that SMILE engage our contracted consultant, Christine Timberlake, as an employee, at the terms agreed upon (she has taken major steps to increase rental income from the Oaks Pioneer Church, and may eventually do the same for SMILE Station). Elaine O'Keefe seconded that motion, which passed unanimously.

With no other business remaining, Pat Hainley then moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Elaine O'Keefe again seconded the motion, which instantly passed with evident unanimity at 9:12 p.m.