

SMILE General Meeting minutes

April 7, 2021

Via ZOOM, online

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OFFICERS PRESENT: Simon Fulford, President; Bob Burkholder, Vice President; Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Friscia; Neal Spinler; Elaine O’Keefe; Elizabeth Milner

SMILE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: R. Corless; Spence Williams; Duff Hall; Bruce Joncas and Lisa Sheppard; Ezra Cohen; T.K. Conrad; Yachi Iisako; Lawrence O’Donnell; Brenda Ray Scott; David Schoellhamer; Zack Duffly; Stan and Brenda Scotton

OTHER GUESTS: State Representative Karin Power; “Christina” *[visiting scholar From South Korea, with an interest in neighborhood associations]*; James Barta

President Simon Fulford called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He began by reviewing, for those attending, the protocols for SMILE’s ZOOM meetings, as well as the agenda, and the minutes of the March 3 SMILE General Meeting. With a quorum present (peak attendance was 27 participants), he made a motion, seconded by Elaine O’Keefe, that the minutes [inferentially including the February 3 minutes, which he had previously reviewed and found there to be no objection to at the March General Meeting, but for which there was then no quorum for approval] be approved as submitted. No objections were made to the motion, which was announced by Fulford as unanimously approved with one abstention.

President Fulford next turned to the annual SMILE Board Election coming up at the May 5 General Meeting, in accordance with the SMILE Bylaws. With the assistance of Jim Friscia, Simon narrated a PowerPoint presentation on SMILE’s history, function, and role in the community. He went on to ask the Chairs of some SMILE Committees to describe their committees, and what they do. Those who responded included, in order, David Schoellhamer, Zack Duffly, Elizabeth Milner (as well as Ezra Cohen, who chairs the new “Friends of Oaks Bottom” SNAC subcommittee), R. Corless, Bob Burkholder, Jim Friscia, and Elaine O’Keefe.

Fulford concluded by encouraging everyone living in, working in, or owning property in, the Sellwood-Westmoreland neighborhood – all of whom are considered SMILE Members – to consider running for the open Board seats in May (the election will take place on May 5-6 online, and will have a paper ballot voting option for those preferring it, with the election overseen and conducted by our Neighborhood Coalition, Southeast Uplift). And, he suggested, if not ready yet to run for the Board, perhaps join a SMILE committee.

The featured speaker at the meeting had been announced as Oregon State Representative Karin Power, and she was present, and was introduced next. She shared her background

(she is a third-term State Representative in Salem, and “the youngest mom in the legislature”). She is currently Chair of the Early Childhood Education Committee, and is on several other committees. She commented that the current “federal investment in ‘early learning’ is unprecedented”. She then declared herself open to questions, and responded to questions on homelessness, early childhood legislative bills, state land use rules, childhood poverty, the Portland Harbor environmental cleanup, new environmental legislative bills, and affordable housing. [She provided hotlinks leading to further information on some of these topics in the “chat box” of the ZOOM meeting, so those chat notes are appended to these minutes, to provide access to those hotlinks.]

Jim Friscia – this time representing the new SMILE Events Committee – announced that there would be several informal live music opportunities coming up in the neighborhood, on Thursday afternoons, from April 15 to the end of July, at Sellwood Community House. And, he added, there would be other live music events in the neighborhood throughout the summer.

On behalf of the new SMILE Communications Committee, Elaine O’Keefe reported that the major effort of the committee this month is to attract the attention of neighborhood people, encouraging them to be candidates for the Board Election in May.

President Fulford thanked all who attended the meeting, and invited everyone back to attend the April Board Meeting on the 21st, via ZOOM. He then declared the meeting to be adjourned, at 8:56 p.m.

Zoom Chat Notes from SMILE General Meeting 04-07-2021

19:28:07 From Eric Norberg to Everyone : Eric Norberg
19:28:32 From Jim Friscia to Everyone : Jim Friscia, SMILE Board Member
19:28:33 From Simon Fulford, SMILE President to Everyone : Simon Fulford, SMILE President
19:29:07 From Neal Spinler (he/him/his) to Everyone : Neal Spinler, SMILE board member
19:29:21 From Duff Hall to Everyone : Hi, I'm Duff, new to the Sellwood neighborhood.
19:29:22 From Ezra Cohen to Everyone : Ezra Cohen, Co-founder of Friends of Oaks Bottom
19:29:28 From Spence Williams to Everyone : Spence Williams, Sellwood Resident/ Dem. PCP
19:30:00 From Patrick Hainley to Everyone : Pat Hanley Treasurer
19:30:03 From TK Conrad to Everyone : TK Conrad, Sellwood resident
19:30:25 From Lisa Sheppard to Everyone : Lisa Sheppard- Community and Events member
19:30:47 From Rose- CP/CommunitySafety to Everyone : Rose/Community Safety
19:31:45 From Elizabeth to Everyone : Elizabeth Milner, SMILE board member
19:31:51 From Robert Burkholder to Everyone : Bob Burkholder VP SMILE
19:32:19 From Elaine O'Keefe to Everyone : Elaine O'Keefe Board member
19:32:23 From yachi iisako to Everyone : Yachi Iisako, Portland State University
19:34:22 From Elizabeth to Everyone : Lawrence O'Donnell?
19:34:59 From Lisa Sheppard to Everyone : Bruce Community member
19:39:34 From Stan Scotton to Everyone : Brenda Scotton attended 4/7/21 Smile Mtg.
19:41:29 From Duff Hall to Everyone : approve
19:41:59 From Yachi Iisako - PSU/Neighbor to Everyone : Yachi Iisako - Live in Sellwood and work at PSU. Christina is a visiting scholar from South Korea and studying at PSU about Neighborhood Association and Community Engagement.
19:42:52 From Spence Williams to Everyone : I lived in Korea from 1988- 90.
19:48:11 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : @Yachi; Welcome. Which program is Christina working with at PSU?
19:48:26 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : Can someone post a link to the bylaws for SMILE/
19:48:44 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : Is there a job description for board members?
19:49:23 From Simon Fulford, SMILE President to Everyone : Bylaws are listed on our website (I'm pretty sure) or we can share.
19:49:41 From Simon Fulford, SMILE President to Everyone : Bylaws give quick overview of board duties/role.
19:49:47 From Yachi Iisako - PSU/Neighbor to Everyone : @Brenda She is part of the Professional Development Program hosted within the Hatfield School of Government: <https://www.pdx.edu/center-for-public-service/korea-programs>
19:51:43 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : @Yachi: Thank you so much for posting the link! I thought it would likely be a program through the School. I'll have a look at the information.
19:52:49 From Spence Williams to Everyone : SMILE By-Laws: <https://sellwood.org/by-laws/>
19:54:04 From David Schoellhamer, Land Use Committee Chair to Everyone : SMILE Land Use Info: <https://sellwood.org/land-use/> . We meet first Wednesday of the month at 6PM. Sign up for SMILE committee Emails at <http://smilesellwood.wpengine.com/subscribe/>
19:54:23 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : Here is a link to the bylaws: http://smilesellwood.wpengine.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/SMILE_Bylaws_-_2011_8.3_complete.pdf
19:54:51 From Duff Hall to Everyone : Will Salmon Celebration happen this year?
19:56:27 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : I encourage the board to review and update the bylaws. The posted bylaws, revised in 2011, are due for an update.
19:58:24 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : I would be willing to volunteer my time and expertise to facilitate the discussion and process for revising the bylaws.
19:59:50 From Simon Fulford, SMILE President to Everyone : They are very out of date, I agree, and it's been on our "to do" list. Would love to engage you in helping out!
20:04:49 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : Thank you, Simon! Happy to be a part of the conversation.

20:06:51 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : I should have underscored my willingness to facilitate the conversation.

20:08:42 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : Elections are on May 5th! Less than a month away!

20:09:43 From Spence Williams to Everyone : We don't have a Q&A box

20:10:06 From David Schoellhamer, Land Use Committee Chair to Simon Fulford, SMILE President(Direct Message) : SMILE population about 13K, not 40K

20:10:11 From Simon Fulford, SMILE President to Everyone : Please type any questions in the chat and we will try to get to them.

20:10:39 From Simon Fulford, SMILE President to Everyone : OOOPS, I've been corrected: SMILE population is 13,000.

20:10:45 From Jim Friscia to Everyone : To ask a question, please enter it into the chat or raise your hand and ask.

20:13:13 From Rose- CP/CommunitySafety to Everyone : What's new agenda changes • with providing for homeless camps?

20:13:28 From Rose- CP/CommunitySafety to Everyone : also any update PortlandPolice

20:16:23 From Elizabeth to Everyone : Can you tell us what bills related to early childhood are being considered in this session?

20:21:01 From David Schoellhamer, Land Use Committee Chair to Everyone : This session is there any likely followup Land Use/housing legislation to HB2001, which eliminated single dwelling zoning?

20:22:11 From Spence Williams to Everyone : Are we prepared to use the State grant monies in the American Rescue Plan Act to work toward the eliminate childhood poverty in Oregon?

20:22:51 From Spence Williams to Everyone : elimination

20:23:14 From Simon Fulford, SMILE President to Brenda Ray Scott(Direct Message) : HI Brenda. Please email me on simonrfulford@gmail.com so I can follow up re ByLaws. Thanks!

20:23:52 From Brenda Ray Scott to Simon Fulford, SMILE President(Direct Message) : Hi there: Absolutely!

20:27:03 From Elizabeth to Everyone : Do you have an idea of what the process might be for how those federal dollars might be distributed for early childhood? Sorry if you already mentioned it- I lost internet for a few minutes!

20:33:20 From Rose- CP/CommunitySafety to Everyone : Please explain what 'Equity policing' is!

20:41:16 From Karin Power (she/her) to Everyone :
<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/kotek/Documents/2021%20Oregon%20Budget%20Virtual%20Hearings.pdf>

20:42:18 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : Can we get Karin Power's social media handles?

20:42:28 From Karin Power (she/her) to Everyone :
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Committees/HJUDEP/Overview>

20:42:49 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : Equitable Policing

20:45:04 From James Barta to Everyone : Twitter: https://twitter.com/karin_power

20:45:12 From Karin Power (she/her) to Everyone :
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Committees/HJUD/2021-04-06-17-15/Agenda>

20:45:27 From Brenda Ray Scott to Everyone : Thank you. I also follow her on Facebook.

20:46:04 From Rose- CP/CommunitySafety to Everyone : Our concern is with the decline in Officers do PPB have other plans Rose

20:48:58 From Jim Friscia to Everyone : <http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/power>

20:49:58 From Jim Friscia to Everyone : To sign up for Sat meeting --
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMvcOyprTkVgdTfuGaN_uWk_QWDZqOv576

20:54:01 From Elizabeth to Everyone : Thank you to SMILE for sponsoring our first few musicians!