

# **SMILE Board Meeting Minutes**

**July 21, 2021**

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**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Simon Fulford, President; Pat Haainley, Treasurer;  
Eric Norberg, Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elaine O’Keefe, Jim Friscia, Bob Burkholder,  
Elizabeth Milner, Zack Duffly

**ALSO ATTENDING:** R. Corless

*Due to social distancing measures ordered by the State of Oregon to avoid spreading the COVID-19 coronavirus, this meeting was conducted online using the ZOOM application, with advance notice of the meeting having been made online – advising how any interested persons could join it by requesting the admission code.*

President Simon Fulford called the July SMILE Board Meeting to order at 7:36 p.m., and began by explaining our meeting protocols; announcing that the meeting is being recorded; and reviewing the agenda. Then – noting the presence of a quorum – he invited a review of the minutes of the June 16 SMILE Board Meeting. One correction was noted. Then Elaine O’Keefe moved that the minutes be approved as amended; Bob Burkholder seconded the motion; and, after the vote, Simon announced the motion as having carried unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was a report from Jim Friscia, representing SMILE’s new ad-hoc Events Committee. He was asked, “How are the concerts going?” The free concerts SMILE is helping to underwrite are going well; there were over 150 attendees at the first one. There has been a “SMILE table” at the first two concerts, “meeting our goal of more outreach”; and Jim invited Board Members to help staff the “SMILE table” at the remaining concerts (the last one is August 28). As for the return of the annual SMILE Neighborhood Cleanup: Since the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association is partnering with SMILE this year in presenting that, ENA wants a letter from SMILE to formalize that both its costs and any profits will be shared equally. Simon Fulford said he is willing to provide such a letter.

Next, representing the SMILE ad-hoc Natural Amenities Committee (“SNAC”), Elizabeth Milner relayed a report from Friends of Moreland Woods, currently a subcommittee of SNAC. The tree-cutting has begun on the south end of the “Moreland Woods” lot, which is owned by Portland Memorial (“Foundation Partners”), to provide a parking lot for those attending memorial services. In response to a question from Simon, Elizabeth assured that only the trees already designated for cutting for that purpose have been cut. Elizabeth went on to suggest that SMILE act as a fiscal agent for Friends of Moreland Woods, while the group pursues its own 501c3 status. President Fulford said he didn’t see why not. Meantime, Elizabeth said, the “Springwater Meadows” park developed by SNAC with SMILE backing is being regularly maintained, as it has been by SNAC volunteers for five years now. The land is on Metro property, on S.E. 9th Avenue, between Marion and Linn Streets.

R. Corless, Chair of the SMILE Crime Prevention Committee, reported that it is continuing its partnership with the Portland Police Bureau and with the City of Portland Office of Civic Life. Due to resident calls to the city about the shooting homicide near Ochoco Street on the Springwater Trail over a month ago, she will touch bases with the investigating detective to ask whether any arrest is pending. There has been some significant cleanup of the trail entrance on Ochoco Street and nearby, to remove trash and a burned car. It is very clean now, and looks good. A speaker from Transition Projects, operator for the County of the “Willamette Center” shelter in Westmoreland, is expected to appear at a SMILE meeting in September. Ms. Corless says he wants to change the name of the Crime Prevention Committee to the Community Safety Committee, in accordance with the current policies of the city’s Office of Civic Life; Eric Norberg pointed out that as a SMILE Standing Committee, its name is specified in the SMILE Bylaws, and the Bylaws would have to be changed to make such a change – which is a multi-month process.

*(According to Article 8 of the current SMILE Bylaws, the Standing Committees of SMILE are: Land Use, Transportation, Oaks Pioneer Church, SMILE Station, Crime Prevention, Nominating, Finance, and History. All other SMILE Committees are ad-hoc – and can be set up, can change their name, and can be dissolved, all without any change to the Bylaws.)*

Christina Timberlake, who is now overseeing both the Oaks Pioneer Church and SMILE Station for maintenance, booking, and revenue purposes, appeared before the Board to report that the Church bookings are doing well. April income was \$7,300; May revenue was \$9,400; and June revenue was \$8,600. Future bookings are coming in for as far off as 2023. Christina wants to raise the church rental fees for Fridays to match the weekend rates; and she wants to raise the \$750 package to \$850, effective October 1 – changes which she said should not adversely affect the bookings. Simon Fulford said, “Do it; just send the new schedule [of fees] to the Board.”

Christine suggested updating the bathroom at the church to make it more attractive and useful for brides. She also wants to increase rental pricing at SMILE Station, effective October 1; but is allowing long-term renters to retain their current rates for the time being. She reported that the updating of the floor covering in SMILE Station has begun. She went on to discuss various fixes and upgrades, both those already-approved and those still needed. Simon asked her to create a prioritized list of needed upgrades and repairs. Elaine O’Keefe suggested that SMILE have a “reserve study” done professionally for SMILE Station, to get an idea of when replacements to various equipment and facilities there would be needed.

As the final agenda item, Pat Hainley proposed that SMILE talk with the Parks Department about the house on Parks’ property just north of the Oaks Pioneer Church – about making it a resource for SMILE and for the Portland Audubon Society. He suggested it could be a wedding reception facility. The city has been renting it to individuals as a residence, but Pat observed that currently, “It is just an overgrown piece of garbage.” The structure is 1,000 sq.ft., on a 5,000 sq.ft. lot, assessed at \$450,000. Simon said he favors further discussion on this idea; Pat said he would like to pursue this in partnership with the Audubon Society.

Pat then moved the meeting be adjourned. Bob Burkholder seconded. The motion carried with apparent unanimity at 8:57 p.m.