

Wednesday, June 7, 2023
At SMILE Station, S.E. 13th at Tenino

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VISITORS: Connie Shipley, Paula Sorenson (Royal Rosarians)

Connie Shipley and her colleague on the Royal Rosarians Paula Sorenson were present to report on the 50th anniversary of the Milk Carton Boat Races in Westmoreland Park's Casting Pond, on Sunday, June 25 – the last official Rose Festival event of the year, and the only one in our part of Southeast Portland. The Royal Rosarians now run the event, and the key sponsor is Alpenrose Dairy. 29 boats are registered in the races, across all categories, as of today's date – more than competed last year, and there's still room for lots more. It's free to

attend, and fun for the whole family, but spectators are asked to bring one or more nonperishable food items to donate to feed the hungry.

Elizabeth Milner spoke on behalf of Sellwood Community House, at which summer camps start on June 20. She detailed summer events at SCH through August.

President Dugan pointed out there has been considerable community interest in the three proposed “Draft District Plans” on how to equally divide the city into four districts, from which two City Council members each will be elected to the newly-chartered form of government recently approved by the voters.

SMILE Board Member MacKenzie Torres explained the three proposals on how to divide the four city districts, only one of which puts SMILE into a new district for Southeast Portland. The other two put it in the same district as Downtown Portland.

She explained that “Draft Map Alder” was designed to “preserve established neighborhood boundaries”, although it places SMILE as well as Eastmoreland in the same district as South Portland and Downtown Portland. “Draft Map Cedar” was designed to “prioritize transit corridors”; the dividing line on that one in Southeast Portland is McLoughlin Boulevard, everything west of which would go into the same district as South and Downtown Portland. “Draft Map Maple” was intended to “keep much of the central city together”, and sit also takes rental patterns into consideration, but is the only one of the three to keep SMILE part of the district serving Southeast Portland.

Torres pointed out that public input is being sought; there will be eight public opportunities in July, ending on July 22nd. A number of questions, observations, and discussion followed.

That completed the agenda for the meeting. President Dugan invited any other discussion sought by anyone present on any neighborhood-related topic. There was no further topic suggested. He then reminded everyone present that there are opportunities to participate in any aspect of living in the neighborhood of interest by joining the appropriate or relevant SMILE Committee.

No quorum having developed during the course of the meeting, President Dugan then declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.