

S.M.I.L.E. BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011; SMILE STATION

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and
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Officers and Directors present: President Mat Millenbach, Vice President Sean Murray, Treasurer Pat Hainley, and Secretary Eric Norberg; and Directors Eric Miller, Nate Maki, Sarah Heath, Nancy Walsh, and Tom Ramsey

President Mat Millenbach called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm -- and began by asking everyone present to introduce himself or herself. He then presented "SMILE Award" certificates to Nancy Walsh, "for finally getting the church repainted!" -- and to Eric Miller, in thanks for his community service, as he prepares for a sabbatical to Montreal for half a year. Mat also had a certificate for Pat Hainley, who was not yet present.

Mat asked the Board for a review of the minutes of the October meeting; Eric Miller moved they be approved as submitted, and Tom Ramsey seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

Mat announced that since Eric Miller is resigning his seat effective December 1st, we will need a special election in January to fill his seat. He said he had already identified a good candidate -- Michael Haig -- but nominations will be welcomed from the floor prior to the election.

Matt Wickstrom was present -- he is the Southeast District Liaison, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability -- to discuss the draft Portland Plan with us. The full version and summary versions of the plan are posted online at: www.PDXplan.com. The plan addresses, "Where are we, and where do we want to be in 2035?"

The Portland Plan process started four years ago with "Vision PDX", leading eventually to this draft plan. "The key issue is 'equity'. Be inclusive." In the surveying process, the three points that rose to the top were: (1) Jobs; (2) Education; (3) Healthy Connected City (integrated strategy). "Affordability" is a part of #3. Additional detail of #3: The plan has five-year action plans to take steps towards the final goals for 2035. Plans are collaborative with other local governments.

Wickstrom passed out an 8-page summary, and then went through the points in it with the SMILE Board. Written comments are being accepted through December 28. (The "Comprehensive Plan" discussion starts in January, he added.)

Pat Hainley arrived at this point and received his award certificate for negotiating the new church lease with PP&R.

Two women from Eastmoreland were present, and on the agenda at their own request, to urge SMILE to adopt a resolution opposing installation of cellular antennas on the top of utility poles in their neighborhood (specifically at S.E. Ogden and 37th). Eric Norberg contested some of their points, and other Board members asked questions.

Mat Millenbach then offered to the Board a condensed version of Eastmoreland's proposed resolution. Mat invited a motion to adopt the condensed resolution. Nate Maki said that he opposed the idea of requesting a one-year moratorium on cellular antenna construction in the city, although he was in favor of more dialogue with the city over such matters.

Board members and Mat Millenbach suggested some revised wording at the end of the condensed resolution being offered. Nate moved it be adopted, and Eric Miller seconded. The vote was 8 in favor and 1 opposed. The resolution was adopted. The newly worded resolution that was adopted reads:

"As community leaders, the responsibility for preserving the character and livability of our neighborhoods is a challenge we take very seriously. T-Mobile is currently attempting a major build-out of cell towers near private homes on quiet residential streets which the city describes as 'Priority Four'... the least desirable places in the City for cell towers. We support the communities in Eastmoreland, Alameda, and Concordia in having their voices heard in the placement of cell towers in their neighborhoods."¹

Mat Millenbach announced that he had visited Southeast Uplift to examine the "archive" of SMILE records in their possession -- which they had proposed transferring to storage at City Hall, or alternatively returning to SMILE. He elected to take possession of the single carton of records in their possession and bring them back to SMILE Station for storage.

There being no more business, Pat Hainley moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Eric Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 8:57 pm.

¹ In the interest of accuracy: The cellular installations to which this resolution refers are not actually placement of new "towers", but the installation of cellular transmitting antennas at the top of existing wooden utility poles.