

S.M.I.L.E. GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012; SMILE STATION

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Officers and Directors present: President Mat Millenbach, Vice President Sean Murray, Treasurer Pat Hainley, and Secretary Eric Norberg; and Director Nancy Walsh.

President Mat Millenbach called the monthly SMILE General Public Meeting to order at 7:34 pm, and began by inviting introductions around the room. Announcements followed -- Tina Osterink and Mat will be at the first meeting of our new Natural Amenities Committee at SMILE Station on January 16. A local resident will host a discussion of the "Occupy" movement, at his own request, at SMILE Station on January 11th.

The primary item of business on the agenda tonight was the special Board election, previously announced in the manner required in the SMILE bylaws, to replace Eric Miller on the Board. Miller resigned effective December 1 for a sabbatical in Quebec; his two-year Board term would have concluded this May, so the Board member elected tonight will complete his term.

The only candidate entered as a nominee for the special election was Michael Hayes. Mat Millenbach invited additional nominations from those attending the meeting; no additional names were entered into nomination. With only one nominee, Mat asked if anyone in the room wanted to proceed with the secret ballot prepared for use at this meeting. No one did. He then asked for a show of hands in favor of electing Hayes. Everyone qualified to vote, by being a declared member of SMILE who was in attendance, raised his or her hand. Hayes was thus elected by the unanimous vote of those in attendance at the meeting.

Congratulating Hayes upon his election, Millenbach then introduced him for the previously-scheduled agenda item Hayes had requested -- a discussion of possible neighborhood participation in the "Portland Fruit Tree Project". He explained that his thought was that fruit trees might be a very desirable improvement at a specific vacant public spot along the Springwater Trail in the "Sellwood Gap" between the Sellwood Bridge and S.E. 13th; there are some irregular pieces of land left after the planned trail construction in the "gap", he observed, and the parcel he has in mind is a triangular site near S.E. 9th and Linn.

The Portland Fruit Tree Project, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, has a "community garden" project to grow orchards to benefit the "nutritionally challenged", Hayes explained. He said he had

looked into this, and thinks the idea could be useful to the community. He went on to outline the idea, and his understanding of the group and its requirements. Much detail would need to be addressed if SMILE were to apply to the organization, but Hayes said his intent tonight was not to ask for action, but simply to determine if there were any community interest in the idea. There seemed to be interest.

Mat Millenbach explained that if SMILE is to make an application to the organization, a deadline looms at the end of January. He said the SMILE Board will discuss this at the Board meeting in two weeks. Hayes concluded by reviewing the questions which would have to be answered to complete the application. Pat Hainley asked for details of what costs, now and in the future, SMILE might incur by successfully applying. No specific answer to that question was available at this point, but one may be forthcoming at the Board meeting on January 18.

A meeting attendee next arose to express the desire for community pressure on 7-Eleven to add landscaping at the planned new store location on the northeast corner of S.E. 17th and Tacoma; Eric Norberg pointed out that the landowner that 7-Eleven is leasing from is probably the party which would be responsible for such. Mat Millenbach pointed out that the city may require new landscaping as a condition of granting the necessary permits, which as far as he knows have not yet been applied for. However, SMILE's Land Use Committee is already preparing a comment for the city expressing the desire for new landscaping at this location as part of the permitting process.

Nancy Walsh announced that the first meeting of the year of the SMILE "Sundae In The Park" Committee will take place on Wednesday the 11th at 7:30 pm at SMILE Station (it will meet at this hour each second Wednesday evening of the month through July). Since, as previously reported, a local resident is holding a discussion on the "Occupy" movement at the same time in the main SMILE Station meeting room on January 11th, the committee meeting will meet in the basement, which is accessed by the north-side external stairway. Anyone interested in the neighborhood's annual Sellwood Park event is warmly welcome to attend this meeting.

There being no other business, President Mat Millenbach declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.