

**S.M.I.L.E. BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012; SMILE STATION**

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Officers and Directors present: Vice President Sean Murray, Treasurer Pat Hainley, and Secretary Eric Norberg; and Directors Stan Hoffman, Nate Maki, Nancy Walsh, Michael Hayes, Dana Beck, Paul Notti, and Tom Ramsey

With President Mat Millenbach out of town, Vice President Sean Murray called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. He began by asking everyone present to introduce themselves, and with a quorum established, asked those present to approve the agenda; Eric Norberg moved it be approved, and Michael Hayes seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Murray then asked for a review of the minutes of the January Board meeting. Nate Maki moved that the minutes be accepted; Nancy Walsh seconded the motion; motion carried without dissent.

Kris Heiberg appeared before the Board to discuss the SMILE Cleanup in Westmoreland Park on the third Saturday in May -- a tradition for 30 years in the neighborhood -- which has won recognition from Oregon's Governor for its longevity. Kris has been heading it up for 28 years, and said she now is hoping to find a committed volunteer to work with her, and to eventually take over the chairmanship of the event. She added that the cleanup needs better signage than it currently has. To get Metro support, we need an area for reusable goods, which we offered last year -- we plan to handle this better this year. She passed out a financial spreadsheet of the 2011 cleanup. Those interested in volunteering to work with her on this are invited to discuss it by calling her at 503/969-5061.

Nancy Walsh was next to speak -- updating the Board on early plans for this year's Sundae in the Park, on the first Sunday in August in Sellwood Park. Pam Orser is working on getting our permit for this -- and for the May SMILE neighborhood cleanup, too. We need more SMILE Board members helping us run parts of Sundae in the Park this year! She will keep the Board updated each month as we advance in our plans for its 33rd year.

Nanci Champlin reported to the Board on the possibility of establishing an "Eco District" here -- one outcome of SMILE having paid registration for her to attend a conference late last year which included, among other things, the concept of Eco Districts. She distributed a flyer which explained what these are, which provoked a dialogue on this particular organized approach to "sustainability". She discussed aspects and step-by-step phases of establishing such districts, adding that

organizing and assessing a district takes about a year. There followed a discussion by Board members and attendees of the meeting to clarify aspects of the proposal, and to discuss its application to our neighborhood. Contact Nanci for more information or to assist: 503/821-9843.

Pati Galligher was on the agenda to discuss construction noise near the Sellwood Bridge, but was unable to appear.

Paul Notti was next, with a report from the Transportation Committee. He has personally met with TriMet and PDOT with regard to traffic calming on Tenino Street, discussing traffic control problems and speeding, and the lack of speed bumps there compared to most other east-west streets south of Tacoma Street. The city has agreed to do an analysis of speed and traffic volume on this narrow street, and is open to reducing the speed limit on it, if the neighborhood requests it. "It's a start."

Paul also met with these people about the detour bike route needed next year when the Springwater Corridor Trail is closed through Oaks Bottom to install a new culvert between the lagoon and the river. Safely crossing S.E. McLoughlin Boulevard at 17th at the north end of Westmoreland is a permanent concern for bicyclists and pedestrians alike -- beyond the short-term need to incorporate this into the bike detour. North of McLoughlin there will be a broad bike path as part of the MAX project.

In the meantime, PDOT has committed to a safety treatment for the large triangle-shaped intersection of S.E. Milwaukie at Mitchell (opposite the parking lot for the Westmoreland trail down to Oaks Bottom). Further, the city has reconfirmed some form of signalization for bicyclists at S.E. 19th and Tacoma, since 19th will be a north-south Bicycle Boulevard route. The neighborhood will have a say whether it will be a full stoplight signal or a flashing pedestrian/bicycle user-activated signal.

On another subject, Paul Notti pointed out the "Casa Diablo" issue may heat up again soon. Their liquor license application hearing has been repeatedly postponed by OLCC; it's now set for April. Sean Murray has been working on a Good Neighbor agreement with the Acropolis next door; could provide a precedent for Casa Diablo. Kris Heiberg said the Acropolis has never been a good neighbor, and still won't. We'll review, next month.

Dana Beck pointed out that a just-scheduled "Artists for Sellwood Bridge Public Art" open house event is slated for Feb. 23-24, partly at SMILE Station, and we should be prepared to offer refreshments if none are otherwise provided. Paul Notti moved SMILE appropriate up to \$200 for this purpose if needed; Pat Hainley seconded; the motion passed without objection.

Pat Hainley then moved, and Nancy Walsh seconded, adjournment. The motion carried with apparent unanimity at 9:11 pm.