

SMILE GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013
SMILE Station

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Officers and Directors present: President Mat Millenbach,
Treasurer Pat Hainley, Secretary Eric Norberg; and
Directors Gerri Sue Lent, Michael Hayes, and Nancy Walsh

President Mat Millenbach called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm, and began with a request for introductions from all in the room. Since there were not enough people in attendance to constitute a quorum, the review and approval of the minutes of the December General Public Meeting was deferred.

President Millenbach reminded those present that the Sellwood Bridge will close for its move to temporary piers just north on Thursday, January 17, and it will be closed for one week for this purpose. When the bridge has been shifted onto the temporary piers to the north, it will serve as a detour bridge during the time in which its replacement will be constructed.

Ms. Gaylen Beatty was present to update SMILE on its own "rain garden and hedgerow", which she said was installed on the east side of SMILE Station "a couple of years ago", and which she said still "looks good". Nancy Walsh pointed out, however, that she herself had done maintenance of this garden from time to time to trim overgrowth and pull weeds. Ms. Beatty said she believes the rain garden has proven not to increase water leaks into the SMILE basement, contrary to some initial fears.

Millenbach asked Beatty about her background in working on such projects; she responded that she works for the "Columbia Land Trust", and this organization also partners with the Audubon Society. She said that such "rain garden certifications" last for three years, after which each one must be renewed -- and she said SMILE will be contacted at the end of the current period about recertification of its own rain garden.

Sarah Heath was next to appear before the meeting -- on behalf of the "Healthy Children -- Healthy Planet" discussion course which will take place at SMILE Station at 7 pm on Tuesday evening, January 22. SMILE is listed as a sponsor of this event, having purchased 12 copies of its textbook.

Nancy Walsh took advantage of an announcement period after the completion of the agenda items to announce that the SMILE ad-hoc Sundae in the Park Committee will resume meeting "in a month or so", Volunteers are invited to help us plan the 2013 event.

President Millenbach announced the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.