

SMILE GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING

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OFFICERS PRESENT: Gail Hoffnagle, President; Mat Millenbach, Vice President; Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Walsh; Miriam Erb; Bob Burkholder; Corinne Stefanick; Ellen Burr; Nanci Champlin; Brian Posewitz

President Hoffnagle called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm, noting the presence of a quorum, with attendees still arriving. She announced that the main agenda item of the night would be the annual SMILE Board election, followed by a report from the various SMILE committees on the past year. She then asked those present to introduce themselves, around the room.

Hoffnagle next turned the meeting over to Miriam Erb, Board member and Chair of this year's Nominating and Election Committee, who explained SMILE's election process. Each officer position serves one year, and the President position is limited to two consecutive one-year terms. The at-large Board members serve two-year terms, but this year we have one Board member resigning after one year of service (Ellen Burr). Everyone is to vote for four nominees for the two-year Board seats, and the top four vote getters will be elected to those seats. The fifth highest vote getter will be elected to the remainder of the resigned seat – one year. And since a sixth Board member is running for President (Corinne Stefanick), and if she is elected, she will vacate her at-large Board seat, and the sixth highest vote getter in the election will be elected to complete the second year of Corinne's term on the Board.

Miriam asked if there were any additional nominations for any of the four officer positions. None were offered, so each of the individuals running for those four seats will be running unopposed (although there is a write-in line provided on the ballot for each officer position). The four candidates for the four officer positions were invited to speak briefly on their candidacy: Eric Norberg for Secretary, Gail Hoffnagle for Vice President, Pat Hainley for Treasurer, and Corinne Stefanick for President.

Miriam went on to discuss expectations of at-large Board members: Attending most of the monthly General and Board meetings; participating in committees of interest. The committees are also open to members from the community with no Board affiliation. Miriam asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor for any of the at-large Board seats; there were none offered. However, there were more identified candidates than available seats (9), plus additional write-in lines for at-large Board positions on each ballot.

Miriam Erb asked each of the identified candidates for at-large Board seats to stand and briefly speak on their interest in joining the Board. In speaking order, they were: Bob

Burkholder, Jennifer Boumann (absent, and thus unable to speak), Teneisha Caceres, Michael Hayes, J.R. Meyer, Mat Millenbach, David Schoellhamer, Steve Szigethy, and Nancy Walsh.

Attendees were qualified as members of SMILE – by residence, business representation, or property ownership – at the time of their entrance and signing in, by members of the Nominating/Election Committee, before being given a ballot. With the introductory talks by the candidates completed, those with ballots were asked to vote for one candidate each for the officer positions, and for no more than four candidates for the at-large Board positions – and then fold their ballot and give them to a member of the Nominating/Election Committee circulating around the room. When all ballots had been collected, the committee members retired to the basement, along with Katy Asher of Southeast Uplift, to tally the ballots. Asher was there to supervise the process for accuracy and fairness.

While the ballots were tallied in the basement by the Nominating/Election Committee, the other standing and ad-hoc active SMILE Committees gave annual reports on their activities: SNAC (Stewardship of Natural Amenities Committee), Land Use Committee, Transportation Committee, Crime Prevention Committee, and from Nancy Walsh a combined SMILE Station/Oaks Pioneer Church and Sundae in the Park Committee report. The Emergency Preparedness Committee reported, and then Pat Hainley reminded all present of the upcoming SMILE Neighborhood Cleanup at the south end of Westmoreland Park a week from Saturday (“the oldest continuous neighborhood cleanup in the state”).

Gail Hoffnagle, who participates on a Portland planning committee on parking issues, gave a report on that: The city is planning the use of various remedies for parking problems – such as meters, permits, and parking limits – but is not addressing how to provide more parking spaces (“stalls”). There followed a discussion by Gail with attendees on elements of, and concerns about, parking issues. Hoffnagle personally thanked Committee Chairs for the year.

Hoffnagle as her last Presidential act asked for the April SMILE General Public Meeting minutes to be reviewed. Nancy Walsh moved they be accepted as presented, and Miriam Erb seconded the motion, which carried without apparent objection.

The Nominating/Election Committee, and Katy Asher from Southeast Uplift, emerged from the basement with the election results. The four officer positions were unopposed and were elected. The four two-year at-large Board seats went to the top four vote-getters – in alphabetical order: Bob Burkholder, Mat Millenbach, Steve Szigethy, and Nancy Walsh. The two additional term-completion one-year seats went to the fifth and sixth highest vote-getters: Teneisha Caceres and David Schoellhamer.

At that, Pat Hainley moved the meeting be adjourned; Bob Burkholder seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously at 8:39 pm.