

President Stefanick asked the Board if it wants to hear at each Board meeting about the various OLCC notices and demolition/land use notices that we routinely receive, or simply circulate them? The sense of the new Board seemed to be: Circulate them, and then only discuss at the Board meetings those the Board wants to discuss – in order to streamline the process. There followed some discussion of demolitions in the neighborhood, and the Board policy as might relate to these matters.

Stefanick brought up the issue of a planned city homeless camp near OMSI. The city wants to move the “Right 2 Dream 2” camp from its current location on a demolished commercial property on West Burnside over to the east side of the Willamette River, and is focusing on a property a short distance east of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, which is now being examined for environmental impacts. It is surplus property owned by the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT). “The goal [of the city policy] is to reduce homelessness by 50%,” said Corinne. No action by the city is expected on this encampment until the environmental and service issues there are resolved. There followed some discussion of this matter by the Board.

Pat Hainley said that he had, as requested, arranged access to our “blog website”, www.SellwoodMoreland.org, for President Stefanick – and she can delegate others to receive such access.

On another matter, Pat Hainley went on to make a motion that Corinne Stefanick and Gail Hoffnagle, our President and Vice President, become authorized signers on our checking account; that Mat Millenbach and Sean Murray be removed from the list of authorized signers; and that he and Eric Norberg remain as authorized signers. Nancy Walsh seconded this procedural motion, which then carried unanimously.

The balance of the meeting was devoted to Nanci Champlin’s “branding SMILE” presentation, continued from the last Board meeting. She distributed a general “elevator speech” form about SMILE, with lots of blank spaces on it, in which Board members were to provide the most appropriate words to fill the spaces. Each Board member was to present his or her “elevator speech” about SMILE after completing this form. After a quiet period in which each Board member prepared this exercise, all proceeded to present their versions of the speech.

At the end of the meeting, Board members – particularly the newly-elected ones – were invited to state their areas of interest, and their motives for joining the Board.

When this discussion concluded, Nancy Walsh moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Steve Szigethy seconded the motion, which then carried with apparent unanimity at 9:19 pm.