

comes,” Eileen said, “SMILE may be asked for a letter of support” for such a project. Vice President Gail Hoffnagle then voiced her appreciation for the work by Eileen and Dana do, and her comment drew a round of applause from the Board.

Nanci Chapin reported that she had submitted a proposal to Metro for funding for our Sellwood Gap project in April, and she has now been invited back by Metro for a full-funding-request presentation. She will proceed with that, and we should know the outcome in August. She added that ours is one of the few projects being considered for a developed area, and that could work in our favor. The Board gave a round of applause to Nanci.

A letter from a local resident has led to some concern of possible safety issues involving the stringing of lights (and later removing them) from our SMILE Christmas Tree, which is now part of the Oaks Bottom Overlook pocket park. Pat and Matt Hainley were present, and gave background and detail on this annual Holiday project. Some Board members commented that it would be unfortunate for this long-standing community year-end tradition to be lost. No decision was made at this time.

President Stefanick brought up the Southeast Uplift Land Use and Transportation Committee, and she and Steve Szigethy voiced the thought that perhaps our Land Use and Transportation Committees could similarly be combined. Mat Millenbach suggested they be kept separate (and the bylaws may require it). Gail Hoffnagle and Eric Norberg both expressed the thought that those interested in one committee are often not interested in the other, and combined meetings would of necessity be longer, and thus less appealing to attend. No decision was made on this idea at this time.

Meantime, as head of our Transportation Committee, Szigethy reported that ODOT will be at the July 1st General Meeting to discuss the resurfacing of McLoughlin Boulevard from S.E. Harold Street south into the City of Milwaukie in 2017.

David Schoellhamer was unable to attend tonight’s meeting, but Miriam Erb expressed appreciation for all the work already done by this new Board member. David is heading our Land Use Committee, and is our representative to the SEUL Land Use and Transportation Committee. But, he will not be our overall representative on the Southeast Uplift Board; but we need one. Gail Hoffnagle then volunteered for that responsibility, leading Steve Szigethy to move, and Pat Hainley and others on the Board to second, that Gail be named our official representative to the SEUL Board. The motion carried unanimously.

President Stefanick ended the meeting by announcing that there is a new Chair of our Crime Committee – Karen Tam, who was present to acknowledge her role. The committee will meet in SMILE Station on Tuesdays.

President Stefanick then announced the meeting as being adjourned, at 9:04 pm.