

SMILE GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING

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OFFICERS PRESENT: Corinne Stefanick, President; Gail Hoffnagle, Vice President; Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Walsh; Miriam Erb; David Schoellhamer; Tenisha Caceres; Steve Szigethy; Mat Millenbach

President Stefanick called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm, and asked those present to introduce themselves, around the room. She announced that the Board had voted at its June Board meeting to dispense with the August General and Board meetings this year, and thus the next General meeting would be on September 2nd.

She then invited a review of the minutes of the May 6 and June 3 General Meetings, as a quorum was being attained. After the review was completed and the presence of a quorum was confirmed, Steve Szigethy moved both sets of minutes be accepted as presented, and Tenisha Caceres seconded the motion, which then passed without objection.

The meeting began with Nicole Peirce, ODOT Project Leader for a planned repaving project on S.E. McLoughlin Boulevard (State Highway 99-E), from S.E. Harold Street south to Harrison Street in Milwaukie, in the summer of 2017. The part between Harold and the south end of Westmoreland Park will require a full reconstruction, right down to the bottom of the road bed. The bulk of the work will be performed at night or on the weekends. There will be noise, and a noise variance will be required from the City of Portland; there will be a “noise hotline” for troubled residents to call. Crystal Springs Creek will be carried under McLoughlin in a new culvert, five feet wider than the current bridged space (which is rotting), so the culvert should actually benefit salmon migration. Rich Watanabe, ODOT Metro East Manager, said that the project will require a few full-weekend closures in the northbound lanes, so he will be working to identify viable detour routes for these times. The project is only 30% into the design phase so far.

David Schoellhamer next reported on, and distributed, new proposed changes to the Portland zoning rules, for the construction of various types of accessory structures (incorporated into these minutes by reference). It appears that most of the revisions will substantially reduce allowed heights for such structures, but will permit building them much closer to the property lines. The city is currently seeking input from residents on these proposed zoning changes, which if implemented would become effective in 2016.

Gail Hoffnagle made a preliminary report on the community survey she and her committee implemented early this year. In her quick overview, she said there is much useful information for SMILE; and she observed that there is consensus on a variety of topics.

Gail's presentation led to some comments from those present, which developed a focus on safe bicycle routes to and from the Mitchell Street crosswalk on Milwaukie Avenue just south of McLoughlin Boulevard, at the Springwater Trail parking lot.

Nancy Walsh reported briefly on Sundae in the Park, now just a month away. It will take place in ("upper") Sellwood Park, as usual – and also as usual, it will be on the first Sunday in August, which this year is August 2. Printed flyers have just been delivered, and Nancy passed them out to those in the room, and asked those present to consider devoting some time that day to volunteering assistance to aspects of this storied neighborhood celebration.

Karen Tam, new Chair of the Crime and Safety Committee, announced that the committee would meet on Tuesday, July 14th, at SMILE Station – in the basement, if the upstairs meeting room is not available. (A time was not given, but it will most likely be in the early evening.)

There being no other business, Pat Hainley moved, and Nancy Walsh seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The subsequent vote appeared to be unanimous, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

The next General Meeting will be on Wednesday evening, September 2nd, at 7:30 pm, in SMILE Station.