

SMILE BOARD MEETING

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Szigethy; Bob Burkholder; David
Schoellhamer; Nancy Walsh; Nanci Champlin; Miriam Erb

President Stefanick called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm, and began by asking for self-introductions from the Board members present.

She reminded the Board that it had voted to cancel both the General and Board meetings in August, so today's Board meeting is the first such since July.

Stefanick invited the Board to review the minutes of the July 15th Board meeting; Steve Szigethy moved they be accepted as submitted, and Miriam Erb and Nanci Chapin simultaneously seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

President Stefanick reminded the Board that at the November 4th General Public Meeting we will hold the special election to fill the remainder of their terms on two seats on the Board – one being that of our former President and Vice President, Mat Millenbach; and the other being Teneisha Caceres. Both have moved out of the neighborhood, and consequently have resigned their seats. We are seeking candidates.

Stefanick next gave a brief report on the recent brief beetle infestation in Oaks Bottom. The bugs have died off, and the problem is thus resolved.

Nanci Champlin announced that SMILE and the S.N.A.C. committee have received a Metro grant we applied for, for \$12,000, to execute the project we have been developing over the last couple of years to enhance a section of the Springwater Corridor Trail in the "Sellwood Gap". The grant request title expressed the intent of the funds being sought: "Meadowscaping along the Springwater Trail: A Sellwood community pilot project".

Champlin went on to advise that the "Willamette Greenway" project manager from the Portland Parks Department has pointed out that some residents have encroached on public land along the new Sellwood Gap trail, and will be told of this problem – they will have to vacate their encroachment. SMILE will now be able to proceed with the opportunity to enhance the public land beside the trail. The project is expected to start in August of 2016.

President Stefanick reminded the Board that Sunday, September 27, from 11 am to 4 pm, will bring the popular "Sunday Parkways" bike and pedestrian event to Westmoreland and

Sellwood for the first time, and as a result there will be some areas here with restricted parking on that day – as well as a great many bicyclists and people on foot in the neighborhood. It will coincide with Salmon Celebration at Westmoreland Park.

Steve Szigethy gave a brief summary of the meeting of the Transportation Committee, of which he is the Chair, held just before tonight's Board meeting. He told the Board that the makeup of the membership of this committee, and the schedule by which it will meet, are both under debate at this time. The 19th Avenue Bikeway was one of the topics discussed at the meeting this evening.

President Stefanick reported that Carmen Van Nieuw Kirk, a new resident in the neighborhood and a webpage designer at Intel, has volunteered to assist with our Wordpress-based blog website (www.SellwoodMoreland.org), and has met both with herself and with Nanci Champlin. Nancy then showed suggestions for reorganizing the site and making it more reader-friendly. She showed a site map proposal, and discussed it. A general discussion on these points by Board members and spectators followed. Various suggestions were offered. Nanci will post the site map for further discussion.

David Schoellhamer, Chair of the Land Use Committee, was next to report. At S.E. 13th and Spokane Street a homeowner has an Air BNB license from the city, and wants to from the authorized two to four units for short-term rentals (Type B). Initial concerns about the impact of the extra guests on on-street parking there led to the Land Use Committee opposing this. However, further discussion with the applicants led to a Good Neighbor Agreement by which they will provide two on-site parking spaces.

The Land Use Committee decided to withdraw its opposition with the completion of the Good Neighbor Agreement. Miriam Erb made a motion that the Board accept the Good Neighbor Agreement, as distributed to Board members [and incorporated into these minutes by reference]. Nancy Walsh seconded the motion. Some misgivings about aspects of how Air BNB conducts its business were voiced during the comment period, but there were no misgivings offered about this particular agreement. The question was called, and the motion carried with 8 yes votes and 1 abstention.

Schoellhamer then went on to ask on behalf of the Land Use Committee that the SMILE Board authorize sending a letter [incorporated into these minutes by reference] to the Portland Mayor, City Council, and head of the Bureau of Planning Services, regarding what had been identified by the committee as flaws in the city's land use planning and review process. The letter had been circulated to Board members previously. Some discussion followed. Miriam Erb moved that the SMILE President send this letter to the designated recipients on behalf of the Board, and Nanci Champlin seconded. The motion carried with 7 yes votes and 2 abstentions.

Schoellhamer concluded his report by reporting that the Land Use Committee is arranging for a developer who is seeking a waiver to build an apartment house to a height of 49 feet to appear before SMILE to explain the rationale for such a waiver at a future meeting.

There being no further business on the agenda or offered from the floor, President Stefanick announced the meeting as having been adjourned at 9:02 pm.