

# SMILE BOARD MEETING

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

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elaine O’Keefe; Nanci Champlin, Miriam Erb, Steve Szigethy; Bob Burkholder; David Schoellhamer; Joel Leib; Nancy Walsh

President Stefanick called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm, and welcomed Elaine O’Keefe and Joel Leib, just elected, to the Board – and began by asking for self-introductions by all the Board members.

Stefanick asked that the Board review the minutes of the October 21 Board meeting, and after two clarifications were made and one misspelling was corrected, Steve Szigethy (whose name in one place constituted the misspelling) moved the minutes be approved as amended. Miriam Erb seconded; and the motion carried with one abstention.

The meeting began with a Transportation Committee Report, presented by its new Chair, Scott Kelly. The committee had met just prior to this Board meeting, and Kelly commented that it had had a good Sellwood Bridge presentation; adding that the County still plans a 35 MPH speed limit on the new bridge, same as on the old one – at least until ODOT does a speed study, at the County’s request. SMILE would like the speed limit to be the same as applies to Tacoma Street, which connects to the bridge. Kelly asked for a joint meeting with the Land Use Committee to coordinate on issues. He also seeks an updated report on the city’s Parking Committee from Gail Hoffnagle, our Vice President, who represents SMILE on that committee.

The Transportation Committee also tonight reviewed results of the recent SMILE Community Survey, with respect to transportation issues. There followed a general discussion on the difficulty of pedestrians crossing Bybee Boulevard at S.E. 14<sup>th</sup>, and related issues.

David Schoellhamer presented next, for the Land Use Committee – starting with business for the Board: Resubmitting testimony on aspects of the proposed Comprehensive Plan. One piece of previously-submitted testimony needing to be submitted again is about zoning on 13<sup>th</sup> between Sherrett and Linn – which is currently residential in nature, but is shown as commercial in the Comprehensive Plan – a change that both SMILE and the residents in the affected area found to be inappropriate. SMILE suggests instead that the zoning there remain as it is now, stating the reasons why. A letter of testimony was before the Board, and Eric Norberg moved that SMILE submit that letter; Pat Hainley and Nancy Walsh simultaneously seconded the motion, which went on to pass unanimously.

The next resubmission dealt with the proposed “downzoning” of the North Westmoreland area, with a number of specific “designation” changes suggested by the city, primarily due to TriMet’s failure to build the long-promised Harold Street MAX Station, for which SMILE cooperated in “upzoning” the area for more density some twenty years ago. The SMILE letter of testimony generally supports the Comprehensive Plan’s suggested designation changes. Steve Szigethy moved SMILE submit this letter of testimony, Eric Norberg seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The third item of business introduced by Schoellhamer referenced the bylaws of the Land Use Committee, by which its members are to be nominated by its Chair, then approved by the SMILE Board. Schoellhamer has appointed a committee that seems to be working well, and he asked the SMILE Board to formalize the members of the committee, a list incorporated into these minutes by reference. Michael Hayes, a former SMILE Board member, was present, and asked about Schoellhamer’s criteria for these member choices; he obliged by explaining his criteria. The Board then was asked for any objections any to these members; there were none; the approval of the Board for this list of members was unanimous.

The Board turned to two financial matters. First was the presentation and approval of the 2015-16 SMILE Budget prepared by our Treasurer, Pat Hainley. Our financial year starts on October 1 each year, and since the budget had still not yet been approved, it was necessary to do so without undue delay. Pat, who had distributed the complete budget materials by e-mail prior to the October Board meeting, went over the final figures of the just-ended 2014-15 budget year in broad strokes. He announced that the mortgage we have had on SMILE Station, to pay for its upgrading and improvements, initiated when we acquired the building two decades ago, will be paid off in April. Pat explained, primarily for the benefit of our two new Board members, the sources of revenue for SMILE, and he went on to discuss SMILE’s past thoughts about ways to further develop that revenue. Eric Norberg moved that the Board accept the proposed budget, and Bob Burkholder seconded.

President Stefanick said she would like to continue a detailed budget discussion at the next meeting, but that can happen after approving the proposed budget, which Pat pointed out could easily be modified subsequently by the Board. The question was called, and the motion passed with ten “yes” votes, no “no” votes, and two abstentions.

The second financial matter of business was our “990” tax return, prepared by Pat for SMILE, to be reviewed and approved by the Board. Pat had distributed that return by e-mail to Board members earlier in the week, but apparently not all Board members had reviewed it yet. Pat pointed out that the return does not have to be filed until February 15; so President Stefanick tabled Board approval of the tax return until the December 16<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, to permit its review by Board members.

There being no other business on the agenda or offered, President Stefanick moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Steve Szigethy seconded the motion – which carried with evident unanimity, at 9:04 pm.