



Avenue. This proposal by Brummell was introduced very late in the Comprehensive Plan process, and initially SMILE filed testimony on it taking no position – citing, as a reason, the lateness of the proposal, which did not allow for any public process, giving SMILE no input from the affected community about it. Since then SMILE has had plenty of public process; and as a result of it, the Land Use Committee voted to oppose this amendment, and recommended that the SMILE Board adopt that position. There followed some general discussion by Board members. Steve Szigethy said that he believed this proposal amounted to “spot zoning” – zoning to accommodate a single landowner. Making a motion to adopt the proposed testimony in opposition to this amendment was Eric Norberg, and Bob Burkholder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Schoellhamer next presented slides in illustration and explanation of the issue involved in Commissioner Novick’s Amendment 24 – to increase residential density just south of Westmoreland Park and just north of S.E. Tacoma Street, near McLoughlin Boulevard and the Tacoma Street Light Rail Station. This Amendment would reduce the residential zoning from R5 to R2 in this fairly small defined area. Schoellhamer pointed out that this change would be compatible with the R2 zoning already in place for most of the rest of Sellwood. Any development arising from this zoning change would still have to provide parking, under this zoning designation. “The Land Use Committee believes this is a reasonable proposal,” Schoellhamer summarized. Miriam Erb made a motion for the SMILE Board to adopt the proposed testimony in favor of Amendment 24; Nancy Walsh seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

Finally, Schoellhamer introduced Nanci Champlin to explain the issue reflecting Mayor Hales’ Amendment 56, which would designate a portion of the “Sellwood Gap” section of the Springwater Corridor Trail as “open space” instead of “residential”, which is its current zoning. The land in question is owned by Metro, and was acquired for “open space” purposes, but Metro policy is apparently not to ask for a zoning change while it is still involved in working on the space it acquired. SMILE is bound by no such policy, and the Land Use Committee believes the land’s zoning should reflect the land’s current and planned use as soon as possible. The SMILE position emerged from its extensive public process involving this section of the trail, it was pointed out. Nanci Champlin introduced a motion to adopt the proposed testimony in favor of Amendment 56, and Nancy Walsh seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

The meeting ended with Schoellhamer repeating, for the information of those present, the timeline for the upcoming City Council hearings, for which these four items of testimony were adopted by the SMILE Board.

Nancy Walsh moved the Special Board Meeting be adjourned, and Gail Hoffnagle seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously at 8:01 p.m.