

SMILE GENERAL PUBLIC MEETING

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Schoellhamer; Miriam Erb; Nancy Walsh;
Joel Leib; Steve Szigethy, Bob Burkholder

President Stefanick called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm, noting the presence of a quorum, although people were still arriving, signing in, and – if qualified as a SMILE member – receiving a ballot for the night’s Board election. She then she asked those present to introduce themselves in turn, around the room. After that, she requested a review of the April 6th General Meeting minutes. After the review, Steve Szigethy moved the minutes be approved as submitted, and Mark Wilson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Stefanick introduced this year’s SMILE Nominating Committee, and reminded that the annual SMILE Board election would be the major part of tonight’s SMILE General Public Meeting, and that all four one-year SMILE Officer positions would be up for election, and that four of the eight two-year at-large Board seats would also be up for election, and nominations are being invited. Renata Powell served as Chair of the committee, and spoke briefly, and then committee member Bob Burkholder asked if there were any nominations to add to the distributed ballot for any of the four officer positions open, or for any of the four at-large Board seats, other than the one previously-nominated Board candidate, Timothy DuBois (inasmuch as David Schoellhamer decided not to run for a second term on the Board, there thus were four candidates for the four open at-large Board seats on the ballot). No further nominations for any of these seats were offered from the floor.

President Corinne Stefanick started her annual report, mandated of the President by the SMILE Bylaws at the May meeting, by recalling the Open House at SMILE Station in January. It was quite successful; a good follow-up to the neighborhood questionnaire which drew 705 responses. Many from the neighborhood who came to the Open House had not been familiar with SMILE and what it does, or with SMILE Station either.

Stefanick went on to tell how SMILE, as a 501c3 nonprofit, had been helpful in the past year in obtaining a free computer donation from Free Geek on behalf of the Moreland Farmers Market. In addition, SMILE made real progress in upgrading the “Springwater Trail Gap” in Sellwood. She told of new assignments for the Board this past year, including reactivating the Finance Committee, and creating a new ad-hoc Communications Committee, headed by Board Member Elaine O’Keefe.

Stefanick said that Vice President Gail Hoffnagle was out of town on a family vacation, but had provided a statement of further SMILE accomplishments during the past year, and she

began the report, to be continued later in the meeting. She then read Elaine O'Keefe's candidate statement for re-election, since she was in Atlanta for her daughter's graduation.

Nanci Champlin was announced as being at home with pneumonia, but her candidate statement for re-election was read by her Co-Chair of the S.N.A.C. committee, Elizabeth Milner. Miriam Erb next arose to introduce herself, as a resident of three years who had come to SMILE with an issue, and having been sufficiently impressed by SMILE that she ran for, and was elected to, a Board seat, for which she was now seeking re-election.

Timothy DuBois, who previously had been nominated for a Board seat, stood to introduce himself; he is a carpenter and a new homeowner in the neighborhood, and he and his family love it here. He is pursuing an advanced degree at PSU: A Masters in Regional Planning.

Pat Hainley and Eric Norberg both made very brief statements in seeking re-election as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

Any identified SMILE members still without ballots were given one, and voting ensued. They were collected by members of the Nominations Committee and taken to the office downstairs to be tallied, under the supervision of Katy Asher of Southeast Uplift.

While the ballot counting was going on downstairs, President Stefanick resumed in detail Vice President Gail Hoffnagle's annual report, and then read Nancy Walsh's report for the year for the Church Committee, the SMILE Station Committee, and the Sundae in the Park Committee.

Bob Burkholder returned from the office downstairs with the election result. All eight candidates were elected. The ballots will remain in the possession of Southeast Uplift for the statutory period of time in case anyone wants to inspect them. Stefanick publicly thanked outgoing Board Member David Schoellhamer for his service on the Board, and for his invaluable work on the Land Use Committee, with which he plans to continue.

She publicly read a letter from Mike Abbaté of Portland Parks and Recreation suggesting that the Sellwood Community Center is not now expected to experience any cuts in the city budget this year. Then she continued the annual committee reports by introducing David Schoellhamer for a report on the Land Use Committee, followed by Steve Szigethy on behalf of the Transportation Committee; and Elizabeth Milner for a S.N.A.C. committee report.

Emily Pinkstaff, current President of the Sellwood Westmoreland Business Alliance, arose to make an announcement about a benefit "food and wine" event at the Portland Culinary Institute, of which Meals on Wheels is the beneficiary. Tickets are on sale.

Jim Friscia stood to announce that the annual July Concerts in Sellwood Waterfront Park, of which SMILE and SWBA are co-sponsors, have apparently gotten their usual funding from the city, and would offer five concerts from July 11 through August 8, concluding on the latter date with a reunion concert by Quarterflash.

Pat Hainley moved, and Miriam Erb and Elizabeth Milner simultaneously seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried without objection at 8:41 pm.