

SMILE Board Meeting Minutes

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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; Timothy DuBois; Nanci Champlin;

Miriam Erb; Bob Burkholder; Steve Szigethy

President Stefanick called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum of the Board. She asked the Board to review the minutes of the June 15 Board meeting; the spelling of two names was corrected, as was a typographical error. Elaine O'Keefe moved the minutes be approved as amended; Miriam Erb seconded; the motion passed with one abstention.

Stefanick introduced Phil Richman, a Certified Financial Advisor, who has been our investment advisor for some eight or nine years. He is with Tenbridge Investment Partners, and formerly was with Wells Fargo. He was present this evening at Board request to discuss how our investment funds are handled. Our annual gain in the past three years has averaged 8.7%. The investment account contains the funds we hold for the Friends of Sellwood Community Center, a SMILE committee – as well as some SMILE funds. The allocation of each is clearly defined, and Pat Hainley monitors them. Richman responded to a Board request to discuss his investing approach and experience; his fee is 1% of the funds in the account per year, pretty standard in the industry. An audience member asked about the major source of the funds in the account, and Pat Hainley gave the history of the bequest that SMILE is steward for, to ultimately benefit the Sellwood Community Center, through that SMILE committee. At this time none of these funds has been disbursed. The Board thanked Richman for his visit and hoped for regular reports in the future.

Kris Heiberg, a past SMILE President who has been in charge of the annual SMILE neighborhood cleanup for over thirty years, reported on the cleanup this past May. SMILE will net a profit of at least \$1,365.29, she said, after Southeast Uplift disburses to the neighborhood associations the Metro funds for cleanups this year.

The donation of a section of the concrete bridge railing from the old Sellwood Bridge – now almost completely demolished – from Rachel Ginocchio of Rumpus Events has arrived, and as the meeting was taking place was lying outside on the SMILE front lawn. She and SMILE had collaborated on a donation agreement, and Eric Norberg moved SMILE's acceptance of that agreement. Pat Hainley seconded the motion, which then carried unanimously. A copy of the signed agreement is incorporated into these minutes by reference, and the original was given to Pat Hainley to file for SMILE. Rachel has been selling small chunks of the demolished bridge in commemorative boxes, and kitchen tools

and art objects forged from pieces of its rebar, with proceeds benefiting Sellwood Middle School – which has realized over \$2,000 from this project, she said.

Eric Norberg, as a member of SMILE's Sundae in the Park Committee, reported briefly on this upcoming 37th annual community picnic in Sellwood Park, and its entertainment, on behalf of the committee's Chair, Nancy Walsh, who was briefly out of town. Nancy is seeking volunteers from the Board and the community to help with it, from noon until 5 pm, or until the end of the "Movie in the Park" at around 11 pm. This year's date for Sundae in the Park is Sunday, August 7.

David Schoellhamer, Chair of the SMILE Land Use Committee, presented a letter prepared by the committee to file as comments with the city concerning the "Residential Infill Project (RPI)" on which the city is now seeking comments. He made sure all Board members present had a copy of the letter for reference, and gave an overview of the proposal, and of the proposed SMILE comments to the city. This letter would be submitted in the first of four comment periods before the city acts on the matter next year; we could submit further or different comments in the remaining comment periods.

The plan proposes increased density by allowing duplexes and triplexes, plus accessory dwelling units (ADU) on single-home lots, in order to meet the public request for requirements for smaller and shorter houses than are often built on residential lots these days, while still meeting density goals of the city. The Land Use Committee believes this could more than double the population in our neighborhood (this letter is incorporated into these minutes by reference). An extensive question-and-answer period followed; Steve Szigethy submitted a proposed amendment to the letter concerning the scale of houses (also incorporated into these minutes by reference). After that, numerous wording and syntactical changes were suggested by Board members to refine the proposed letter. Eric Norberg pointed out that nitpicking myriad changes would essentially end the effort to submit a letter comments with the deadline looming, and he added the thought that the effect of the proposed amendment – apparently not made available to either the Land Use Committee or the Board in advance – would be hard for the Board to gauge in the short time available tonight. Elaine O'Keefe pointed out that minor spelling and syntactical changes to an approved letter, which do not change the meaning of the letter, would not need further approval, and could be made after Board approval of the letter before it is sent.

Pat Hainley made a motion that SMILE adopt the proposed letter of comments; Bob Burkholder seconded. The motion was then temporarily tabled to take up the proposed amendment. Timothy DuBois made a motion that the SMILE Board adopt Steve Szigethy's proposed amendment to the letter, and Steve Szigethy seconded. After some discussion, the vote was called for – with the result: 2 yes; 6 no; 1 abstention. The amendment failed.

A vote was then called for on the original motion to accept and submit the letter – the vote was 7 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention. The motion carried.

There being no other business on the agenda, or offered from the floor, Elaine O'Keefe moved the meeting be adjourned, and Nanci Chapin seconded; the motion carried unanimously at 9:44 p.m.