

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;

Nancy Walsh, Miriam Erb; Bob Burkholder; Joel Leib

President Stefanick called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., inviting self-introductions from Board members, as well as those present in the room attending the meeting. Noting the presence of a quorum of the Board, she asked the Board to review the minutes of the July 20 Board meeting; a typographical error was pointed out and corrected. Bob Burkholder moved approval as amended; Elaine O’Keefe seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Stefanick introduced Patrick Morton, owner of Kay’s Bar in Westmoreland, as the new Chair of the SMILE Crime Prevention Committee. Morton said he is concerned with graffiti “tagging”, citing vandalism recently on the south wall of the local Post Office in particular. He pointed out that it is important to get all crimes reported, even if they are discovered some time after their commission; police patrols are assigned based upon the volume of crime reports. Further, graffiti is required to be removed (preferably after camera documentation for potential legal use against the vandal) as soon as possible after it appears.

Morton said he was pleased with the “resources” information distributed at Sundae in the Park at the SMILE table; he would like to get this information into the hands of more residents. A woman present at this meeting arose to suggest that crime has not changed much in type and volume in the past 40 years in her opinion; but Morton said he thinks there is enough crime here today to be concerned about and to be addressed. Some discussion followed.

SMILE Board Member Joel Leib read aloud, and distributed to the Board, a letter addressed to the Board concerning the need to find a location at SMILE Station for the display of the piece of the railing from the old Sellwood Bridge donated to SMILE by Rachel Ginocchio. He further proposed it be placed in front of SMILE Station, with a brick walkway placed across the front lawn from 13th leading to it – with these bricks individually sponsored, as a fundraiser. Specifically, he wants the railing to be placed in front of the flagpole, facing S.E. 13th. Much discussion followed, concerning details, and the plusses and minuses of this particular location. Joel said he was hopeful the Board would decide where to place the artifact at this meeting. The Board arose and moved outside to inspect the proposed location; there appeared to be a division of opinion concerning placing the railing parallel to S.E. 13th, and mounting it in the same place at an angle to the street. In addition, at least two Board members believed there was another place on the property more appropriate for

its placement, but there seemed to be little interest in that suggestion. The Board moved back inside SMILE Station to continue the discussion.

Joel Leib made a motion that the railing artifact be placed near the flagpole in front of the main entrance to SMILE Station, “in an orientation to be determined”. Miriam Erb seconded the motion. In the subsequent vote, there were 7 ayes, 3 nays, and 1 abstention. The motion carried. Leib will do further detail work on this.

Nanci Champlin announced to the Board that she was forced to resign her Board seat tonight because she has bought a house in Eastmoreland, and is moving out of Sellwood-Moreland, thus no longer being eligible to be a SMILE Board member. She added that the Co-Chair of the S.N.A.C. committee, Elizabeth Milner, will continue as Chair of the committee, and will seek the open Board seat. Nanci said she has written an exit memo; and she proceeded into a recounting of the status of various projects she has been involved in for SMILE. Nanci added that she does plan to remain a member of the S.N.A.C. committee.

Scott Kelly, Chair of the SMILE Transportation Committee, distributed a letter which the committee wanted the Board to formally adopt and send to PBOT – seeking to make the current temporary construction crosswalk at S.E. 22nd across Bybee Boulevard permanent, after the current culvert replacement project at 23rd and Bybee is complete. In last year’s SMILE neighborhood survey, that intersection was identified as the “most wanted” new crosswalk in the neighborhood, he pointed out. Eric Norberg moved that SMILE adopt and send the letter. Gail Hoffnagle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Walsh arose to give a report and wrap-up of this year’s 37th annual Sundae in the Park, August 7th in upper Sellwood Park. Despite an empty threat of rain from the Weather Bureau, and unusually cool weather, we believe in excess of 2,000 people attended – close to 1,500 ice cream sundaes were sold, and close to \$1,000 was raised by their sale, of which 2/3 goes to “The Meals On Wheels People” at the Thelma Skelton Center on S.E. Milwaukie Avenue, and 1/3 goes to SMILE to help pay for the increasing cost of the ice cream sold.

Apparently, Walsh added, there also was a good crowd for the movie, “Jurassic World”, presented that night at dusk in the park by the Portland Parks Bureau, and sponsored by the Sellwood Westmoreland Business Alliance business association (SWBA). A lengthy letter of thanks to all involved will appear in the Letters column of the September BEE newspaper.

With the need to replace Nanci Champlin, President Corinne Stefanick began the process of establishing a Nominations Committee – and Miriam Erb, Timothy DuBois, and Patrick Morton volunteered to compose the committee, with varying degrees of enthusiasm. The opening on the Board will be formally announced at the next SMILE General Public Meeting on September 7, and the election will be held on October 5 at the following General Public Meeting. Southeast Uplift will again have a representative on hand to monitor the election to fill the remainder of Nanci Champlin’s two-year term on the Board.

There being no other business on the agenda or offered by the Board, Nanci Champlin – as her last official act as a SMILE Board member – moved the meeting be adjourned; three Board members simultaneously seconded the motion: Elaine O’Keefe, Miriam Erb, and Pat Hainley. The subsequent vote on the adjournment motion was unanimous, at 9:06 p.m.