

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; Steve Szigethy;

Miriam Erb; Bob Burkholder; Joel Leib

President Stefanick called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., inviting self-introductions from Board members, as well as those present in the room to attend the meeting. She next asked the Board to review the minutes of the November 16 Board meeting; Joel Leib moved the minutes be approved as submitted, and Tim DuBois seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

President Stefanick presented the Secretary a copy of the new SMILE Christmas Tree agreement for inclusion in the official minutes of this meeting, by reference.

John Hren, Sellwood Harbor Condominiums Homeowners’ Association Chair, and a former Portland policeman, was present to inform SMILE that as part of the agreement which led to the construction of the new Sellwood Bridge, Multnomah County promised to sign a PPB “no trespass agreement” with Sellwood Harbor, to resolve unauthorized camping under the new bridge. They also promised a fence at Sellwood Harbor; but as the end of the project approached, the association had learned that none was now planned. Negotiations on that point led to some Multnomah County concessions – some of them quite expensive. Now, Ian Cannon, who led the bridge project for the county, has agreed to a 6-foot Cyclone wire fence with appropriate signage at Sellwood Harbor, in exchange for canceling some of the concessions the association no longer feels necessary – but he will proceed only if SMILE officially goes on record as approving the proposed new fence. (Hren presented a slide show to illustrate the issues and the need for the fence.) Hren answered questions from the Board. The adjacent RiverPark Homeowners Association Chair was present, and informed SMILE that his association is fully in favor of this request.

Eric Norberg made a motion the SMILE recommended to Multnomah County that the “former Mela property be fenced as described by John Hren, excluding the two bioswales on that property.” Timothy DuBois seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

Next on the agenda, Steve Szigethy, on behalf of the SMILE Transportation Committee of which he is a member, presented a proposed letter to PDOT (via Southeast Uplift) supporting the Reedway Crossing Project; SMILE has previously endorsed this pedestrian and bicycle overcrossing – across McLoughlin Boulevard, and the Union Pacific Tracks, on the Reedway alignment – as part of its endorsement of the Harold Street Station for the Orange MAX light rail line, as also has the Reed neighborhood. The letter is incorporated

into these minutes by reference. There was some Board discussion taking minor issue with some wording, but in the end it was felt best that the letter be passed intact, since the effort is underway to have all other nearby neighborhoods pass the exact same letter, with unanimity being the goal. Brooklyn has already passed it, and the Reed and Eastmoreland neighborhoods are expected to do so also.

Eric Norberg made a motion that SMILE approve the letter and send it; Elaine O'Keefe seconded the motion. Steve Szigethy recused himself from the vote. The motion passed with nine "yes" votes (unanimous).

Elaine O'Keefe was next to present, asking that the Board settle on only two official SMILE logos – a formal one, as already in use on all SMILE stationery; and an informal one, presented as a new logo. The new informal logo would replace the one designed by THE BEE, for use in the SMILE newsletter in the newspaper, earlier this year, after it will be sent to the paper for the purpose; the formal logo replaces the old circular logo which depicted in miniature SMILE's various functions and activities. Eric, as BEE editor, recused himself. The motion passed with eight "yes" votes and one abstention.

Elaine presented the new SMILE main website (at www.sellwoodmoreland.org) as has now been published to the Internet; Eric is henceforth to send approved minutes to Elaine to post there. She said she is also using Facebook, to broaden SMILE's reach. Tim DuBois is working on improving our Oaks Pioneer Church website, as a long-term project; Elaine has created a Facebook page for the church as well. Considerable general discussion about related matters followed.

Last on the agenda was Treasurer Pat Hainley, who observed that SMILE's current IRS Tax Form 990 had been distributed to the Board for informational purposes, and now Pat will submit it to the IRS as required. Additionally, Southeast Uplift wants the Board to approve the annual request for the communications funds Uplift is offering us; Steve Szigethy made a motion that SMILE accept the communications funds from Southeast Uplift that will be spent on communications (specifically, the ongoing SMILE newsletter, as published at a considerable discount in THE BEE). After the motion was seconded by Pat Hainley, Eric – again, as BEE editor – recused himself from the subsequent vote. There were nine "yes" votes (unanimous).

The meeting having run slightly longer than anticipated, and with no other business on the agenda or offered from the Board, President Stefanick announced the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.