

SMILE Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2018

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OFFICERS PRESENT: Joel Leib, President; Gail Hoffnagle, Vice President; Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Burkholder, Elaine O’Keefe, Miriam Erb, Kevin Palmer

President Joel Leib called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., asking those present to introduce themselves, around the room. He then asked the Board to review the minutes of the February 21st Board Meeting. Elaine O’Keefe moved the minutes be approved as submitted, and Miriam Erb seconded the motion, which carried with one abstention.

President Leib congratulated Gail Hoffnagle – who, in addition to being SMILE Vice President, is also Chair of the SMILE Friends of the Sellwood Community Center Committee – on the excellent turnout at the “Save the Centers” rally at the Sellwood Community Center (also involving the Woodstock Community Center and the Hillside Community Center) Saturday morning, ten till noon. He said he hoped Gail had brought receipts for the expenses associated with organizing the rally. She presented these, which she said totaled \$591.82. The Board determined that Gail’s costs would be paid from the SMILE Community Center Trust Fund, and those of Jason, a military arts instructor teaching in the Community Center, would be reimbursed from the SMILE General Fund.

There followed a discussion of alternatives to keep the Sellwood Community Center open. Finally, President Joel made a motion that SMILE reimburse the rally costs, divided between Jason and Gail, and Gail seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. SMILE property owner Tom Brown was in attendance, and he told the Board he was “all in” if SMILE tries to operate the Sellwood Community Center if and when Portland Parks closes it.

Tom Brown went on to explain that he was present because he had talked with Kris Heiberg about the longtime neighborhood cleanup each year on the third Saturday in May, which Kris would like to stop organizing and running herself, and he is interested in having the Sellwood-Westmoreland Business Alliance (SMBA) take over the administration of the cleanup. Pat Hainley moved that SMILE coordinate with SMBA in putting on the neighborhood cleanup; Kevin Palmer seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Jim Friscia was next to appear. Jim, a former SMILE Board Member, has been Chairing the “July Mondays” Sellwood Waterfront Park concert series for twenty years; but the Parks Department has just changed the sponsorship and permitting rules in ways that could endanger support for, or even obtaining a permit to present, these concerts. Friscia detailed the history of the concerts, and proposed that his committee become an ad-hoc committee

of SMILE, with the potential of perhaps expanding to become a SMILE “Events Committee”, which could also include the neighborhood cleanup, Sundae in the Park, and the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Westmoreland Park. Friscia said that donations at the local concerts used to go to pay for the local concerts, but now the Parks Department collects donations at the concerts for its own purposes; but, as part of SMILE, the new committee could accept donations from local residents which would actually go to local concert expenses, and such donations would be tax deductible due to SMILE’s 501c3 status.

Jim Friscia submitted a detailed written proposal, which is incorporated into these minutes by reference. Kevin Palmer moved that the Summer Concert Series committee become a SMILE ad-hoc committee, and Miriam Erb seconded the motion. Pat Hainley pointed out that we are creating a committee of SMILE which has no budget at this time. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Bob Burkholder then arose to present to the SMILE Board about the proposed N.E.T. storage shed which that volunteer organization proposes to construct at its own expense against the south SMILE Station wall between the two windows east of the south door. He distributed a written proposal which are incorporated into these minutes by reference. The estimated cost of this lean-to is \$200, and Bob would build it, and it would be quite secure. Burkholder then made a motion that SMILE permit this small shed to be built there, and Pat Hainley seconded the motion, which then carried unanimously.

Pat Hainley was present at the meeting specifically because SMILE had yet to adopt the proposed 2017-18 fiscal year budget which should have become effective last October; Eric Norberg moved that the SMILE budget be adopted as presented, and Bob Burkholder seconded the motion. After some brief discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Palmer told the Board that now that he has moved our listservs to Google Groups, he would like to delete the old listserv accounts since their continued existence would constitute a potential security target for hackers, and that would also include the deletion any old files that may remain. The sentiment of the Board appeared to be that the listservs were intended for communication rather than as an archive, no systematic effort had ever been made to archive messages sent, and the old listservs and files should be okay to delete as long as those listservs have been duplicated on Google Groups.

Pat Hainley then made a motion to adjourn. At first the motion did not seem to catch the attention of the Board, but Eric Norberg called attention to it and seconded the motion. In the subsequent discussion period, extensive discussion occurred on a variety of other matters for upwards of fifteen minutes. Eventually, Eric Norberg called the question, and the motion then passed unanimously at 8:59 p.m.