

3. **Christopher Hanford:** He has lived here for ten years, has been in the restaurant business all his life, and has been active in the local business community.
4. **Elizabeth Milner [incumbent]:** Has lived in Westmoreland since 2008, and has been active in the SMILE “SNAC” committee, of which she is currently Chair. She is also active in SMILE’s “Friends of Moreland Woods” Committee.
5. **Elaine O’Keefe [incumbent]:** An eight-year resident, now finishing her third year on the Board; she loves the neighborhood, and wants to continue on the Board. Has been improving the SMILE online presence with help from others on the Board. Wants to keep SMILE and the neighborhood “relevant”.
6. **Nancy Walsh:** Born in Roseburg; after the U of O was an intern for Portland Parks and Recreation, and was amazed by Southeast Portland. She then had a long career with PP&R in Southeast; in 1973 she bought a house in Westmoreland. Started the SMILE hanging flower basket project, later taken over by SWBA; Chair of the Oaks Pioneer Church Committee, SMILE Station Committee, and Sundae in the Park Committee; very active in the effort to keep the Sellwood Community Center from being axed by PP&R. Former SMILE Board Member, Vice President, President.
7. **Tyler Johnson:** Moved here last October after graduating from Lewis and Clark College; he is a Legislative Assistant in Salem currently.

With that, and with all qualified SMILE members (residents, property owners, business representatives) having been given ballots after being qualified and signing in when entering, all were then asked to vote their ballots, fold them, and turn them over to Election Committee volunteers who were collecting them. When all were collected, the Committee and Southeast Uplift’s Moz Afzal retired to the basement to tally the votes, and to report on the top five vote-getters by the end of the meeting.

While that took place, Ronda Fast from the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services was present to update SMILE on the “Oaks Bottom Habitat Enhancement Project” underway at the Oaks Bottom Lagoon. The project will remove a “water control feature” and replace a large pipe with a wide, open culvert to restore a direct flow link between the lagoon and the Willamette River.

“Ken”, Project Manager for the Army Corps of Engineers, stood to report that a contractor has been hired, and the initial tree removal has been completed in the area of the work (the removal permits storing the materials on-site, and the trees will be replaced at the end of the project). The Springwater Trail will close in the area of the culvert work on July 1, and will reopen no later than October 31, and earlier if possible. Dick Samuels’ railroad tracks will be removed there starting July 1; the track will be replaced within one month, with extensive finishing work to complete the project to follow. The current configuration at the lagoon was created in the 1980’s to control mosquitoes, but the predominant species of mosquito there has changed, and the new configuration should work as well or better to control mosquitoes now – and also will permit young salmon to take needed refuge in the lagoon on their way to the Pacific Ocean.

“Sean” from B.E.S. followed, telling that a large “viewing platform” for the Lagoon, equipped with a bike rack, would be constructed on the railroad berm opposite the Oaks Amusement Park parking lot. He said there also would be a “bump out viewing platform” on the Springwater Trail in the immediate vicinity of the new culvert.

Ronda Fast then again took the floor to discuss the routes available to bicyclists to bypass the affected section of the Springwater Trail while the trail is closed. One option is to cross the Sellwood Bridge and go north to downtown (and return south from downtown) on the Westside Trail; but that has a strictly enforced 10 MPH speed limit, and could make for a slower commute than some bicycle commuters would accept.

The other alternative is to use the “19th Avenue Greenway” which has been constructed on S.E. 19th Avenue from Tacoma and Umatilla Streets in Sellwood north to Reedway Street in Westmoreland over the past several years. It has a number of features intended to speed bicyclists on their way, while keeping them safe. Since 19th does not continue north from Reedway, the route jogs a block east to 20th, then travels two blocks north to Insley Street, then turns west on Insley to Milwaukie Avenue – thence a block north to Mitchell Street, where a large structure is being completed to route cars while providing safer access to bicyclists and pedestrians to the trailhead across Milwaukie at Mitchell. The trailhead is that of the connector trail down to the Springwater Trail; the Springwater Trail will be open in both directions from that point north throughout the construction period.

Ronda then remarked that one reason she’d wanted to be present tonight was to discuss in person to the SMILE Board why its recent request for a temporary bicycle lane between Reedway and Mitchell (requiring removing all parking on the east side of Milwaukie in that stretch) was not practical. There is no budget for temporary improvements to Milwaukie Avenue in this project, she explained; and, given the years of work and the expense of creating the route she had just described on 19th (which is not yet complete, but will be by July 1), no city agency is willing to spend additional funds for that enhancement. She promised that if the Springwater Trail can be reopened before October 31, it will be.

With that, at 8:57 p.m., the SMILE Election Committee emerged from the basement with the results of the election.

The top three vote-getters included the two incumbents, Elizabeth Milner and Elaine O’Keefe, and Julie Currin. The remaining two vote-getters in the top five were tied: Simon Fulford and Tyler Janzen. The Committee proposed that, if possible, the two of them would come to a mutual agreement as to which of them would serve for the one-year term completion (and could then run for re-election, of course). After a brief conversation, the two agreed that Simon would serve the new two-year term, and Tyler would serve the one-year term completion.

There being no other business, Ed Nunez moved the meeting be adjourned, and Susan Schen seconded the motion, which carried without objection at 9:06 p.m.