

Former SMILE Board Member Eric Miller arose to outline an idea he would like to see implemented – that the two upper tennis courts in upper Sellwood Park; those two nearest the swimming pool – be repaired and converted to “Futsal Courts”. This idea he has found to be very popular, and it would not affect the two lower tennis courts, now regularly used for tennis and Pickle Ball. He said he was present to seek input from the meeting attendees, and he ultimately hopes that SMILE will endorse this effort, which he can cite in his presentation of the idea to Portland Parks and Recreation. He introduced a guest, Vytas Andriuškevičius – a Lithuanian member of the Portland Timbers soccer team, and a resident of the Sellwood-Westmoreland neighborhood – who enthusiastically endorsed the idea, and said he feels that the Timbers could help with this project. The estimate of the cost to construct such a court in that space is \$70,000. He had some detailed handouts on the plan, which are incorporated into these minutes by reference.

Debbie Bischoff and Jeff Caudeill, representing River City Planners and the Portland Bureau of Sustainability, were next to appear – to explain in detail the “River Plan South Reach Project”. A handout was offered in further explanation, which is incorporated into these minutes by reference. The purpose of their appearance at SMILE was to outline the purpose and objectives of this process, and to receive resident feedback. Ultimately, the final plan – after the development process is completed – will go to the City Council for adoption, probably fairly early in 2020. Very few questions or comments were offered by those present at this time.

Last on the agenda was Niki Reading, a “strategic communications professional” whose background includes having spent twenty years as a working journalist, and who has met with some of the SMILE Board Members already. She is seeking to help this organization develop a “communications plan”, with the goal of increasing our reach and our community engagement. She focused on the need to tailor the content offered via each communications medium we use, or might use in the future, to focus each one individually upon the matters of interest to those who commonly are reached by each of the communications media employed. She apparently was present at this time mainly to call the attention of SMILE members and Board Members to what she had been asked to help with, and to notify them that this effort was in progress.

There being nothing else on the agenda or offered from the floor, Gail Hoffnagle moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Pat Hainley seconded the motion – which then carried with evident unanimity at 9:04 p.m.