

SMILE Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 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, Julie Currin, Tyler Janzen, Kevin Palmer, Elizabeth Milner

President Joel Leib called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., asking everyone present to introduce themselves, around the room. He then asked the Board to review the minutes of the July 18 Board Meeting. Removal of one word was requested by David Schoellhamer. Then Elaine O’Keefe moved the minutes be approved as amended, and Kevin Palmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

First on the agenda was David Schoellhamer, Chair of the SMILE Land Use Committee, who presented his modified written committee guidelines, first introduced at the last Board Meeting, seeking to allow the committee to communicate testimony directly to governmental staff (only) without formal approval from the SMILE Board – now adding, at the request of the Board, Board notification of, and a comment period for, any such proposed testimony, before sending in the testimony. David presented the new wording projected on a large screen to permit the Board to examine the new additional text, and he requested the Board approve the new amendment – which Elaine O’Keefe made a motion to do, seconded by Gail Hoffnagle. The motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Walsh, Chair of the SMILE Sundae in the Park Committee (and two others!), arose with a report on the 39th annual “Sundae in the Park” on Sunday, August 5. Nancy remarked that the weather had been ideal, and approximately 2,000 people attended over the course of the day and evening – it was a great success. At least 1,400 ice cream sundaes were made and sold. She added that next year, the 40th year for this popular event in Sellwood Park, will have to be her last as its Chair. She still would like someone in the community to “understudy” her this coming year to learn the ropes (she has complete written documentation of all steps and procedures), so it can continue – otherwise it will not. The Board gave a warm round of applause to Nancy for her dedicated work on this neighborhood event.

President Joel Leib took the floor to report to the Board on the “SMILE Brick Pathway” fundraiser. 230 bricks have been “sold” and engraved – 218 smaller bricks, and 12 of the large pavers. After the costs, the project has been profitable for SMILE. Apparently the engraver, who is contemplating retirement, is willing to come back one more time for spelling corrections; and Joel suggests we reboot the brick campaign for one more year. He thinks that now that people have seen the inscribed bricks for themselves, we could sell up to another one to two hundred. If so, he suggests restarting with the rates previously charged – now, as the introductory discount; with the subsequent price going up 20-25%.

This suggestion is being made with the understanding that it will not go forward until we have gained the agreement of the engraver to do it. Joel moved the SMILE pursue this idea, and Elaine O’Keefe seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously. The Board gave a round of applause to Joel for this successful fundraiser, which had been his idea from the start – with the applause also specifically directed to Kim Borcharding (absent), and Kevin Palmer. Joel further moved that SMILE pay for the “paver” which Nancy Walsh had ordered to salute the “Sellwood Stars” of past and present; he said he did not think she should pay for that. Kevin Palmer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Gail Hoffnagle was next on the agenda to resume discussion of her idea, as Chair of the SMILE Friends of the Sellwood Community Center, to offer a fundraising “Haunted House” to benefit the Community Center at the Sellwood Pool House for Hallowe’en. She asked that SMILE’s event insurance cover this; and since it is an event sponsored by a SMILE Committee, Pat Hainley confirmed that it would be covered by our policy.

Next to speak was former Board Member Michael Hayes, who said he was seeking volunteers for Metro’s “Bike Headcount”, and he is particularly interested in the headcount at the S.E. 17th at Ochoco Street bike crossing. The dates for this headcount are September 11-13 and 15-16, this year. Training for these head-counters will be August 29, 4 to 5 p.m., at the Metro Building. For more, go online to: <https://www.oregonmetro.gov/news/come-count-with-us-volunteers-needed-for-regional-trail-counts>.

Hayes went on to explain that he is specifically concerned with the hazardousness of the Ochoco-17th crossing for bicyclists and pedestrians – a problem which is complicated by the special rules that come into play when a nearby railroad crossing is involved. An extensive meeting is required involving all users of the crossing vicinity – and now Metro has agreed to such a meeting, and says it wants SMILE to be represented when it takes place. It might be held in October. Scott Kelly, Chair of the SMILE Transportation Committee was present, and recommended Hayes be SMILE liaison at such a meeting, and also that the nearby Garthwick community be represented at such a meeting. Bob Burkholder is a Garthwick resident, a member of the Transportation Committee, and a SMILE Board Member, so he volunteered to join Michael Hayes at such a meeting. Discussion followed on the issues to be discussed at such a meeting. The Board informally appeared approving of the proposed involvement of Hayes and Burkholder.

Scott Kelly discussed the status of a potential pilot traffic calming project on 11th Avenue between Miller and Spokane. The project may involve speed bumps, or other measures to be discussed with PBOT. PBOT has indicated it will prepare a petition to be signed by at least two thirds of the adjacent residents. Local resident Charles Kingsley has volunteered to talk to neighbors and circulate the petition. The proposal would ultimately go to the SMILE Board for consideration before going to PBOT.

Kevin Palmer reported to the Board that he is on the verge of changing the booking engine for the Oaks Pioneer Church, and would like SMILE to appropriate \$300 for a new monitor for Lori Fyre. He moved this be done, and Gail Hoffnagle seconded; it carried unanimously.

With nothing else on the agenda or offered from the floor, Pat Hainley moved the meeting be adjourned, and Kevin Palmer seconded. The motion carried unanimously at 9:20 p.m.