



Jim Friscia was present, as Chair of the ad-hoc SMILE Concerts in the Park Committee, to report on this year's "Monday Concerts in July" at its new venue – upper Sellwood Park. The change in venue was initially worrisome, since attendees might still go by habit to Sellwood Riverfront Park, he said; but happily, concert-goers all found their way to Sellwood Park, and the crowds numbered 1,300 to 1,700 for all the concerts (the third Monday was, as usual, best attended). So the concerts, and their new location, were a big success. He would like to add more neighborhood residents to the committee to help plan next year's concerts. The committee raised \$19,000 as its part of the Parks Department's requirement, to pay our part to bring in the concerts this year – actually, \$3,000 more than the minimum required; he gave thanks to the community for its support. His committee will activate to get started on planning and executing the 2020 concerts next January.

Nancy Walsh followed, as the Chair of the Sundae in the Park Committee. Last Sunday marked the 40th annual Sundae in the Park in Sellwood Park, and was another success – around 2,000 attendees were estimated, over the span of the afternoon. It was a good crowd, there were good concert performers, and it was a perfect warm and sunny day. Nancy reminded that she must retire as the Chair of the event at this point, and whether the event will continue depends upon whether anyone else steps up to lead it. She is preparing an updated binder of information, time lines, etc., to help anyone who does, and she herself will be available to give advice if needed. Eric Norberg announced that he, personally, plans to continue as a member of the committee.

The other problem which could threaten continuation of Sundae in the Park is that the Parks Bureau is suddenly unwilling to allow SMILE free use of the park for the event as our neighborhood "National Night Out", and thus wants to start charging some \$3,000 next year for the use of the park for the day, after 40 years of not charging SMILE for this. Apparently they are objecting to the sale of the ice cream and picnic food at the event by nonprofit organizations, although the name of the event has made it clear from the start that the event centers on the sale of cheap ice cream sundaes!

The ice cream sundae receipts, at the sundae table hosted by the Southeast Portland Rotary Club, were presented to SMILE Treasurer Pat Hainley by Eric Norberg, who is not only SMILE Secretary, but a longtime member of the Rotary Club. The receipts for the \$1 sundaes, which SMILE uses to help defray the cost of the ice cream, amounted to \$1,049.07.

Last on the agenda was Gail Hoffnagle, Chair of the SMILE Friends of Sellwood Community Center Committee, who reported that she had met with the Portland Parks Bureau this week in our quest to operate the Center after the city closes it permanently on August 31 for budgetary reasons; and "they agreed to almost everything we asked for". A separate nonprofit corporation under SMILE has been established, and the lease agreement is being prepared – "it looks like we are on schedule for taking over September 1." There is still a need for some instructors for the fall term at what will be renamed "Sellwood Community House". We will start with preschool and after-school care; most other classes will begin later in the Fall. There followed extensive Q and A on various details.

There being no other business on the agenda, or offered from the floor, Bob Burkholder moved the meeting the adjourned, Simon Fulford seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously at 9:10 p.m.