

SMILE BOARD MEETING

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OFFICERS PRESENT: Gail Hoffnagle, President; Mat Millenbach, Vice President; Eric Norberg, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen Burr; Corinne Stefanick; Bob Burkholder; Nanci Champlin; Miriam Erb; Brian Posewitz; Nancy Walsh

President Hoffnagle called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm, and began by soliciting self-introductions from those present around the room, including spectators. With a quorum present, Board members were asked to review the minutes of the November 19th Board meeting. One spelling correction was noted. Mat Millenbach moved that the minutes be accepted as amended, and Nanci Champlin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Hoffnagle raised the annual question of the allocation of communications funds from Southeast Uplift, intended for a neighborhood newsletter. “Branding” of SMILE, and a sandwich board on the sidewalk to announce SMILE meetings in progress, were suggested. Mat Millenbach made a motion that the funds again be allocated to the “SMILE – The Neighbor” newsletter in THE BEE. After seconding, the motion carried without objection.

President Hoffnagle brought up the matter of how much personal information should be on the **SellwoodMoreland.org** website for Board members? Apparently all available information is now there, including addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for each; on the procedural website, **SMILErecords.org**, only the names are listed as had been requested in previous years – although Eric, as Secretary, is listed with contact information. Brian Posewitz said that there should be some contact information for all Board members – e-mail, probably. Mat Millenbach remarked that the contact information to be listed for each Board member should be optional, but he personally would like his full contact information listed, as would Eric. Gail Hoffnagle said she would ascertain what information each Board member would like included, and adjust listings on the **SellwoodMoreland.org** website accordingly.

Ellen Burr, SMILE Land Use Chair, said that, with respect to the proposed North Westmoreland zoning changes in the Portland Comprehensive Plan, if we do choose to respond, we will need to submit separate letters from SMILE for each individual proposed zoning change, under the city’s rules. The zoning along McLoughlin Boulevard is the prime issue up for discussion, she suggested; most of the zoning changes proposed seem to be uncontroversial. She added that Marti Stockton from the city is willing to come to another meeting to assist with any responses we choose to make; we have until March 15th to submit testimony, so perhaps we should have her for the February Board meeting, Ellen suggested. Perhaps January would be better, said Mat, and that seemed to be agreed upon informally.

President Hoffnagle told the Board she is putting together a grant request for the ad-hoc SMILE Emergency Committee, seeking \$545.00 for pens and paper (11 x 17 sheets) for disaster planning. The expectation is to have fifty “block units” in the neighborhood for planning and emergency response. Eric Norberg moved the Board approve her request to apply for the grant, and Bob Burkholder seconded the motion, which then carried unanimously.

Hoffnagle then turned to a neighborhood questionnaire that with her participation a committee has been working on, with the goal of informing SMILE about neighborhood opinions on current issues. There followed a long discussion by the Board members on the problems of acquiring a reliable cross-section of neighborhood input: Self-selection bias, true cross section acquisition, and the problems posed by its length were all discussed in depth (the proposed questionnaire is five pages long). There was no decision at this point. Brian Posewitz said that he has prepared a long written discussion and critique which he will e-mail to Gail. The intention of this effort appears to avoid community annoyance of SMILE taking positions without certainty that they reflect the community at large; more than one Board member commented that they had never encountered that sort of reaction from anyone in the neighborhood about SMILE positions.

Corinne Stefanick, the Chair of the reactivated SMILE Crime Committee, said that she has had reports on two suspected drug distributing points – one a house, and one a business. The neighbors of each are “well down the road of logging and documenting activity” there. A female self-defense class is planned. President Hoffnagle complemented Corinne on the fine work she has done so far. There followed a discussion of crime issues.

With no other business on the agenda or offered by members of the Board, Brian Posewitz moved that the meeting be adjourned, and both Nancy Walsh and Nanci Champlin simultaneously seconded the motion, which evidently passed with no discernible vote or objection, at 9:16 pm.