

# SMILE Board Meeting Minutes

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**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Presiding Board Member, Neal Spinler; Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg, Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sarah Bunger, Zack Duffly, Jim Fricia, Bob Burkholder, Jim Friscia, Emily Pitts, Elaine O’Keefe, Elizabeth Milner

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Nancy Walsh, R. Corless, Christina Timberlake

*Due to social distancing measures ordered by the State of Oregon to avoid spreading the COVID-19 coronavirus, this meeting was conducted online using the ZOOM application, with advance notice of the meeting having been made online – advising how any interested persons could join it by requesting the admission code.*

In the absence of President Simon Fulford and Vice President Ayomide Nikzi, both of whom happened to be out of town, by President Fulford’s request Neal Spinler was designated the presiding officer – and he called the October SMILE Board Meeting to order at 7:34 p.m., and began by explaining the meeting protocols, and announcing that the meeting was being recorded. After noting the presence of a quorum, he invited the Board to review the minutes of the September 15th SMILE Board Meeting. Following that, Emily Pitts moved the minutes be approved as presented, and Sarah Bunger seconded the motion, which in the vote that followed was declared approved by Spinler.

As the meeting began, Neal Spinler announced that this would be his last SMILE meeting, since he had just closed on a house he was buying in the Portsmouth neighborhood of North Portland, and thus would be moving out of our neighborhood. He received thanks for his service and congratulations on his purchase of a home, from the other members of the Board.

The next item on the agenda was scheduled to be an update from the Sellwood Community House by its Executive Director, Ashley Asbjornsen. But Neal explained she had been detained due to a family matter, so her report will be moved to the November Board Meeting.

Emily Muro was present to report on the “Friends of Moreland Woods” unofficial subcommittee of the SMILE ad-hoc SNAC committee; she said that her subcommittee is planning a public charrette this Saturday, 10 a.m. until 12 noon, at the property in question, on S.E. 14th just east of the Portland Memorial Mausoleum – which the FoMW group calls “Moreland Woods”, and which they hope to buy at least a section of to preserve it as a natural reserve, adjacent to both Wilhelm’s Portland Memorial to the south, and Llewellyn

Elementary School. The purpose of this Saturday's charrette, she said, is to seek from the public "what you envision here", on this parcel of land. She also said that an architect would be on hand to offer ideas.

Since Wilhelm's decided to build a small parking lot on the south end of this property, which they own, after the Friends group began trying to raise the money to buy it, it has not been reported to the SMILE Board whether the new owners of Portland Memorial (Foundation Partners, of Florida) are still willing to sell the undeveloped portion *north* of their newly constructed parking lot, and if so, for what price.

There followed the major agenda item of the evening – the review of the proposed SMILE 2021-2022 fiscal year budget, submitted for Board review and approval by Treasurer Pat Hainley. The proposed budget was submitted to the Board earlier with an e-mail from Pat, and the document is incorporated into these minutes by reference. Both Jim Friscia and Elaine O'Keefe submitted detailed budget requests for their committees with e-mails sent to all Board Members, and those comments are also incorporated into these minutes by reference.

Extensive discussion followed, and Pat Hainley said he would adjust the budget as desired and would submit a revised budget for consideration and approval at the November Board Meeting. One of the components of the evening's discussion was a detailed report on revenue and costs for SMILE Station as well as Oaks Pioneer Church, presented by their manager, Christina Timberlake; she made some specific requests for the forthcoming budget as well, including requesting a sum for the maintenance and upgrading of the garden at Oaks Pioneer Church, a project which Nancy Walsh has been assisting her with, and concerning which Nancy was present at this meeting.

With Hainley's promise of a new budget responsive to the various requests made in this meeting, and after a positive report on rising revenue at both the church and SMILE Station by Christina, the discussion came to an end. At that point Pat Hainley made a motion for adjournment. Rather than seeking a second, and taking a vote, Neal Spinler – as presiding officer – simply declared the meeting adjourned, at 8:53 p.m.