

SMILE General Meeting Wednesday, August 3, 2022

SMILE President Elaine O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. with approximately 40 people in attendance.

The June 1, 2022 General Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Two representatives from QFC, Ryan Baker and James Lewis, were introduced. They laid out their plan to remove the Can-Do machine on Milwaukie Avenue and replace it with an account-based bottle drop system in the rear of the building. The majority of people in attendance supported the idea. Some residents who live immediately adjacent to the store expressed concerns about noise and loitering that might come with the change. They asked for more information about the legal process QFC will follow to allow the proposed change, and assurances that truck traffic other than brief, occasional can/bottle pick-up will be strictly prohibited. Many people expressed ongoing concerns about store security, customer and employee safety, shoplifting and teenager's access to alcohol.

QFC staff and attendees agreed that SMILE will host a second community meeting. A QFC representative will bring information about the steps involved in modifying the current zoning and/or agreements that prohibit truck access to the back lot. QFC's plans for addressing the security issues noted above and the overall condition of the store will also be included on the meeting agenda.

Announcements were made about upcoming SMILE events and the \$250,000 grant SMILE recently received from the City of Portland. Meeting attendees were urged to sign up for the SMILE newsletter. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.