

to present testimony from his committee for the Portland Planning Commission by its deadline, next Tuesday, on the 16 proposed temporary or permanent relaxation of various rules binding on contractors who build large apartment developments – with the stated aim of getting more housing built. (None of the sixteen proposals involved reducing any city fees or reducing delays and paperwork in authorizing such construction.) The testimony, for which the Land Use Committee was seeking SMILE Board authorization, related to only four of these proposed changes. Schoellhamer recapped the gist of this proposed testimony (which had been submitted to Board Members previously by email, and is incorporated into these minutes by reference). There were a number of comments and concerns voiced by Board Members, at least one of whom was disinclined to vote to submit the testimony. A woman present said she wants to urge the city not to end the requirement for builder “neighborhood contact meetings”, one of the four points on which the SMILE testimony would be commenting. When the discussion ended, Eric Norberg moved the testimony be accepted by the Board and forwarded to the Portland Planning Commission; Elaine O’Keefe seconded the motion; and the motion carried with one abstention.

President Dugan next referred to the process defined in our bylaws for replacing our recently-resigned Board Member (MacKenzie Torres, who moved to Bend), and said he wanted to proceed with that process expeditiously – asking for volunteers from the Board to assist with the process. Zack Duffly and Elizabeth Milner volunteered. The vacancy-filling election will be announced at our November Board Meeting, and the election is expected to occur at our December General Meeting.

Dugan also wanted to get Board feedback on how SMILE should evaluate and respond to requests from other neighborhoods in the city or various organizations, asking us to officially support them in their efforts. Pat Hainley and Zack Duffly suggested that such requests should go first to an appropriate SMILE committee for evaluation and a recommendation to the Board. Jim Friscia and Elaine O’Keefe suggested that such might best be done by an ad-hoc “Executive Committee” of SMILE officers.

Dugan and Treasurer Pat Hainley moved to the last agenda item, a SMILE fiscal year recap. Our revenue (mostly rental income) was \$186,786; expenses totaled \$165,609; so we enjoyed a positive balance for the year, when we had originally projected a substantial deficit. In addition, we received a \$250,000 grant from the city to remodel SMILE Station’s basement into usable meeting and office space, of which \$27,740.50 still remains to be used – it is contemplated that we will raise the ceiling in the main upstairs meeting room and improve the lighting, at an estimated cost of \$28,100. SMILE has a reserve threshold of \$70,000, and has liquid assets of approximately \$105,000 on hand.

-----EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:57 p.m.-----

(No minutes taken; Executive Session was for a discussion concerning personnel.)

-----EXECUTIVE SESSION ended 9:17 p.m.-----

Elaine O’Keefe made a motion to award a net \$3,500 (gross \$3,800) bonus to Christine Timberlake, our Facilities Manager, for her success in improving our financial condition this year, and for her initiative in obtaining the grant for the remodel of SMILE Station. The motion was seconded by Bob Burkholder, and carried with one abstention.

Pat Hainley then moved the meeting be adjourned; Bob Burkholder seconded the motion; and the motion carried with apparent unanimity at 9:19 p.m.