

SMILE Board Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024

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OFFICERS PRESENT: David Dugan, President; Elizabeth Milner, Vice President; Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Grant Huling, Elaine O’Keefe, Bob Burkholder; Jim Friscia, Tracy Fisher

GUESTS: *(None present)*

SMILE President David Dugan called the meeting to order in the newly repaired and renovated upstairs meeting room at SMILE Station, at 7:31 p.m. – and began by asking for a review of the February 21st virtual (ZOOM) Board Meeting minutes. Pat Hainley made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted. Tracy Fisher seconded the motion; and it then carried unanimously.

First on the agenda was a report from Bob Burkholder, a member of the SMILE Land Use Committee, in the absence of its Chair, David Schoellhamer. The committee is submitting to the Board, for approval, a letter [incorporated into these minutes by reference] to the Portland Planning Commission’s Land Division Code Update Committee, in appreciation of and in support of updates proposed to the city landslide zones map which much more accurately reflect the history of landslides and instability along the Oaks Bottom Bluff in Sellwood and Westmoreland, than did the “old map of 1997”, and expresses SMILE’s support for adopting the new map. Bob Burkholder made a motion that SMILE adopt this letter and that SMILE forward it to its addressee, and Eric Norberg seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Grant Huling was next to present: He has learned that a “longterm use permit” from the Parks Department for a change SMILE proposes to make at the informal “Oaks Bottom Overlook” pocket park – situated at the transition from S.E. 13th to Bybee Boulevard in Westmoreland – normally would cost SMILE a fee of \$1,000, which he said is a “nonstarter”. But he – only today – received guidance from Parks that a fee waiver can be incorporated into the application, with the stipulation that if the waiver is not approved, the permit application will not proceed. He therefore wants to file the application with Parks with those stipulations. No objection from the Board to this.

Specifically, the permit application is for SMILE to create a concrete base, at its own expense, for the new city trashcan it has requested be placed in the park to replace a defaced and damaged large, round, heavy concrete trash receptacle. The request is being made to the Parks Department, since they apparently believe the land in question is in their jurisdiction – but SMILE originally obtained permission to create the pocket park there from the Portland Bureau of Transportation, which at the time said the space –

immediately adjacent to the street at that point – was actually PBOT land. If Parks does not approve the application as presented, it might be fruitful to try again with PBOT.

President David Dugan then gave an update on the reconstruction of the SMILE downstairs space after the January pipe-burst flood resulted in the demolition of the recent remodel there. He said that the restoration of the recently-completed remodel design is coming along nicely, and it appears our insurance will cover the restoration. He added that a SMILE Station open house will be held on Saturday, May 11.

As concerns the annual SMILE Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, Dugan announced that it has been decided that it will again be held this year at Oaks Amusement Park; and a late decision has also been made to move the time from 10 to 11 a.m. But there will be activities for the kids who arrive for the egg hunt as early as 9:30 a.m.

The annual SMILE neighborhood trash cleanup collection event will take place at Westmoreland Park's south-end parking lot, as usual, on Saturday May 18. The hours will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Again, fees will be charged for the items being disposed of.

Jim Friscia confirmed that all SMILE's community summer concerts will take place this year only at Windermere's parking lot, just south of Bybee in Westmoreland. The exception will be our one PP&R "Summer Free for All" concert, which will again be in Sellwood Park. Friscia outlined ideas to vend food and drink items at the concerts; the feasibility of doing so is being looked into. The first community concert will be on the second Saturday in July, which would be the 13th.

Elizabeth Milner gave a brief report on the current progress of plans for Sundae in the Park in Sellwood Park this year.

Turning to the upcoming May SMILE Board Election on May first, President Dugan confirmed that Southeast Uplift will again oversee the election and vote count. Elaine O'Keefe then read aloud the requirements in our bylaws for how the election process is to be handled. We need at least two Board Members and one additional SMILE member for the annual SMILE Election Committee (more would be welcome). Plans were made for the formation of the committee.

In the meantime, President Dugan said, we do need a Board representative upon the Southeast Uplift Board; he said he could do it himself if necessary, but he would like the representative to be an at-large Board Member. The once-monthly Uplift Board Meetings are currently online and virtual, making attendance easier. Tracy Fisher volunteered to attend as SMILE's representative, and David appointed him.

David concluded the meeting with a brief report on the District Coalition meetings he has been attending for six months – there will only be four Coalitions, in keeping with the new city government having four Districts – but the City Council has sharply reduced the budgets of these Coalitions, even though each one will be serving more neighborhoods. The Coalitions are lobbying for more in their budgets to handle the additional loads. We'll have more discussion on this topic at our April Board Meeting.

There being no other business on the agenda or offered from the floor, Pat Hainley moved the meeting be adjourned; Elizabeth Milner seconded the motion; and the motion carried unanimously at 8:50 p.m.