

SMILE General Meeting minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

SMILE Station

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Procedural

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Elaine O’Keefe, Bob Burkholder, Tracy Fisher; Suzanne Kruse, via ZOOM

SMILE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Kerri Evans, Brenda Ray Scott; (*and, via ZOOM*): Sydney Rich-Peterson, “Anthony”, Max Schwartz

GUESTS: Jonathan Cruz and Jaycob Padron, Multnomah County Health Department

The meeting was called to order by SMILE President David Dugan at 7:37 p.m. He led the introductions of the SMILE Board Members present – and, determining that no quorum had yet been attained, he postponed a review of the minutes of the September 4th SMILE General Meeting, until or unless a quorum was reached during this meeting. (There were no minutes to consider from October, since the SMILE October General Meeting was canceled in favor of the SMILE-presented and Sellwood-Community-House-hosted Portland City Council “District 4” candidates forum and meet-and-greet on Sunday, October 5, at which no minutes were taken.)

President Dugan then introduced the featured speakers for this meeting – Jonathan Cruz and Jaycob Padron, from the Multnomah County Health Department – with a follow-up presentation to the one presented previously when the county first announced the effort to mitigate wood heating smoke in the county. The duo presented an illustrated talk on Multnomah County efforts to reduce particulate matter in the air from residential activities, with special attention to mitigating wood smoke, smoke from wildfires, and emissions from gasoline-powered leaf blowers. “Air pollution is a silent killer,” they reminded. Complaints about smoke and particulate matter emissions may be sent by email to: woodsmokecomplaints@multco.us. There are opportunities to receive county subsidies for replacement of wood-burning stoves by a nonpolluting heat source – specifically cited was a heat pump. The county also offers residents more information on “healthy homes”, online, at: <https://www.multco.us/wildfiresmoke>.

Next to present were SMILE Board Members Elaine O’Keefe and Tracy Fisher, who told of our plans once again this year to support, and add to, the Sellwood-Moreland Business Alliance’s business promotion in early December – “Decemberville”. The date for it this year is Saturday, December 7th, and our plans as outlined included:

- 10 a.m. to Noon – SMILE Station will again offer a FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST – in addition to the pancakes, there’ll be sausage, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice.
- 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Live music from nine successive performers.
- All day: A Blanket drive for the Willamette Center - Housing Solutions Committee. If you have clean, good-condition blanket you can share with those who really need one, please bring it to donate.
- A raffle – no purchase necessary to win.
- All day – The SMILE “SNAC” Committee – our livability committee – will have a table and perhaps a craft for kids.

A meeting attendee suggested SMILE schedule another visit from the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, for an update on the Sellwood-Westmoreland Sewer Project. We plan to.

Lacking any other agenda items, or any other matters offered from the floor, President David Dugan adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.