

**SMILE Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 19, 2025**  
**at SMILE Station**

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Procedural

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** President David Dugan [*via ZOOM*]; Vice President Elizabeth Milner; Treasurer Pat Hainley; Secretary Eric Norberg  
**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Grant Huling, Tracy Fisher, Jason Sturgill, Jim Friscia, Bob Burkholder, Zack Duffly [*via ZOOM*]  
**GUESTS:** Diana Collins, Principal at Llewellyn Elementary School, and several unidentified SMILE members

President David Dugan called the meeting to order via ZOOM at 7:31 p.m., and observed that a quorum had been attained. The main item of business at this meeting was for the Board to approve what were to be the final version of the Bylaws revisions which had previously been approved by the Board, and then were presented at the SMILE General Meeting on February 5. No further comments or suggestions were received from any member of the SMILE neighborhood at that meeting or since, so Bob Burkholder moved that the Board again approve the final Bylaws revisions as they will be presented to the SMILE membership at the March 5th General Meeting, for a vote of the membership. Pat Hainley seconded the motion, which then carried unanimously.

The meeting then turned to upcoming events sponsored by SMILE. The annual SMILE Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 19, in conjunction with Moreland Presbyterian Church and Sellwood Community House; it will again take place at Oaks Amusement Park in Sellwood (the Moreland Presbyterian Church seems to believe it will be at Sellwood Park, so Elizabeth Milner will contact them about the correct location).

The annual SMILE Neighborhood Cleanup will be on the third Saturday in May – the 17th – once again in the south parking lot of Westmoreland Park. The plans for that are in the early stages at this point.

Jim Friscia reported that, due to permitting conflicts – mostly involving reserved playing fields – in Sellwood Park, there are only two dates possible for a “Free For All” summer concert in that park, and they are both in August. It was unclear whether we would seek either of these dates for the purpose. However, Jim said that the dates for our Saturday evening parking lot concerts in Westmoreland will be between July 12 and August 23. He added that SMBA – the Sellwood Moreland Business Alliance business association – is interested in collaborating with us on these concerts.

Some concern was voiced by members of the SMILE Board over whether the annual Royal Rosarian Milk Carton Boat Races – the only Inner Southeast Portland Rose Festival event – might be canceled because of the recently-announced extraordinarily

large Portland city budget shortfall. There was a suggestion made that perhaps SMILE could assist with its costs, if that would keep the Milk Carton Races on the calendar this year. After some discussion, Jim Friscia made a motion that SMILE be willing to contribute up to \$2,000 to the costs of the Milk Carton Boat Races this year, if this would save the 2025 event. Jason Stirgill seconded the motion, which then carried unanimously.

Bob Burkholder has been involved in the plans to rebuild the badly-vandalized picnic tables at the SMILE-built Oaks Bottom Lookout “pocket park” at the west end of Bybee Boulevard and the north end of S.E. 13th Avenue. He said he had determined that the wood used in their construction, which was an Eagle Scout project, was of high quality, and he has been looking into matching it for the repairs. He suggested repairing one table at a time, so there would be at least one picnic table available at the site as soon as possible for visitors. Elizabeth Milner reported that our local Scout Troop seems to think that making these repairs could be another Eagle Scout project, which would be helpful, if so.

Grant Huling made a motion that SMILE officially give thanks to Bob Burkholder for his work in advancing these repairs; Jim Friscia seconded the motion; and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business before the Board, Pat Hainley moved that the meeting be adjourned, Bob Burkholder seconded the motion, and motion passed with evident unanimity at 8:11 p.m.