



As for all of the SMILE events of the summer now ending, Dugan said, “Many thanks to the community volunteers who made it all happen – as well as to our sponsors, the businesses who donated, to Heiberg Garbage for the cleanup, and to Moreland Presbyterian Church for hosting the summer concerts.” Pat Hainley reminded David that SMILE has in the past presented “SMILE Award” certificates to those in the community who have gone “above and beyond” – a potential way to recognize such efforts now. That thought prompted Dugan to remark that, “Our District Coalition, NWNW, wants us to track volunteer hours. We need to work on that.”

President Dugan then announced that Ben Trimm has volunteered to be the new Chair of the SMILE Land Use Committee – but we still need a Board Representative on that committee to keep the Board advised of the committee’s activities. He also mentioned that on Wednesday, September 3, the SMILE General Meeting will host a public input meeting on the 7-story apartment building proposed for the edge of Oaks Bottom at S.E. Harold Street. It’s likely there will be a crowd, and it will also be available on Zoom.

Scott Kelly followed with a report on the SMILE Transportation Committee he Chairs. He said that SMILE’s Transportation Committee has hosted a “bike bus” every Friday morning this summer, and the final one of the season will be in two days, on Friday. The “bus” leaves Llewellyn School at 9:50 a.m., picks up riders along the way, and arrives at Sellwood Park around 10:20. Participants find their way back home individually whenever they wish. Bike helmets are required for anyone under 16. Parents, grandparents and neighbors are encouraged and welcomed to attend.

Kelly said that PBOT will do a traffic study requested by the committee on S.E. 17th Street, but the city is ruling out speed cameras on Sellwood and Westmoreland streets; at this time they are only installing these costly cameras on “high crash corridors”. (The city is just now changing vendors for these cameras.) There followed some discussion of possible temporary placement locations for one of the city’s two PPB mobile speed camera trucks (such as are occasionally seen parked beside S.E. McLoughlin Boulevard near Bybee Boulevard). A general discussion by the Board of speed issues followed. Then Kelly said that we have requested placement of an automated speed reader in our neighborhood for six months. The discussion concluded with talk of a possible “resident-funded improvement program” through PBOT.

President Dugan concluded the meeting with a reminder that the SMILE Fiscal Year extends from October to September, so it is time for committees and Board Members to start thinking about what we want our 2025-26 SMILE Budget to look like.

There being no other business on the agenda, or offered from the floor, Pat Hainley made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and Suzanne Kruse seconded the motion – which then carried with evident unanimity at 8:48 p.m.