

SMILE General Meeting minutes

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

SMILE Station

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Eli Fabens, Scott Kelly, and Suzanne Kruse

SMILE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Eileen Fitzsimons, Ben Trimm,
Danya Shneyer, Susan Palmer

The October SMILE General Meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by SMILE President David Dugan, beginning with self-introductions around the room. The attendance falling well short of a quorum, the minutes of the September meeting could not be considered for approval, because no motions could be approved.

Chair of the SMILE History Committee Eileen Fitzsimons arose to update SMILE about PGE's former announced plans to demolish its historic electric substation building just north of Garthwick on S.E. 13th Avenue in Sellwood. After receiving input at the SMILE General Meeting at which they appeared, and subsequently from the community, the two PGE personnel who appeared at the SMILE meeting at the Oaks Pioneer Church to discuss the original demolition plans later told Eileen that they no longer expected to demolish the historic building.

However, the building does not, in the company's opinion, lend itself to any use of value to PGE, so they are still seeking community input about possible future uses for it. They may just leave it there and improve security at the site...or there might be a good use found for it that would be compatible with its location within a modern PGE power distribution facility.

With nothing else on the evening's agenda, one of the community members attending the meeting – identifying herself as Susan Palmer – wanted to ask SMILE about how she and her neighbors in Sellwood could deal with a nuisance that has arisen nearby: A “cigars and superheroes” business which has become a problem with the smell of the smoke arising from it. Scott Kelly suggested she go through existing city ordinances to see if she finds one applicable to this situation. He pointed out that she can also complain to the city about it. SMILE asked her to keep the neighborhood association informed about her progress with this issue.

As the meeting neared its ending, Eileen Fitzsimons announced that there will be two free walking tours innorth Westmoreland later this month, keyed to the Hallowe'en season. Details are in the BEE “Events” section for October, and are also posted in the History Committee's section of the main SMILE website. Then, with there being no other business, President David Dugan concluded the meeting at 7:54 p.m.