



The remainder of the November SMILE General Meeting was devoted to reports from a few of the active SMILE committees. First to speak was Bob Burkholder, former Board Member and Chair of the SMILE Emergency Preparedness Committee, which is involved in the citywide NET system (Neighborhood Emergency Team) – the members of which are trained by PF&R in rescue techniques for use in neighborhood emergencies. He explained the NET concept, and the activities of the committee, which welcomes new members.

Ben Trimm, new Chair of the SMILE Land Use Committee, was next: It's important to have advance knowledge of the plans for construction in the neighborhood; the committee seeks to form relationships with contractors, developers, and architects, to assist them in responding to the standards and context of Sellwood and Westmoreland in their projects. The committee has developed, with SMILE oversight, neighborhood advisory standards which are publicly posted and advocated for construction here.

Scott Kelly followed, as the Chair of the SMILE Transportation Committee. "Any SMILE member who attends one of our meetings is a voting member of the committee for that meeting." The committee is working to improve the safety and movement of all kinds of transportation in the neighborhood. Scott discussed several current issues involving PBOT. Committee meetings are 6-7:15 p.m. on third Wednesday evenings, just before the monthly SMILE Board Meetings.

Tina Nunez Osterink is the Chair of the 15-years-old "Stewardship of Natural Amenities Committee" – better known as SNAC – which has developed the "Springwater Meadows" natural area beside the Springwater Trail in the south end of Sellwood, as well as the "Oaks Bottom Overlook" pocket park on PBOT property on the outside of the curve in which Bybee Boulevard connects to S.E. 13th on the south end of the Portland Memorial property. It regularly maintains both those spaces, and other areas of the neighborhood as needed – in which volunteers are always very welcome!

Finally, Grant Huling – Chair of the Community Safety Committee – arose to tell of the committee's regular meetings, and occasional special events (Nov. 12 "Safety and Self-Defense Workshop at SMILE Station). The committee is concerned with crime prevention and improving public safety in the neighborhood. Reminder: Reporting any crimes to the police increases police patrols, so never neglect to report a crime. The committee maintains liaison with the Central Precinct NRT ("Neighborhood Response Team") officers to address chronic community problems.

There being no other matters on the agenda, or offered from the floor, President Dugan reminded those present once again about the upcoming special Board Seat election upcoming at the December 3rd SMILE General Meeting, and that the nominations for that seat are now open – and he concluded the meeting at 7:58 p.m.