

**SMILE Community Safety Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**1 PM, April 12, 2026- Blue Kangaroo Coffee Roasters**

Attendees: Grant Huling (Chair), Lance Goldenberg, Marianne Nelson, Adam Seidman

- *Rose City Self Defense, NEW Youth Introductory Class*, for 11–14-year-olds. Sellwood Community House. Mondays April 6, 13 & 20 | 6:00-8:00 PM
- *Oaks Bottom Overlook Workday* Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 11 am. We will work alongside SNAC (The Stewardship of Natural Amenities Committee) to put finishing touches on the fence at Oaks Bottom Overlook. We will straighten the posts and do further soil compaction, paint the fence with clear Vand-L-Gard graffiti repellent, and sand down the benches and tables for reapplication of Vand-L-Gard there. All material provided. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Bring any sanding equipment. Adam will see about getting a generator.
- *Sellwood Center*. This 8-story Section 8 housing is located near the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> and Tacoma, where many safety concerns have been reported. Need to have better communication with the management. Creed had reached out, and a letter was sent with resources. Is there a “Good Neighbor Agreement”? There should be. Is anyone still attending the PEMO meetings? Ann Miller from PEMO would know. They could be of help here. Grant thought that SMILE board member Suzanne Kruse sometimes attended. Marianne will contact her. Need to find out if other “Home Forward” housing complexes have Good Neighbor agreements. This would be a starting place for a conversation with their management.
- *Theft at Antique Boutique, 7908 SE 13th Ave*. Raegan, the owner, came to a SMILE meeting, concerned about the robberies, wondering if SMILE could help. She has an inside camera, which shows the thief, but would like cameras outside. She said she would attend this meeting but did not come. (As we were leaving, she did come and apologized. She has shared the video with the police, knows who the thief is, but needs proof to make a charge. He would have to be caught with something stolen in his possession. She said he takes what he steals to 17<sup>th</sup> and Tacoma and sells it immediately.) Could SMBA help? Lance went to some of their meetings. There is informal communication between local retailers about theft. Marianne said that at the PEMO meeting, Hillsdale and Multnomah neighborhood businesses discussed such problems. SMILE role might be to facilitate discussion. Perhaps we could get a speaker from a neighborhood successfully fighting theft to speak to SMBA and SMILE joint meeting. Grant has a contact in the Pearl Neighborhood. He will contact them to see if they would be willing to share their story with SMBA and SMILE.
- *Should there be more safety presentations in the neighborhood?* Not that many people come to SMILE meetings. Adam said he would inquire about a future Llewellyn PTA meeting. Safety topics often come up on the Sellwood-Moreland Facebook page. Perhaps Safety Committee should have a page. None of us were active Facebook users. Adam would look into the possibility of an organization Facebook page, but it would have to be checked on regularly in order to respond promptly.

- *Next Cleanup.* There have been complaints about trash from homeless at Johnson Creek Park. Plan for cleanup event on Saturday, May 9th at 9:00 AM. Perhaps we could put up a sign in the park ahead of time to let neighbors and park users know about the cleanup, and maybe they would join in. Adam will contact Fed Ex to see how expensive signage might be. Grant said he could do the design: SMILE logo et.
- *Next meeting.* Next committee meeting is in two months Sunday June 14, 1 PM, at Blue Kangaroo.

Grant said that he could use some help with the committee. Adam agreed to replace Creed as vice chair. Marianne agreed to take minutes and be secretary.