

**S.M.I.L.E. BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2008, SMILE STATION**

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Officers and Directors present: President Paul Notti, Vice President Tina Nuner-Guterink, Treasurer Pat Hainley, and Secretary Eric Norberg; and Directors Dana Beck, Eric Fox, Mike Pucik, Nancy Walsh, and Teresa Dunbar

President Paul Notti called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm, starting by explaining agenda protocol, since a question had been raised about it by Mike Pucik before the meeting was called to order.

Paul and Tina reported on State efforts to fund the replacement of the Seilwood Bridge. Mayor Adams is insisting that any new bridge in the City be built "trolley ready", with space for tracks in a traffic lane -- but this does not mean any trolley is contemplated on the Seilwood Bridge in the foreseeable future, since there would need to be someplace for a trolley to have come from and to go to. However, they also reported that all parties involved, including County Commissioner Kafoury, are in favor of incorporating into the bridge plan a completion of the Tacoma Main Street Plan; and President Notti detailed the parts of that plan, already approved by the City, which have not yet been implemented: Curb extensions, gateway signage, signalization upgrades at 13th and 17th, and a bicycle boulevard on Umatilla Street.

President Notti again brought up the question of SMILE making a grant to help fund Julie Wallace's project, at the Moreland Farmers Market, to recycle black Styrofoam. Dana Beck moved, and Eric Fox seconded, that SMILE grant \$250 for this project -- conditioned on some kind of accounting for the grant money. The motion passed unanimously by hand-count vote.

Havilah Ferachweiler of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement was present to report on the "Good Neighbor Agreement" executed June 2nd on behalf of its neighbors with "The Woods", a folk music venue going into the former Wilhelm's funeral home and crematorium. Dr. Phil McKinney, who lives a couple of blocks away from the facility (and across the street from the QFC Market) sold of the agreement, "it covers everything we talked about", and said he had "virtually no objections" with it. No neighbor was present to voice any objections to the agreement. As part of the agreement, the neighbors will meet again in four months to see if any problems have arisen with the venue. Pat Hainley moved that SMILE accept this agreement; Eric Norberg seconded; and the motion carried unanimously by a hand vote.

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Teresa Dunbar then indicated she had reviewed the minutes of the June Board meeting and moved to accept them as submitted. Pat Hainley seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote, with no Nays.

President Notti and Barbara Barber reported on the Transportation Committee meeting the previous Sunday. Several issues arose concerning the need to slow down traffic and increase safety on S.E. 17th south of Tacoma Street. Residents on 17th plan a petition of concern on this, caused by the high volume of commuter traffic going to and from Clackamas County. Barbara said the Committee hopes to get the speed on that segment of 17th reduced to 20 MPH, if businesses will support it.

Dan Wieland, one of our two delegates to Southeast Uplift, reported on a discussion at Uplift about free traffic-issues classes open to SMILE Board members.

Paul Notti reported that the Spokane Street bicycle boulevard project is in its final stage before City approval. Two businesses at 17th and Spokane objected to right-turn limitations from 17th southbound, so PDOT has substituted a speed bump and a pinch-point at S.E. 14th to protect children and pedestrians using the Sellwood Community Center. There would still be a protected pedestrian crossing at S.E. 17th.

Philip Krain appeared on behalf of the ad-hoc SMILE Sustainability Committee which he Chairs. A solar initiative is under discussion; on June 30th, Southeast Uplift will host a group to address it. He added that he would like to see at least part of SMILE Station's lawn converted to a garden. Eric Norberg and Nancy Walsh made the point that the existing building landscaping was directed by Eileen Fitzsimons to restore it to its historic appearance -- a project that was financed by a grant, to enhance SMILE Station's historical context, so care needs to be taken about any changes to it.

President Notti told the Board that he had met with Lori, a representative with Friends of Trees, and he would like to see the Sustainability Committee work with her to increase the number of trees coming into the neighborhood. She will appear before SMILE in July.

For the ad-hoc Sundae in the Park Committee, its Chair, Nancy Walsh, reported that it is "doing OK (in preparing for this annual neighborhood event); making progress". The entertainment has been booked by Dana Beck, and we are trying to get the food vendors to stay well after 4 pm, since the Parks Department will be continuing the entertainment from that point, leading to the showing of an Indiana Jones adventure movie starting at dusk, till about 11 pm. We are bringing back a Jumping Castle, since they were such a hit with the kids in their first year, last year. We could still use help with event setup and operation.

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Mike Pucik then asked President Notti about the process by which our two delegates to Southeast Uplift were appointed. He felt Teresa Pucik should have been the sole delegate based on her past service to SMILE. An explanation was provided by Notti and Pat Hainley. Teresa did not express an interest until after Dan Wieland had volunteered and asked to be appointed. Although this normally would have resulted in his being the only delegate, to honor Teresa Pucik's past service to SMILE, the Board appointed them both. When Uplift informed SMILE that only one voting delegate could be appointed, but that additional nonvoting delegates could be appointed, Notti designated Dan Wieland as the voting delegate, based upon his having volunteered first.

Mike Pucik then asked SMILE to consider whether Reid Kells has a conflict of interest representing SMILE on TriMet's Light Rail Committee, and he asserted that the Committee does not permit Reid to vote because of this alleged conflict. Pat Hainley pointed out that it is not SMILE's job to determine such a conflict, since it is not a SMILE committee; that is to be determined by the TriMet committee he has joined. Mike said he would contact Jennifer Koezer of TriMet to discuss this.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared adjourned by President Notti at 9:42 pm.

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Secretary's note: Since a serious allegation was made about SMILE's official representative to the TriMet Light Rail committee, Reid Kells, it should be noted that subsequent to the adjournment of this meeting, Reid Kells responded in writing and in detail in response to this allegation. His complete response is appended to the official record copy of these minutes, and was distributed by e-mail to the Board after this meeting. Specifically, he stated that he IS allowed to vote on the committee, that he recused HIMSELF from one vote because of a potential conflict of interest which he himself had announced to the committee at the time of the vote, and that he has indeed voted since then -- inasmuch as the committee has determined that he has no actual conflict of interest in the matter. The potential conflict in question relates to Reid's wife's employment by an engineering firm, but Reid stated in his written response that her job does not rely upon, nor is it in fact in any way impacted by, whether a light rail line is ever built in Southeast Portland or not.