

## SMILE General Meeting minutes

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**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Tyler Janzen, President; Simon Fulford, Vice President; Pat Hainley, Treasurer; Eric Norberg, Secretary

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Elaine O’Keefe; Julie Currin; Bob Burkholder; Joel Leib; Rhea Smith; Gail Hoffnagle

President Tyler Janzen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and began by asking those present to introduce themselves, around the room. With a quorum present, Janzen asked that the minutes of the June 5 General Meeting be reviewed. (There was no General Meeting in July, due to the Independence Day holiday.) After a review of the minutes, Ed Nunez moved the minutes be accepted as presented, Elaine O’Keefe seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

First to speak was R. Corless, Chair of the SMILE Crime Prevention Committee, who began by announcing that there had been a stranger-to-stranger stabbing early Monday morning near the Springwater Corridor Trail on S.E. Marion Street, and a homeless man was identified as the attacker in the incident and had been arrested.

Ms. Corless then introduced Tatyana Bondarchuk, a Crime Victim Advocate, for a presentation on her nonprofit. Ms. Bondarchuk began by saying she was originally from Russia, but has been a resident of the United States since the turn of the century. Her office is at 7931 N.E. Halsey Street, and her telephone number is 971/888-7830 – all services offered by her office are free. Assault and robbery lead the list of crimes her office confronts; child abuse is also a major issue, as are abuse of alcohol and drugs. She offers both direct and over-the-phone support; mental health assistance is among the services offered. She presented the mission of her nonprofit, and the services it offers, in great detail, with the aid of a slide presentation. Her office has a Crisis Response Team, operating in cooperation with the Portland Police Bureau. She also cooperates with the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, in teaching disaster preparation. She referenced as a local crime information resource the website “SpotCrime” (<https://spotcrime.com>).

Next to appear was Jeff Gamer, representing the Sellwood-Moreland Business Alliance (SMBA) business association, who called to our attention that the Portland Marathon will run right through our neighborhood on October 6 this year. If Sellwood-Moreland has the best “cheering section” for the runners, he said, we could win \$1,000 for the neighborhood. The Marathon runners will enter the neighborhood eastbound on the Sellwood Bridge, with their route including both Sellwood Park and Westmoreland Park, and then will eventually exit the neighborhood eastbound on S.E. Bybee Boulevard. There was a discussion about how we might most effectively cheer the runners on.

Jim Friscia was present, as Chair of the ad-hoc SMILE Concerts in the Park Committee, to report on this year's "Monday Concerts in July" at its new venue – upper Sellwood Park. The change in venue was initially worrisome, since attendees might still go by habit to Sellwood Riverfront Park, he said; but happily, concert-goers all found their way to Sellwood Park, and the crowds numbered 1,300 to 1,700 for all the concerts (the third Monday was, as usual, best attended). So the concerts, and their new location, were a big success. He would like to add more neighborhood residents to the committee to help plan next year's concerts. The committee raised \$19,000 as its part of the Parks Department's requirement, to pay our part to bring in the concerts this year – actually, \$3,000 more than the minimum required; he gave thanks to the community for its support. His committee will activate to get started on planning and executing the 2020 concerts next January.

Nancy Walsh followed, as the Chair of the Sundae in the Park Committee. Last Sunday marked the 40th annual Sundae in the Park in Sellwood Park, and was another success – around 2,000 attendees were estimated, over the span of the afternoon. It was a good crowd, there were good concert performers, and it was a perfect warm and sunny day. Nancy reminded that she must retire as the Chair of the event at this point, and whether the event will continue depends upon whether anyone else steps up to lead it. She is preparing an updated binder of information, time lines, etc., to help anyone who does, and she herself will be available to give advice if needed. Eric Norberg announced that he, personally, plans to continue as a member of the committee.

The other problem which could threaten continuation of Sundae in the Park is that the Parks Bureau is suddenly unwilling to allow SMILE free use of the park for the event as our neighborhood "National Night Out", and thus wants to start charging some \$3,000 next year for the use of the park for the day, after 40 years of not charging SMILE for this. Apparently they are objecting to the sale of the ice cream and picnic food at the event by nonprofit organizations, although the name of the event has made it clear from the start that the event centers on the sale of cheap ice cream sundaes!

The ice cream sundae receipts, at the sundae table hosted by the Southeast Portland Rotary Club, were presented to SMILE Treasurer Pat Hainley by Eric Norberg, who is not only SMILE Secretary, but a longtime member of the Rotary Club. The receipts for the \$1 sundaes, which SMILE uses to help defray the cost of the ice cream, amounted to \$1,049.07.

Last on the agenda was Gail Hoffnagle, Chair of the SMILE Friends of Sellwood Community Center Committee, who reported that she had met with the Portland Parks Bureau this week in our quest to operate the Center after the city closes it permanently on August 31 for budgetary reasons; and "they agreed to almost everything we asked for". A separate nonprofit corporation has been established, and the lease agreement is being prepared – "it looks like we are on schedule for taking over September 1." There is still a need for some instructors for the fall term at what will again be renamed "Sellwood Community House". We will start with preschool and after-school care; most other classes will begin later in the Fall. There followed extensive Q and A on various details.

There being no other business on the agenda, or offered from the floor, Bob Burkholder moved the meeting the adjourned, Simon Fulford seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously at 9:10 p.m.