

SMILE General Meeting minutes

February 5, 2020

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Burkholder; Elizabeth Milner; Julie Currin; Gail Hoffnagle; Elaine O'Keefe

Inasmuch as there was no General Meeting on January 1, New Year's Day, this was the first SMILE General Meeting of 2020.

President Tyler Janzen called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., and began by outlining the procedure for the major agenda item of the evening – the Special Board Election to fill two seats of recently-resigned Board Members Joel Leib and Justin Dick. He asked for a show of hands from those intending to seek one of these seats. There were four hands raised.

Before continuing the meeting, and with a quorum clearly present, President Janzen asked those present to review the minutes of the December 4, 2019, General Meeting. When the review was complete, Simon Fulford moved the minutes be accepted as presented, and Bob Burkholder seconded the motion, which then carried with one abstention and no “nays”.

Janzen then announced that the four candidates for the two vacancies on the SMILE Board would be invited up to speak briefly about their candidacy, and David Schoellhamer provided a computer to project on the SMILE wall screen on which the candidates entered their names after each spoke, to provide guidance to those voting as to how to write in their preferred two candidates. (No candidates had been identified before the meeting, so none could be pre-entered on the ballot, which thus had presented two blank lines. The order of the names written in was not significant; the longer remaining term went to the top vote-getter, and the shorter remaining term to the second-highest vote-getter.)

First to speak was **Priyesh Krishnan**, who identified himself as a three-year resident of Sellwood-Westmoreland, and he outlined relevant experience, adding that he had no platform – he just wanted to make a difference. He is employed by Kaiser.

Second to speak was **Rowdy Bossard**, a renter and a two-year resident. He said he had no platform either, just likes the neighborhood. He currently works in HR for a healthcare organization, and previously taught English in Korea for five years.

Third to speak was **Eriks Berzins**, who said he is a Deputy District Attorney in Clackamas County, loves Portland, and especially Sellwood-Westmoreland. “A small town in the city,” he commented. He is already involved in the SMILE Crime Prevention Committee.

Fourth to speak was **Bryce Butler**, who previously had served on the Board of a

neighborhood association in Baltimore. He said he is concerned about “what is happening downtown” in City Hall. “We need to work together to make neighborhood associations stronger.” He has a background in art and the theater.

No other candidates presented themselves, so ballots were then dispersed to those identified as SMILE Members by residency, employment, and/or land ownership. Muz Afzal of Southeast Uplift was present to oversee the election process and the counting of votes; he and the SMILE Election Committee gathered the voted ballots and retired to the basement to tabulate them and determine the winners.

As the count began in the basement, Kristen Eberlin of the Moreland Farmers Market arose in the meeting room to update SMILE on the Market, which now is moving, after ten years at the former south parking lot of Portland Memorial – which has been sold, and where apartment construction will begin this year – to, hopefully, the funeral home’s north parking lot for the time being. But that lot is also up for sale for future development, so a search continues for a permanent location – the primary preferred locations at present are the parking lot at the south end of Westmoreland Park, or a street closure in the neighborhood each week for the Wednesday afternoon Market.

Then, several SMILE Committee Chairs arose to acquaint those present with their committees:

- David Schoellhamer, Land Use Committee
- Bob Burkholder, Emergency Preparedness Committee
- R. Corless, Crime Prevention Committee
- Nancy Walsh, Sundae in the Park Comm., SMILE Station Comm., Church Comm.
- Scott Kelly, Transportation Committee
- Jim Friscia, Summer Concerts Committee
- Elizabeth Milner, SNAC committee [environmental projects and concerns]

Gail Hoffnagle was then invited to give an update on the operation of “Sellwood Community House”. Hundreds are involved, she said; “we still need volunteers and ideas”.

SMILE Board Member Elaine O’Keefe, serving on the Election Committee, then presented the election results to President Janzen, who announced that **Priyesh Krishnan** had been the top vote-getter and would serve until May 2021, and **Eriks Berzins** was the second-highest vote-getter and will serve until May 2020. Both can run for re-election at the end of their terms. Janzen and others in the room encouraged the other two candidates to run again at the regular May election, and to consider serving on a SMILE committee in the meantime.

R. Corless arose to point out to those present that this was Tyler Janzen’s last meeting as SMILE President; he has bought a home in Oregon City and will be leaving our neighborhood. He received a round of applause for his excellent service on the SMILE Board. Vice President Simon Fulford will serve as presiding officer until the May election.

Simon Fulford then moved that the meeting be adjourned, Gail Hoffnagle seconded the motion, and the motion carried with evident unanimity at 8:56 p.m.