



South Portland Business Association
Board Meeting
June 7, 2018
Minutes

Board Members Present: Malea, Kevin Countryman, Mark Eves, Richard Rizk, Brian Tanz, Ben Weinstein, Brad Nase

Board Members Absent: Cathy Newman, Chad Seegmiller, Danielle Brunner, Chris Hatfield

Executive Director: Pam Lemire

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 08:49 am by President Richard Rizk

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

The May minutes were approved.

III. AGENDA ITEMS:

- **Presentation:** Summer Ali did a presentation on the City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services South Portland/Burlingame Sewer Rehab Project.
- **New City "Focus Group":** Discussion continued from last month and comments included:
 - Serious steps need to be taken so that the SPBA and other Business Associations are recognized by the City. (the issue is not isolated to SPBA only)
 - Create a "Business Association" outside of Venture Portland
 - Need to align with other groups now in order to have a collective voice
 - Rich/Mark to meet to discuss how to proceed
- **June Event:** Event will be held at the International School. Guest Speaker will be Roger Gertenrich, outgoing President of the South Waterfront Homeowners Association. The International School will also give a talk and offer tours of the school.
- **OLCC Permits:** Pam/Malea will renew their permits
- **Annual Meeting debrief** – all agreed meeting was successful and well attended.
- **July meeting:** Will be held July 12 due to holiday.
- **Membership Drive:**
 - 24% of members have paid – lower than 2016/2017 at this time.
 - Board Members mentioned some had not received their renewals – Pam will resend
 - Richard said that he will take an active role in membership recruitment. Taking time to learn about the businesses that did not renew, hear what they have to say, identify their needs, offer photos.



- **July Event:** Event will be held at Rich’s office backyard patio. Possible theme may be photo exhibit.
- **New Meeting Locations:** Possible venues included Buffalo Gap, Etc. Catering. Rich/Pam to discuss with Urban Office parking issues.
- **Bureau of Planning and Sustainability/Macadam Development Project:**
 - The Board voted in support of the grant application to develop active transportation options and identify transit improvements t within the Macadam Plan District.
 - The Board voted to oppose the use of the grant funds for a review of update of the Macadam Plan District provisions with address land use or development standards such as building height, setbacks or floor area ration.
 - Rich to compose letter accordingly.

IV: New Business:

- Malea said the Willamette Park Concert will be July 19 and her band will play.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:06 am

Thank you to the Buffalo Gap for hosting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 12 place to be announced

SPBA Event Schedule 2018

June 27	International School-Roger Gertenrich Keynote
July 25	Rizk Law
August 22	Willamette Sailing Club
September 26	Attunement Acupuncture
October 24	US Bank/Chad
November 28	Holiday event or Fall Event??

Other possible venues for future events:

Fulton House Bed and Breakfast

Etc. Catering

