



South Portland Business Association
Board Meeting
July 11, 2019
Minutes

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

Board Members Absent: Cathy Newman, Chris Hatfield

Executive Director: Pam Lemire

Guests: Len Michon, Roger Gertenrich

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 08:46 am by President Richard Rizk

II. AGENDA ITEMS:

- The minutes from the June meeting were approved.
- **Presentation:** Roger Gertenrich and Len Michon explained North Macadam Urban Renewal Plan (NMUR). The Board voted to support their plan as follows:
 - Fully supportive of the Greenway project
 - Supportive of the Northbound extension of Bond Avenue provided this is in conjunction with the development of the South Portal extension to SW Boundary.
 - Mark with draft a letter accordingly and Rich will present at an August 5th meeting with Mayor Wheeler.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Transportation Committee-**
 - Discussed in conjunction with above.

- **South Portland Addressing Project:** Dani presented preliminary plans for a “rollout”. The SPBA agreed to support the project as long as the map proposal does not compete with the SPBA map/business directory. The SPBA is in support of a brochure compiling all information and setting out a schedule of events.
- **Financials:** Brian present first half financials. These show we are a bit behind last year due to decreased membership.
- **Membership Drive:** Pam reported 71% of our members have paid dues. She is in the process of collecting from the other members. There are 8 members so far that have not renewed their membership.
- **Map Cover Ideas:** Malea will arrange for photos for Board approval at the August meeting. The Board also agreed to a smaller 6-fold version of the map this year. This will save on costs.
- **2019 Events-**
 - Sept 18 Picnic Willamette Park-in conjunction with “SOPO” roll out. Pam/Rachel/Malea/Dani to meet to discuss logistics.
 - Oct 16 Urban Office
 - Nov 20 Holiday Party-Pam/Malea will research venues.

Meeting was adjourned 10:06 am. Thank you to the Buffalo Gap for hosting.
The next meeting will be Thursday, August 1 at the Buffalo Gap.