



South Portland Business Association
Board Meeting
October 3, 2019
Minutes

Board Members Present: Kevin Countryman, Mark Eves, Brian Tanz, Malea, Richard Rizk

Board Members Absent: Chris Hatfield, Cathy Newman, Brad Nase

Executive Director: Pam Lemire

Guests: Len Michon, SPNA

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 08:45 am by President Richard Rizk

II. AGENDA ITEMS:

- The minutes from the September meeting were approved.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Transportation Committee-**
 - Rich discussed the Zidell Yard Live Nation Amphitheater proposal. Impact on traffic in the area and noise concerns are major issues. The Board agreed that at this point there are too many “unknowns” to take a position on the project. We will continue to watch as details unfold.
- **Map:** Distribution will start Monday, October 7 and will complete by Friday, October 11. The Board discussed out phasing the map and going with digital advertising on the website. Pam is going to look into options and costs.
- Rich announced that Dani Brunner had resigned from the Board. The Board asked that he write a letter of appreciation for her contributions.
- **3rd Quarter Financials:** Brian submitted the preliminary 3rd quarter financials – still subject to final review.

- **New Members:**
 - **Jon Cader:** Owns the property at 6840 SW Macadam Ave. Would like to join and have a link to his property on the business directory page of the website. The Board agreed that this would not be a problem. Pam will follow up.
 - **Cascade Fare:** New restaurant at Corbett and Hamilton. They are open to hosting events (luncheon, networking, etc.). Pam will follow up.
- **Parkrose Business Association:** Review of email received from Parkrose Business Association asking our support in requesting an evening meeting with Portland City Council. Mark will follow up with the President of the Association for further details and report back.
- **Events:**
 - Caro Amico – poorly attended event- questions about how to increase attendance – Charge for events, more luncheons as they are well attended, dynamite keynote speakers.
 - Oct 16 Urban Office-networking event
 - Nov 20 Holiday Party- Buffalo Gap.
- **SPBA discussion:** Discussion resumed from last month about amending the bylaws to only allow Board members to vote if they have a business in our footprint. Another Board member said we should focus on bringing in new members for the Board rather than removing members, as it is difficult to find people willing to put the time and effort into serving on a Board. It is important to maintain the diversity of experience we have on our current Board. Pam will start inviting current members to attend Board meetings.
- **Annual Donation to SW News:** Motion was made and passed to give our annual \$50.00 donation to SW News.
- **Malea's Halloween Event:** Rich mentioned this event could be a good opportunity to network with possible new members for the SPBA. Len, SPNA agreed to pass the information to the SPNA members as well – as some may have a business interested in joining the SPBA.

Meeting was adjourned 10:02 am. Thank you to the Buffalo Gap for hosting.
The next meeting will be Thursday, November October 7 at the Buffalo Gap.