



NLOC Meeting
Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 3:30 PM
Portland Downtown – 549 Congress Street

Present: Lt. Kevin Cashman (PPD), Jessica Hanscombe (Business Licensing), Jon Dow (Waterfront Concerts), Dan Talmatch (North Point), Abigail Cassidy (Commercial Properties Mgmt), Doug Fuss (Bull Feeney's), Josh Miranda (Blyth & Burrows), Bob Waitkevitch (Fore Play), Tony Austin (State Liquor)

Board members: Sarah Martin, Alen Saric, Michael Erickson

Staff: Casey Gilbert, Taffy Eaton

1. **Introductions:** Sarah Martin opened the meeting and asked for introductions.
2. **Minutes:** Doug Fuss made a motion to approve the July 18, 2017 meeting minutes. Alen Saric seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Discussion:
 - Dan Talmatch asked why North Point was discussed. Sarah explained that this committee has heard many complaints about the sidewalk in front of North Point being completely blocked by outdoor dining.
3. **Review Night Life Issues/Calls for Service/License for September renewals:**
Lt. Cashman reviewed the calls for service in the packet
 - Styxx is closed
 - If a business that holds a liquor license moves out of a building, the liquor license is not transferrable to a new business
4. **Review of new and pending liquor licenses for August 2017:** Jessica Hanscombe reviewed. There were none in the downtown.
5. **Other business:**
 - Outdoor dining:
 - Jessica told the committee that liquor license renewal applications and outdoor dining renewals will be issued together as of January 1, 2018 in order to streamline the permitting process.
 - Health Inspectors, rather than Code Enforcement, will now do the sidewalk measuring for outdoor dining permits since they already visit each restaurant and bar twice a year.
 - Diagrams will now be requested with the outdoor dining permit application. The State is trying to make the City aware of what they are licensing.
 - The Permitting and Inspections Department does work on the weekends
 - North Point outdoor dining permit discussion and vote:

- This committee decided to table the vote on enforcing the outdoor dining parameters as they currently stand at North Point for now. They will review the outdoor dining permit language and make suggestions for updates.
- Sarah Martin will contact Chris Branch about Silver street sidewalk work and when it will be scheduled. At that time, modifications to the outdoor dining permit application can be made.
- Discussion:
 1. Dan Talmatch – the sidewalk is not ADA compliant as it is. Why not close it to pedestrians so it can be used for another reason, like outdoor dining? The health inspectors inspect outdoor dining. ADA compliance could be addressed by a different department.
 2. There was some discussion about whether or not all permitting and ordinance enforcement should be equal
 3. Sarah was told by the City that 2017 is the last year North Point will be allowed to have outdoor dining until the sidewalk is widened. The permit would be reissued once the sidewalk is ADA compliant.
 4. Currently there is no ordinance, just the permitting application. Should we add an ordinance suggestion in the letter?
 5. Dan has had numerous discussion with the Department of Public Works and City reps and the agreement was that people generally walk down the middle of the street even when his furniture is not set up. It's a low traffic street. There is a wide sidewalk on the other side of the street. City reps suggested he apply for a sidewalk closure permit in addition to applying for the outdoor dining permit.
 6. Casey Gilbert asked if there is any other place in the City where outdoor dining prohibits pedestrian passage. Portland Regency was brought up but it was determined that they own the whole area where they put outdoor seating.
 7. Visually impaired and handicapped persons' stepping into the street is not a viable option, as such, a sidewalk should never be completely blocked.
 8. Casey suggested Silver St sidewalk be included in the FY19 CIP budget request. She will talk to Chris Branch about whether it's been considered.
 9. Casey and Amy will schedule a meeting with Dan and Chris Branch to see if a solution can be found to bring the sidewalk up to ADA compliance, which would then allow North Point's outdoor dining area to be compliant.
- Bob Waitkevitch had a counterfeit \$50 bill and \$100 bill – be aware
- Abby Cassidy talked to the City about the possibility of having Wharf Street pressure-washed on a more regular basis as the street has issues with both drainage and pooling water, which makes for an unclean situation. She is working on coordinating a meeting between all interested parties and will let everyone know when the meeting is scheduled.
- The Sidewalk Buttlers are being addressed

Sarah adjourned the meeting at 4:00pm

Next meeting: September 19th 3:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Taffy Eaton, Recorder