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NLOC Meeting
Tuesday June 19, 2018 at 3:30 PM
Portland Downtown – 549 Congress Street

Present: Lt. Kevin Cashman (PPD), Jessica Hanscombe (Business Licensing), Tony Austin (State Liquor Enforcement), Janet Dosseva (City of Portland), Josh Miranda (Blyth and Burrows), Kelley Burich & Chelsea O'Reilly (Thompsons Point), Doug Fuss (Bull Feeney's), Bruce Mills (Amigos), Bob Waitkevitch (Fore Play)

Board members: Sarah Martin, Alen Saric, Mike Erickson

Staff: Taffy Eaton

Minute 1. Introductions: Sarah opened the meeting, welcomed everyone present and asked for introductions

Minute 2. Review and acceptance of May 15, 2018 meeting minutes: Alen Saric made a motion to accept the minutes, Doug Fuss seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Minute 3. Review Night Life Issues/Calls for Service/License for July 2018 renewals: Lt. Cashman reviewed the calls for service in the packet. Discussion:

- Portland Harbor Hotel – all noise complaints were related to bars on Wharf Street. Foot beat officers walked Wharf Street and determined that all loud music measured between 70 and 88 decibels at Oasis, Pearl and Bonfire, some had live bands.

Minute 4. Review of new and pending liquor licenses for July 2018: Jessica Hanscombe – there will be only one meeting in July. So far both applications are outside Portland Downtown.

Minute 5. Other business:

- Sarah let everyone know that she is still working on securing a date for the Summer Safety Meeting. Sarah will talk to Casey about Safe Bars' involvement to provide training for the safety of customers against other predator customers. Doug confirmed that Bull Feeney's is happy to host the meeting any Thursday at 4:00pm.
- Doug spoke about the assault incident at Urban Farm Fermentory. Perhaps a public relations campaign would be beneficial. Safe Bars offers good information and Janet Dosseva said the City's Public Health Department is offering responsible pouring classes also. Sarah hopes Janet will come to the safety meeting also. It's a current conversation. Bruce agreed preemptive training would be good.
- Old Port Festival: Alen asked those present how their business was during the festival.
 - Bob noticed that all patios were crowded – the weather was beautiful. Fore Play closed early, as did many other bars.
 - Bob reiterated that losing the stage that had been on the corner of Fore and Union Streets has affected his business. Alen agreed that Hyatt guests enjoyed listening from their rooms also.
 - Josh had a vendor in front of him who did not get power although they had requested it, so they used his and gave him a gift card in return
 - Bruce suggested maybe reaching out to catering companies to add to the local food vendors
 - Doug suggested putting food trucks on Fore St near the bars

- Is there a creative way to get more live music back? Maybe several businesses on a street could get together to sponsor a stage?
- Alen said all feedback is welcome so please complete a survey when you get one
- Bob said their customers commented that the area seemed larger this year and fewer stages made it seem emptier
- Sound Ordinance meeting – Kevin said that this City committee is tackling the issue of outdoor speakers being used to attract customers and distributed informational flyers. The first step is education of entertainment licensees. The City is asking for compliance and the 4 main points are outlined in the flyer. Jessica added that this is a current ordinance that has not been well enforced. Speakers kept at a low volume, facing into your business are not the problem. The entire ordinance needs to be rewritten so it will take some time.
- Taffy extended Casey’s message of thanks to Sarah for her service to Portland Downtown and leadership of this committee
- Bruce asked whether an outdoor dining permit is needed on a paper street. Jessica confirmed that a permit is needed because it’s private property.
- Bob asked whether the new sub shop going in on Union St. is a license holder. Jessica confirmed that it is in a rental spot that the licensee is allowed to rent out under the terms of their license.
- Has there been an increase in purse snatching reports? No real increase in reports said Kevin.
- State laws regarding outdoor dining are changing as of August 1st. Outdoor dining will be permitted to be in a space that is not attached to the building, like a parking lot. It will remain illegal to cross a street but crossing City property (sidewalk) will be permissible. Several questions remain:
 - Does it need to be staffed at all times?
 - Will the establishment have access to the City sidewalk to get to the outdoor space?
- Janet talked about the Responsible Beverage Serving training class on June 28th, from 11-4 for on premise licensees, free of charge. If there is room available, they will be able to take more than 1 person from each establishment.

Sarah adjourned the meeting at 4:20pm

Next meeting: July 17th at 3:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Taffy Eaton, Recorder