



NLOC Meeting
Tuesday February 20, 2018 at 3:30 PM
Portland Downtown – 549 Congress Street

Present: Lt. Kevin Cashman (PPD), Jessica Hanscombe (Business Licensing), Tony Austin (State Liquor Enforcement), Jon Dow (Waterfront Concerts), Kelley Burich (Thompson's Point), Dan Talmatch (North Point), Josh Miranda (Blyth & Burrows), Bob Waitkevitch (Foreplay)

Board members: Sarah Martin, Alen Saric, Mike Erickson

Staff: Casey Gilbert, Taffy Eaton

Minute 1. Introductions: Sarah Martin opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present and asking for introductions

Minute 2. Review and acceptance of January 16, 2018 meeting minutes: Alen Saric made a motion to accept the minutes, Bob Waitkevitch seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Discussion:

- Casey was not able to notify this committee about the sound presentation at the City's Health & Human Services Committee prior to the meeting. The minutes are public record and available on the City's website. The Health & Human Services Committee has asked City staff to look at the data and see if they might recommend changes to the current sound ordinances. Those recommendations will be presented to the HHS committee at a future meeting.
- Jon Dow added that some of the data collected at certain locations was incomplete due to malfunctioning monitors

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

- Amigo's: Kevin reviewed the report and most Calls for Service were in the area, outside, not inside the business. There was one arrest.
- Casey expressed concern about the threshold at which this committee deems there is a problem that needs to be addressed with the licensee. How should we make that determination? NLOC has a safety plan in place and the mission of the committee evolved from a discussion about- and a need for- the nightlife community to come together to ensure that bar patrons are safe, but also that the operators of nightlife establishments are engaging in safe serving practices and other security measures and generally being good neighbors. The committee reviews licenses where owners or licensees have multiple assaults and other calls for service listed. Does this committee need to revisit its mission and safety plan?
 - Sarah commented that we don't want bouncers going outside the premises, which can exacerbate a situation
 - Josh Miranda said this committee has made recommendations over the years. We all have the right to do business, so we need to work as a group to ensure that each owner can do business safely.
 - Kevin assured everyone that the PPD has already been working on issues before this committee even hears about them
 - Sarah commented that Dana Street is a gathering spot for Uber and taxi pick-ups, so a lot of calls for service happen where taxis are queueing at the end of the night. Three businesses have security cameras that point toward the area.

Minute 4. Review of new and pending liquor licenses for March 2018: Jessica Hanscombe

- Cross Insurance Arena changed ownership – Cumberland County took it over again
- Outdoor dining applications and renewals go through Business Licensing. If you have outdoor dining, Jessica will send a renewal along with your liquor license.

Minute 5. Other business:

- Casey told the committee about free booth space for businesses within the footprint of the Old Port Festival
- TIPS class – let Kelley know if you have people to register
- Dan asked what NLOC's mission is. Sarah said to recommend to City Council if we see problems with individual bars.
- Alen asked for clarification about the definition of assault in the reports – is assault yelling or physical assault?

- Sarah said timing of the complaints is an issue too. She would like to know at a specific time, is there's something to look out for? Figure out a way to get improved reporting.
- The committee requested crime statistics for downtown. Casey will ask Amy to create a report based on the data she receives from the police department's crime analyst each month. Sarah would like a general idea of what's going on downtown at night monthly.
- Jon said it is legal to share a convicted person's photo

Sarah adjourned the meeting at 4:10pm

Next meeting: March 20th at 3:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Taffy Eaton, Recorder