



NLOC Meeting
Tuesday May 15, 2018 at 3:30 PM
Portland Downtown – 549 Congress Street

Present: Lt. Kevin Cashman (PPD), Jessica Hanscombe (Business Licensing), Tony Austin (State Liquor Enforcement), Michael White (Event Safe Professional Services), Bridget Tauscher (City of Portland), Janet Dosseva (City of Portland), Jon Dow (Waterfront Concerts), Josh Miranda (Blyth and Burrows), Kelley Burich (Thompsons Point),

Board members: Sarah Martin, Mike Erickson, Alen Saric, Trish McLellan, Kim Volk

Staff: Taffy Eaton

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

Minute 2. Review and acceptance of April 17, 2018 meeting minutes: Alen Saric made a motion to accept the minutes, Mike Erickson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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

- Tandoor – the domestic dispute has been mediated
- David’s – unlawful sexual contact was in the area, not on the premises
- Portland Lobster Company – the terrorizing call was a drunk man threatening people and trying to take the tip jar
- Portland House of Music – the assault is a male attacked a female patron, last seen walking down the street (mutual fight)
- Old Port Tavern:
 - Assault - male said he was assaulted out front, 4 suspects were still in the area
 - Fight - people were id’d and sent on their way. They were trying to start more fights.
 - A patient attacked someone, and a customer threatened he had a gun
 - A drunk female attacked the bouncer, refused to leave and was arrested for trespassing
- Brian Boru – loud music, Sunday nights they had a reggae band that attracted customers other than regular customers. The police have had no reports since that entertainment was stopped.
- Grace – loud music calls, 60 and 72 decibels on the same day
- Aura – 26 burglar alarms, most caused by staff learning about a newly installed system

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

- 505 Fore St (formerly Zapoteca) – new pizza restaurant with outdoor seating
- 52 Wharf St – Class XI, no entertainment (formerly Mark’s Sports Bar)
- Vena’s already has outdoor dining and wants to expand it a few feet (Class XI)

Minute 5. Other business:

- Sarah talked to Spencer Thibodeau about the mandatory sick pay discussion. He assured Sarah that an ordinance vote is still far away and much research needs to be done first.

- Sarah also asked Spencer Thibodeau about an amendment that Mayor Strimling put forth a couple of weeks ago – a fee for businesses and an increase in the Business License fee. Kim Volk told everyone that the increased fees were turned down by the Finance Committee.
- Janet Dosseva, City of Portland came to the OPF Ad hoc meeting a few weeks ago. She wants to reach out to businesses about Responsible Beverage Serving (RBS). Her department is also thinking of conducting an RBS survey in the next few months. The program the City offers is similar to TIPS and offers a 3- year certification. The program would pay for registrations. It's a little more intensive than TIPS. Jessica will look it over.
- Bridget Rauscher added that the City offers training on overdose treatment, and all classes are free
- Sarah asked Janet and Bridget to provide a sheet with all the information and Taffy will pass it on Jessica for inclusion in the license renewal process packet
- Chief Sauschuck asked Kevin to let this group know about the work going on at the Sound Ordinance Committee.
 - Outside speakers are a focus and the committee wants to reach a solution by the next NLOC meeting
 - Ordinance Enforcement will give a courtesy heads-up with an education component to businesses about their outside speakers
 - Clarification on 92 decibels is also being discussed. Ordinance violations have not been being issued but citations will begin to be issued if business owners do not comply.
 - The committee make-up is 2 from PPD, Jessica Hanscombe and Andy Downs
 - A comment was made that there needs to be an ordinance change. The current ordinance is outdated. The Health and Human Services Department needs to review it.
 - Once HHS approves the changes, it will go to City Council and public comment will be invited
 - Kevin said the City will send a memo out in the next couple of weeks about the outdoor speaker issue
- NLOC should address sexual abuse: Sarah mentioned Safe Bars, they will come educate your staff. Victims need help and bar employees need to be educated on the processes.
 - Doug said the annual Old Port summer staff meeting would be a good place to address the issue and educate staff
 - Sarah thinks Safe Bars is the organization best suited to address the issue
 - Doug offered his upstairs space, 4pm, maybe a Thursday. Sarah will talk to Casey and get back in touch with Doug about a date.
- Kim asked about the process of addressing the top half of the PPD review sheet, the Calls for Service Relating to Operation of Premise section
 - Jessica said that license renewals are a PPD decision. Individual police reports are delved into.
 - What is the threshold for PPD pulling a license? Kevin assured the committee that PPD is working behind the scenes and trying to stay ahead of issues. The State can get pulled in also if necessary.
- Tony mentioned there's a new ID scanner app he's looking into. The cost is minimal.

Sarah adjourned the meeting at 4:20pm

Next meeting: June 19th at 3:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Taffy Eaton, Recorder