



Clean and Safe Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday July 12, 2018 1:00 – 2:00 pm
549 Congress St.

Board members present: Denine Leeman (East Brown Cow), Megan Doane (Portland Stage), Peter Tousignant, Sue- Ellen McClain (McClain Marketing)

Guests: Rich Bianculli, Portland Police Department (PPD) Neighborhood Prosecutor

Staff present: Casey Gilbert, Amy Geren, Taffy Eaton

Minute 1. Denine called the meeting to order, welcomed all present and asked for introductions.

Minute 2. Review and acceptance of June 14th meeting minutes and Amy's DEL report: Megan Doane made a motion to accept the minutes. Sue-Ellen McClain seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously accepted by the committee.

Minute 3. Partnership with Neighborhood Prosecutor Rich Bianculli:

- Rich circulates any photos or videos of graffiti taggers in hopes that someone will be able to identify them. He collects photos and videos from surveillance cameras and the occasional pedestrian (via cellphone).
- PPD will issue a press release by next week which will address various ways in which the City is addressing graffiti vandalism.
 - A reward program has begun for anyone who positively ID's a graffiti vandal. They will be awarded \$250.00 at the time of conviction. If the reward program is successful, it will hopefully attract private donations in the future.
 - The City recognizes that reward programs can be dangerous because vandals see it as a challenge to see how many tags they can do without being caught.
 - The program will be housed at Portland Downtown because the City cannot accept donations.
- Portland Downtown's contribution to Learning Works has allowed the continuation of the Graffiti Busters program.
- The utility box painting project will take place again. Maine Bank and Trust and Port Property Management will fund the project again this year.

Minute 4. Overview of Clean & Safe committee mission/purpose: postponed until more committee members are present

Minute 5. Update from Downtown Experience Liaison on Supplemental Services Agreement (SSA) stats: Amy distributed and offered a quick overview of her report. (see attached)

Minute 6. Update from Downtown Experience Liaison on Cadet stats: Amy distributed and offered a quick overview of her report. (see attached)

Minute 7. Update from Downtown Experience Liaison on the Peer Outreach Worker (POW) program: Amy distributed her report (see attached). Amy informed everyone present that this is a new program. Amy's report is

based on the Amistad model. Mark Perry with Amistad is building relationships with those in need of outreach. Casey thanked Amy for getting this grant and Adam for creating an app that Mark uses to enter the information. The data collected will be useful for future grants and providing the City of Portland with useful data and trends.

- The Community Resources / Emergency Numbers cards are being distributed
- The POW program works in tandem with the Cadets
- Casey will work on a follow-up to the Panhandling Ad hoc Committee, which will be an informative email distributed to downtown property owners and stakeholders about the work that Portland Downtown has done to address the recommendations in the letter.

Minute 8. Update on City of Portland Initiatives: Homeless Services Center, Sound, etc. Casey distributed the letter the City sent to business owners regarding increased enforcement of the unpermitted use of outdoor speakers. The new homeless services center is being discussed at the Health & Human Services Committee and will then go through the Planning Board and City Council. City Manager Jon Jennings will address the PD Board with more information about the new model at the August Board meeting.

Minute 9. Committee discussion about FY19 topics and goals: Denine would like input on the following from those present:

- a. Steward the inclusion of services in the expansion zone carefully, including sidewalk cleanliness (snow or cigarette butts), homelessness and panhandling. We have to excel at service delivery in the expansion area, as well as our current district.
 - Peter fears residents could come back with negative feelings. Denine feels sure they will see immediate results because of added trash cans, graffiti removal, weed removal, and sidewalk work. Perhaps PD will choose to advocate for sidewalk widening in some of the expansion area, which could help improve snow removal operations.
- b. SSA costs will be addressed via a discussion between PD and the City this year. A thorough examination of the SSA is needed in order to have a base from where to begin with the expansion addition. Casey has her quarterly meeting with City Manager Jon Jennings next week and she will begin discussions.
 - What are the baseline services the City should be covering? Denine and Sue-Ellen and other interested committee members will have a special meeting to just read the SSA. Megan suggested bringing individual thoughts of what the SSA should include to the meeting.
 - Amy is looking at establishing performance measures with the Public Works data
- c. Current Code Enforcement work is under way. Amy is working with John Rioux in Permitting & Inspections to identify which department is in charge of which issues so that we can work to more quickly address and resolve issues as they arise (such as outdoor trash storage on public sidewalks).
- d. Poster Board issue? The Marketing & Events Committee can discuss the validity of information kiosks. Casey and Amy are working on recommendations.
- e. Casey is anxious to have PD uniforms and logoed trucks for the downtown Public Works team, which will identify that they are partially funded by Portland Downtown. In other cities with DIDs or BIDs, it is very clear WHO is working for the BID/DID. It is not obvious in downtown Portland and therefore, it is confusing to our DID taxpayers. They think the City is doing all of the work, when Portland Downtown is paying over \$300,000 to fund the work that is being done.

Minute 10. Other business: PD can do a mailing to Property Owners letting them know about this committee and that they are welcome to attend.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Denine adjourned the meeting at 2:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Taffy Eaton, Recorder.