



## Clean and Safe Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 11, 2019 1:00 – 2:00 pm  
549 Congress St.

**Committee members present:** Sue-Ellen McClain, David Packard, Megan Doane, Bob Keegan

**Absent:** David Davis

**Guests:** George Rheault, John Gendron, Caroline Brin

**Staff present:** Casey Gilbert, Amy Geren, Taffy Eaton

**Minute 1. Welcome:** Sue-Ellen McClain called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present

**Minute 2. Review and acceptance of June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes:** Bob Keegan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Megan Doane seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously accepted.

**Minute 3. Final discussion regarding the revised SSA Agreement:** Sue-Ellen McClain asked Casey to update those present on the status of the contracts. The agreement was passed by unanimous vote at City Council, following some discussion. It is currently awaiting Jon Jennings's signature.

- Section 5 has been widely discussed at this committee. It will be turned into a one-page document to serve as a reference piece for Board members.
- Last year, PD included a one-page flyer in the supplemental tax bills mailed by the City. We will do the same this year. Adam is working with Stacey Daigle on deadlines. PD pays for the printing of the flyer only.
- Adam will send an email showing the new downtown Public Works teams vests, the new No Smoking signs posted in downtown parks and the new planters, highlighting the Clean & Safe message.

**Minute 4. Review monthly Downtown Cleanliness reports –** Amy Geren displayed her June reports. Winter operations have been replaced by warm weather operations.

- Update on new flower planters: Planters have been installed and are being planted. They will be removed from the sidewalks in winter weather. Tom Higgins should be able to store them eliminating the need for additional storage costs.
- See Click Fix report – noise reports are for construction noise and restaurant music. Casey added that the City has a Sound Oversight Committee that meets monthly and noise complaints can be addressed there. The Health & Human Services Committee has been looking into Sound issues also. PD's Sound Advocacy Letter has been helpful in addressing noise issues.
- Police issues – public drinking and transiency
- Crime stats January – June 2019: Part I and Part II crimes, showed by location.
- Cadet activity – Casey explained the cadet program partnership with the Portland Police Department. PD pays the cadet wages while the police department trains and manages them.
  - Ordinance violations indicate that smoking in parks numbers remain high
- Peer Outreach Worker (POW) program
  - Dave Ochsenein just began and is well connected with key stakeholders and initiatives. Casey mentioned that this committee may want to discuss the continuation of this program and what direction it might take.

- Lester Gilkey works at Portland Internal Medicine and provided the attached report. Casey added that there are new funds opening up through the current State government.
- Casey reminded those present that there is a lot of background work that Amy synthesizes monthly

**Minute 5.** Continue discussion regarding the expansion area Property Owner Meet and Greet

- September 12<sup>th</sup>, rain date September 19<sup>th</sup>
- We plan to mail post card invitations designed by Adam MacDonald and will review the mailer at the August committee meeting. The intent is to check-in with expansion area property owners.
- PD will apply for the public spaces permit. No alcohol, lawn games and some food. The mailer will request an RSVP.
  - We will have an interactive activity that will help gather information for the Strategic Planning process – will plan the activity at the August committee meeting.
  - There will be a raffle to help attract property owners to the meet and greet
  - The committee will walk to Pleasant Street Park during the August meeting
  - We will have a sign-in sheet to collect email addresses

**Minute 6. Other business**

- Casey will redistribute the Panhandling Advocacy Letter and put discussion of it on the August meeting agenda. Amy will isolate panhandling (abusive solicitation) complaints and provide the current ordinance language.
- John Gendron added that Union Station property is difficult to market due to people sleeping on sidewalks. Amy suggested a Criminal Trespass order might help with the problem. The signed letter allows the police department to enforce violations.
- George Rheault said the Oxford Street Shelter has been more aggressive about Criminal Trespassing on the property. George suggested PD ask the City for data on Criminal Trespassing violations.

Sue-Ellen McClain adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Taffy Eaton, Recorder.