



NLOC Meeting

September 25, 2019 3:00 – 4:00PM
Portland Downtown – 549 Congress Street

Board members: Sarah Martin, Krista Cole, Kim Farrar, Mike Erickson

Committee members: Sarah Martin, Mike Erickson, Krista Cole, Josh Miranda, Kim Farrar

Absent: Tanner Herget, Mike Lizette, Bob Waitkevitch, Michael White

Guests: Lt. Dan Hondo, Jessica Hanscombe, Janet Dosseva

Staff: Casey Gilbert, Taffy Eaton

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

Minute 2. Review and acceptance of July 24th meeting minutes. Mike Erickson made a motion to accept the minutes, Krista Cole seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Minute 3. Review Night Life Issues/Calls for Service/License for October and November 2019 renewals: Lt. Hondo reviewed the calls for service in the packet. Comments/discussion: Lt. Hondo began by saying that it was a quiet summer. Those in attendance had specific questions about some of the calls for service. Lt Hondo provided the following details in response:

- Gilbert's Chowder House child endangerment was a child left in the car while parents were at the bar
- Five Guys and Slice Bar are where people congregate after the bars close, whereas it used to be at Bills
- B Good was a smashed window
- State Theatre doesn't hire Portland Police Department (PPD) for every show so it's very difficult for PPD to find the incident when they are called mid-show, as access to the venue can be slow/difficult when it is at capacity
- Foot beats and Special Attention patrols are taking place at Fox Court, where issues have been reported
- Exchange Street retail shops have also expressed concern about skate boarders shutting down Exchange Street without a permit. Jessica said the business in question has been emailed and given verbal warnings that they are not allowed to close the road and hold these events.
- Silver House Tavern and Highroller Lobster animal complaints are about dogs left in cars. Anything over 80+ degrees is against the law and the owner can receive a summons.

Minute 4. Review of new and pending liquor licenses for October: Jessica Hanscombe reviewed the applications that will go before City Council on October 7, 2019. The downtown businesses are Leeward at 85 Free St, Jefe Juan's at 47 Wharf St and Copper Branch Portland at 5 Canal Plaza.

Minute 5. Other business

- Sarah said the Fake ID Training that Michael White with Event Safe put on was very good. Mike offered the free training and 17 people attended. Mike Erickson said he offered some good tools to use to identify fake ID's.
 - Mike Erickson would like to see this training happen annually, maybe as part of the summer safety meeting
- Casey had a follow-up meeting with a City Councilor about the incident last summer where Bates College students were refused admission at an Old Port bar. It has been resolved, so she wanted to update the committee.

- Sarah Martin attended a Fair Wage seminar at USM. Fair Wage is trying to eliminate the tip credit again, nationally. Sarah suggested everyone present join the Restaurant Workers of America Facebook page to stay apprised of policy issues that are relevant to those in the industry.
- Janet Dosseva said they had the first public meeting at City Council about shaping marijuana retail sales laws. At the October 15th meeting, they will bring a proposal to the Economic Development and Health and Human Services Committees.
 - A question was asked about where marijuana can be consumed in public spaces. The general rule is “if you can’t drink a beer there, you can’t smoke marijuana there”.
- Josh Miranda mentioned that there have been increased instances of individuals sleeping out overnight on Plum Street. He has also had damage done to his property, which has caused his walk-ins to stop working and has experienced loss of inventory because of this. Dan Hondo will put in a request for a special attention check to that area.
 - Casey suggested that motion sensitive lights and cameras are effective tools to prevent property damage and is a worthwhile investment for property owners.
- Casey talked about CPTED training – perhaps this could be a future topic for an NLOC meeting? CPTED is sometimes referred to as “designing out crime” and it is a way for property and business owners to make improvements to their buildings and properties to try and reduce the potential for criminal activity. For more information: <http://www.cpted.net/>

Sarah Martin adjourned the meeting at 3:35pm

Respectfully submitted,
Taffy Eaton, Recorder