

SOUTH PORTLAND OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Minutes June 28, 2018

Present: Tex Haeuser, Richard Rottkov, Barbara Dee, Jane Eberle, Sharon Newman, Dan Hogan, Dan Hogan, Kathi Perkins, Andrew Gagnon, Ashley Krulik, Kat Taylor, Catherine Callahan, Victoria Morales, Max Wibby, and Jessica Kimball, consultant

Absent: Tom Blake, Patti Smith, Susan Chase, Kate Lewis, Kevin Adams, Fred Dillon

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. New committee members Kat and Catherine were introduced. Any member who has not gone to City Hall to be sworn in was encouraged to do so immediately.

Jessica reviewed the current survey responses. We have 683 responses. It was decided to keep the survey open indefinitely but to stop collecting data on July 8. This will allow accurate compilation of the data and additional advertising. Advertising of the survey was discussed. The survey announcement has never appeared in *The Sentry* despite repeated submissions. Richard volunteered to call the editor to discuss the situation, especially since a majority of the survey respondents listed *The Sentry* as the best way to communicate information.

The group discussed how to best utilize the demographic information; it was decided that analyzing the responses based on neighborhood is the first priority. Tex suggested that the SPSD may want to include a budget item for Open Space improvements in the middle school project.

The Public Forum is scheduled for July 31, 6-8 PM at the Community Center. Using the Redbank Community Center was discussed as were other ways to involve community members on the west end of the city. Jessica provided two suggested formats for the forum: a small group or an open house/booth format. After discussion the committee decided to use the small group format for the first forum and the open house/booth format for the second forum to be scheduled.

Large maps of the city will be an important part of the forum as will soliciting comments from everyone attending. Please let Barbara know if you can attend the forum and participate as a small group facilitator.

The issue of acquiring private property from willing land owners was discussed briefly. The committee was reminded that examining the Land Bank ordinance is part of this project. Tex reminded the committee that the city does not own Bug Light property or all of the Greenbelt in Pleasantdale. A future land purchase should be kept in mind.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.