

# SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES 7/1/19 (5-6:30 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER

## ATTENDEES

Residents / Taxpayers	MBPC-Licensed Professionals	Agronomist
Cathy Chapman Brett LeBleu (resigned) Ann Morrill (Chair)	Justin Nichols Todd Robbins	Jesse O'Brien
City Staff	Guests	
Fred Dillon (notes)		

New Info: Bret announced earlier today that he'll officially be resigning from PMAC

1. Review, revise and/or approve 6/3/19 meeting notes (ATTACHMENT)
  - Notes approved
  
2. Yerxa Park Project Status Update by Karl Coughlin
  - Karl couldn't make it so Fred reported on his behalf
    - PMAC will not help remove any remaining plant material after goats.
    - PMAC suggestions for different cover types:
      - Test plots of different materials: plastic, cardboard, plastic, fabric, mechanical
      - Limit impervious cover and include erosion control around site perimeter
    - PMAC may assist with installing different cover types
      - Also consider involving Eagle Scouts or local schools
  - CDBG Grant Status
    - Goats for knotweed in July or August followed by covering / smothering strategy
    - Timeline for other improvements
      - Will there be anything else that's done before the knotweed portion of the project is done? (check with Karl on Addie's planting plan)
  
3. Status of PMAC Ordinance Evaluation & Recommendations to Council
  - Fred hasn't yet completed this document but will work with Ann to have it ready for the August PMAC meeting
  
4. Resident Questionnaire Next Steps
  - Review revisions following last month's meeting (ATTACHMENT)
    - Replace "how" with "that" in number 1
    - Remove word "any" from 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet of number 4
    - Add "nothing" to number 5
    - Remove "the importance of" from number 11
  - Discuss distribution strategy (including [online questionnaire](#)) – Cathy and Ann will help
    - Paper and online (include in City newsletter)
    - Locations:
      - Libraries, City Hall, Comm Ctr, schools, hardware stores, B'way Garden

- Consider [SiteOne](#) (landscaping supply distributor) for questionnaire
- 5. Upcoming Events / Opportunities for Ordinance Education & Outreach
  - [WillardFest](#) on 7/20 (3-7PM): Cathy and Fred ([Ann will get promotional materials from Julie's office and Fred will get from Ann](#))
  - [Art in the Park](#) on 8/10 from 9AM – 4 PM: Ann can do a shift
- 6. Fertilizer Ordinance Update
  - See [Fertilizer Working Group webpage](#) FMI
    - Discussed / developed preliminary goals and timelines – 6 more meetings
    - Lots of points of agreement and very few points of disagreement
    - 2 additional resident members: Rachel Burger & Andrew Capelluti
    - Still some uncertainty on distinctions between synthetic and organic fertilizer and compost; consider carbon footprint of organic vs. synthetic (climate change implications)
- 7. Other Items of Potential Interest
  - Sable Oaks redevelopment considerations
    - Ref to UConn project – Gilliard head researcher
  - DIY Rain Garden Workshop in September through Trout Brook grant project
    - Consider partnership with Broadway Gardens to provide plants
    - Consider group order from Piersons
  - NOFA Training Course in Portland from 10/21-10/24
    - Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens will host at SMCC
  - Portland PMAC would like to invite SoPo on Thurs 9/12 at 6PM for presentation by Nancy Olmstead – MNAP
  - [SMCC & Wainwright waiver follow up \(this fall\) - as well as oil tank farms: ask applicants to provide brief report back](#)
  - Julie to provide any communications about concerns with ordinance
- 8. Adjourn

**NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY AUGUST 5, 2019 5-6:30 PM**