

SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

4/2/18 (5-6:30 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER

ATTENDEES

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

1. Review 3/5/18 meeting notes

- Accepted as written with request for Andrew Capelluti's plant palette list.

2. Brief Summary of LD 1853

- Overview with reference to MMA document that describes the process in detail.
 - City staff and PMAC members submitted testimony opposing initiative.
 - It's likely there will be similar efforts in future legislative sessions given strong ongoing opposition.

3. Exemption & Waiver Updates

- **Reviewed Corporation Counsel's recommendations for various questions related to PMAC:**
 - Contractor for Texas Instruments will need to submit waiver request for consideration before PMAC can render judgement but unlikely waiver provisions will be met.
 - Waiver review committee: ordinance as currently written requires 2 fixed members – PMAC Chair and agronomist; however, other PMAC members can be consulted to help inform waiver review committee's decisions.
 - 4/10/18 at 7PM: consideration by Council to exempt broadcast application of synthetic pesticides for areas surrounding oil tanks.
 - PMAC written recommendations to Council to reject request.
 - PMAC members will attend meeting.
 - Suggestion to consider mowing while oil tanks are empty.

4. E&O Campaign Status

- Several info resources either complete are nearing completion (calendar, posters, post cards, ordinance basics brochures, etc.).

- Tabling at public events: Jesse, Julie and Fred will be meeting with project partners later in April.
 - Home Depot has agreed to allow PMAC to set up display table in the near future.
 - PMAC members have also approached Broadway Gardens and Drillens about holding similar events at each location.
- Full “hand-on” events / activities for later this year (summer / early fall) with Jesse, Chip Osborne and/or Jay Feldman: demonstrate various DIY cultural practices in addition to more involved activities that might require use of landcare professionals (“ask an expert”).
- Website Development
 - Considerable discussion on website design, layout and content:
 - Make page layouts consistent in terms of sidebar placement, font size, color, etc.
 - Reduce verbosity
 - Add invasives list
 - Develop bibliography of books, articles and related info resources
 - Stress importance of calcium
 - Clarify / emphasize 96 hr posting time following pesticide application (organic or synthetic)
 - Still need to address (more) invasive insects
 - Specify allowed practices rather than products
 - Include other organizations on the “Why Ban Pesticides” page, e.g., MBPC, UMass (turf fact sheet), UMaine Coop. Ext., etc.
 - Include relevant / applicable YouTube videos – lots of existing resources
 - Website still actively being developed by staff and consultants and will be completed by 5/1/18
 - Consider it a near-continuous work in progress and potentially subject to periodic improvements

5. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: April 2, 2018 from 5-6:30 PM at the Community Center