



CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

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EXECUTIVE
DEPARTMENT

MINUTES

Economic Development Committee

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

6:00 to 8:00 PM

City Hall – Council Chambers

Attendees:

Dave Owen - District 1
Sergio Gadder – District 2
Peter Stocks - District 4
John Schwartzman -- At-Large
Steve Bushey - At-Large

Bob O'Brien - Business
Mike Vaillncourt - Business
Ed Palmer - Business
Craig Gorris - Business

Jon Jennings – Assistant City Manager

Absent:

Martin Macisso - District 3
William Collins - District 5

1. Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2014 (9-0)
2. South Portland Business Awards Discussion

The Committee discussed the various categories for the inaugural South Portland Business Awards event. It was decided that following award categories would be recognized.

1. Business of the Year
2. New Business of the Year
3. Small Business of the Year
4. Business Leader of the Year
5. Community Impact Leader

After deciding on categories, the committee began discussing recipients. It was suggested that Mike Dubyak receive the Business of the Year award and the

committee quickly approved the recommendation. Other recommendations for award recipients are as follows.

1. Business of the Year: Casco Bay Steel
2. New Business of the Year: OTTO
3. Small Business of the Year: Scratch Bakery
4. Community Impact Leader: Willow's Pizza

3. Knightville Update

Jon Jennings updated the Committee on recent developments with Knightville parking and traffic. He mentioned the City recently convened a working group to discuss all issues especially how traffic and parking is impacting certain streets. The Committee members discussed how this is exactly what was needed in Knightville and it is a positive development. Jennings said he would continue to update the Committee.

4. Main Street Update

Jennings also briefed the Committee on the potential changes to Main Street with work beginning in 2015. He mentioned the need to slow traffic and create a village concept similar to Knightville. Some members expressed concern about bump outs along Main Street as it makes it difficult to plow and clean. Overall, the Committee was pleased with the changes that are being proposed for Main Street.

5. Other

- Jon Jennings gave the committee an update on the Growth TIF
- Wayfinding Signage was discussed and plan for installation in 2015
- An update on the sale of the South Portland Armory was given.
- The ED Plan update was given to the Committee

Adjourned: 8:00 pm

Cordially,

Jon P. Jennings
Assistant City Manager