1. Review, revise and/or approve 7/19 meeting notes (ATTACHMENT)

2. PMAC Ordinance Evaluation & Recommendations to Council
   • Ann sent to Manager for inclusion in Council’s packet; no further action from PMAC needed
   • Will check with Julie about posting on PMAC / Grow Healthy South Portland webpage

3. Review WillardFest Questionnaire Summary (ATTACHMENT)
   • DEP comments / suggestions for improvement
   • Revise before using for Art in the Park?
   • Still need to work on IT issue for distributing online questionnaire

4. Upcoming Events / Opportunities for Ordinance Education & Outreach
   • Art in the Park on 8/10 from 9AM – 4 PM
   • Others?

5. Fertilizer Ordinance Update
   • See Fertilizer Working Group webpage FMI
   • Questions / comments?

6. Other Items of Potential Interest
   • 7/15/19 Rollins Hill (Stratham, NH) tour for Sable Oaks redevelopment considerations
   • DIY Rain Garden Workshop in September through Trout Brook grant project
   • NOFA Training Course in Portland from 10/21-10/24

7. Other agenda items / discussion topics

8. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 5-6:30 PM
SOUTH PORTLAND PEST MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
7/1/19 (5-6:30 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER

ATTENDEES

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Bret announced earlier today that he’ll officially be resigning from

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 3rd 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
     o Discussed / developed preliminary goals and timelines – 6 more meetings
     o Lots of points of agreement and very few points of disagreement
     o 2 additional resident members: Rachel Burger & Andrew Capelluti
     o 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
     o Ref to UConn project – Gilliard head researcher
   • DIY Rain Garden Workshop in September through Trout Brook grant project
     o Consider partnership with Broadway Gardens to provide plants
     o Consider group order from Piersons
   • NOFA Training Course in Portland from 10/21-10/24
     o 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
2019 WillardFest (7/20/19)
Pesticide Ordinance Questionnaire Summary
(25 Questionnaires Completed)
1. Are you aware of the City's Pesticide Use Ordinance and how it is intended to protect public health and the environment?

25 responses

- Yes: 68% (16 responses)
- No: 32% (8 responses)

2. If so, how did you find out about it? (check all that apply)

- Public Event: 8 (40%)
- Website: 1 (5%)
- Newspaper: 8 (40%)
- Landcare Professional: 0 (0%)
- Other: 7 (35%)

2.b. If “Other” please describe:

- 2 (33.3%)
- City meeting: 1 (16.7%)
- Friend: 1 (16.7%)
- Local awareness: 1 (16.7%)
- Word of mouth: 1 (16.7%)
3. How do you take care of your lawns, gardens and shrubs/trees? (check all that apply)

- Do it Myself: 23 (66.6%)
- Hire Professional Landscaper / Arborist: 4 (16.7%)
- Other: 2 (8.3%)

3.b. If "Other" please describe:

- Landscaping DIY consults
- Hire high schooler

4. Are you aware that the ordinance affects your property in the following ways?

- Yes: 20
- No: 5

4. Most conventional ("synthetic") pesticides/herbicides/fungicides are prohibited: 20 (100%)
4. Most "organic" pesticides/herbicides/fungicides are allowed: 15 (75%)
4. Application of ANY pesticides within 75' of water body or wetland is prohibited: 15 (75%)

5. If you've previously used pesticides/herbicides/fungicides, what types of products have you used? (check all that apply)

- Synthetic Products: 3 (20%)
- Organic Products: 8 (53.3%)
- Not Sure: 4 (26.7%)
6. Why do you use pesticides/herbicides/fungicides? (check all that apply)

- **Lawn Care**: 2 (15.4%)
- **Trees, Shrubs and Flowers**: 5 (38.5%)
- **Vegetable Gardens**: 1 (7.7%)
- **Other**: 7 (53.8%)

7. If you used synthetic pesticides/herbicides/fungicides in the past, have you changed your product use to comply with the ordinance?

- Yes: 37.5%
- No: 62.5%

8. If not, please briefly explain your reasons:

- Not using anything
- I don’t use any pesticides; just let the weeds grow
- Don’t use chemicals
- Never needed to! We love bees - my husband home brews his own beers & we grow our own hops. Always just taking care of our plants, flowers & lawn - we’ve been lucky!
- Rarely use anything. Just moved to S. Portland
- NA
9. Do you believe most of your neighbors are complying with the ordinance?

21 responses

10. Would you change anything about the ordinance and if so what?

10 responses

- No
- Not sure
- Make it stricter!
- More availability of 'how to' guides
- More awareness
- Enforce it
- Get the word out

11. Please provide any suggestions for how we can better educate the public about the importance of the ordinance:

11 responses

- More outreach - library speaker?
- Flyers to the home
- Would the Sentry help with a 'spring into summer' awareness program one would think it would be donated for our city knowledge!
- Keep it up and thank you!
- Periodic mailing distribution including actual evidence would be helpful.
- Push the promotions on social media. I think the stands at public events are important!
- Continuous education is important - attending events like this is great
- Article in paper
- I just moved here so I'm not a good gauge :-)
- Repetition, repetition, repetition. Demonstration, education, information, consequences of not having ordinance
- More signage in stores, etc.
FROM DEP’s KATHY HOPPE ON 7/31/19

Thanks Fred for sharing – you and S. Portland are so good taking advantage of an opportunity. As a result of the survey, do you have any changes in mind? Or maybe it IDed something you want to keep doing?

My observations:

- Good follow-up question to 2 – 2b was helpful since 35% picked other
- If you repeat or survey others might reword Question 4 to something like check all that apply and list synthetic, organic and 75feet, and maybe toss in one or more that aren’t true. Try to get a better feel for what they really believe vs what they may guess.
- Do you believe 53% use organic pesticides (Question 5)? Seems high to me.
- Maybe reword 6? How do you use .. (rather than Why) and include an option that says something like “I don’t use any pesticide/herbicide/fungicide” Because the none, A and don’t use are messing with your data.
- Question 11 brings up a few good points – we are never done, need to maintain the level of awareness and you have new people moving to the area. I tried to see if S. Portland had a FB page and the one I found was promoting what was in the area – tourist type vs. City government updates (like meetings, events, reminders, construction project areas, road closures) – if there is a social media outlet that the City uses to remind people to remove their cars due to snow plowing, or power outages etc. could post reminders about pesticide ordinance and other stormwater on it. Not sure what the following level for a FB page like this would be but if the page shares important relevant information it will become one.

Well done Fred – I always enjoy hearing and seeing what you are doing. Feel free to pick our brains if we can ever be helpful.

Kathy

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