SOUTH PORTLAND PESTICIDES MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

11/6/17 (5-6:30 PM) – COMMUNITY CENTER

ATTENDEES

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1. Reviewed 10/2/17 meeting notes; no changes suggested.

2. Update on Webpage Development & Branding Efforts
   - Web development will be done mostly in-house in conjunction with local web designer.
   - Also working with local marketing firm on designing logo and “brand” for ordinance implementation.
   - Goal is to have all outreach materials fully developed by March 2018.

3. Preparations for 11/16/17 Retailer Meeting
   - Developed contact list of retailers in the greater Portland area (and beyond) along with invite letter and general survey.
   - Also Included MBPC licensed applicators.

4. Quick Overview of USM’s Community Planning Workshop to Assist with Ordinance Implementation
   - Rebeccah Schaffner’s students will work on developing pre- and post-implementation questionnaires to identify knowledge level for residents and businesses
   - They will also work on developing branding and marketing strategies to enhance ordinance implementation.

5. Review of Waiver Process
   - Need to decide on process and application form.
   - In addition to Ann (PMAC Chair), waiver committee composition to include different “experts” depending on type of waiver requests (i.e., Mike for trees, Jesse for turf and Justin for landscapes).
   - Process won’t include site visits.
   - Require photos to identify pest severity and justify use of synthetic pesticides.
   - Process should consist of following:
     - Ann (Chair) primary point of contact for receiving and responding to waiver requests.
     - Invasive insects on MFS list are exempt.
     - Waivers will apply only to invasive plants and to address public health & safety issues.
• How to treat for pests:
  o Can’t endorse particular products but can suggest particular active ingredients.
  o Waiver application form will be critical in providing sufficient info to make well-informed decisions.
• We may need to consider use of experts to certify evaluation has been done properly; considerable discussion about need for professional assistance and developing list of certified service providers.
  o Ordinance doesn’t currently require use of professional service providers to confirm exceedance of thresholds that might justify use of synthetic pesticides.
  o This could be a very important consideration as it would potentially reduce the overall amount of pesticides used for approved waivers (e.g., DIY vs. professional recommendations).
  o Might be good to bring up at 11/15/17 MELNA meeting.
  o Also consider contacting Jim Dill, head of IPM at UMaine Cooperative Extension.
  o Without City arborist or horticulturalist, implementing the ordinance will be more challenging.
• Waiver application should also require map to document affected area and proximity to neighbors and nearby water resources.
• We need to be careful about not making the waiver application process too onerous (e.g., uploading applications could be difficult for less tech-savvy residents).
• Important to recall that primary driver for ordinance was to address pesticide use on turf since this is where bulk of pesticides are used.
• Two-person waiver committee may prove to be challenging given the potential for ethical considerations.
  o All PMAC members were appointed by Council so waiver committee has authority to make decisions based on Best Professional Judgement (BPJ).
• Waiver process should also carefully consider timing of pesticide applications (e.g., applying pesticides for Japanese knotweed can only be done at certain times of year).
• Waiver requests can have 3 following types of decisions:
  o Approve
  o Approve with conditions
  o Reject / deny
• Waiver applications should address the product and amount of pesticide proposed for use to control which specific pest(s).
• Also consider cut stem applications.
• Develop workshops for “top 6” issues with accompanying fact sheet.
• Waiver review process should also include a response form with PMAC’s decision that is sent back to applicants.
  o Staff will develop and send to PMAC for feedback.
  o Staff will also investigate development of online application form.

6. Other Discussion Topic(s)
• Current issues: what to do about grubs at SMCC and fence lines at Wainwright?

7. Next meeting Monday 12/4/18 from 5-6:30 at Community Center

8. Adjourn