SOUTH PORTLAND OPEN SPACE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2019

Present: Patti Smith, Susan Chase, Dan Hogan, Karl Coughlin, Barbara Dee, Kathi Perkins, Richard Rottkov, Justin Barker

Absent: Sharon Newman

- The minutes from the 9/30/19 OSIC were approved.
- The Open Space Plan has been officially amended into the Comprehensive Plan as Appendix Q. The OSIC requests that the Open Space Plan has its own chapter when the Comprehensive Plan is renewed in 2021.
- Kate Lewis has been approached to schedule a workshop with the City Council in January to discuss progress on the tier assignment process. It was decided to meet twice in November in order to facilitate finishing this process.
- Justin Barker and Karl Coughlin reviewed the Planning Department’s Park and Open Space zoning proposals. The new Parks zone would include city parks and has an active recreation focus. The Open Space zone would include natural areas and no development would be allowed. Areas
reviewed for the new zoning proposals included city-owned property and all lands acquired by the South Portland Land Trust. The OSIC made several recommendations for additions to the proposed zoning, including more emphasis on community gardens in both zones.

- The OSIC discussed the interactions between the new zoning proposals, the tier selection process as outlined in the newly approved Open Space Plan, and easements.
- The OSIC asked to include language regarding climate change in the Open Space zoning draft.
- The OSIC approved the definition of “recreational use” as proposed in the new zoning ordinances.
- Printouts of the city-owned properties list were distributed, with thanks to Karl for his work in organizing the list.
- The next meetings are November 5 and 20; 5-6:30; location TBD

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Dee, Secretary