



## CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND

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### MINUTES

#### Economic Development Committee

**Wednesday, February 6, 2013**

**6:00 to 8:00 PM**

**City Hall – Council Chambers**

**Attendees:**

Steve Bushey – At-large

Dave Owen – District 1

Sergio Gaddar – District 2

Martin Macisso – District 3

Peter Stocks – District 4

William Collins – District 5

Ed Palmer – Business

Craig Gorris – Business

Bob O'Brien – Business

James Gailey – City Manager

**Absent:**

John Schwartzman – At-large

1. Approval of Minutes 6-0
2. Greater Portland Economic Development Protocol

For a second straight meeting Jim provided an overview of the Greater Portland Economic Development Corporation (GPEDC) and what role GPEDC will have on regional economic development. Jim presented a "protocol" that communities (Falmouth, Cape Elizabeth, Portland, Scarborough & South Portland) are considering. One of the key parts of the "protocol" is the prohibition of communities soliciting businesses from other communities to come to their community (no steal clause). The document is a work in progress and is getting reviewed in other towns as we speak.

Craig – who does this protocol apply too.

Peter – What is the penalty for not abiding by the Protocol?

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Steve – Are the real estate guys onboard with this Protocol?

Motion: Marty

Second: Ed

Vote: 6-0

### 3. Update on Way-finding Project

Jim reported back to the Committee on the way-finding process. Jim has worked with the Planning & Development Director Tex Haeuser on maps depicting certain intersections throughout the city as possible sign locations. Points of interest were also provided on each intersection map. The committee spent most of the meeting going through each intersection and talking about what each sign should display on it. Deletions and additions were common and the Committee sent Jim back for modification and further dialog with Simmons Ardell, Inc the local firm the City is using for the way-finding project.

Additional signs were:

- Need to include direction to Willard Beach in the Cottage/Pillsbury intersection
- Need to explore a location within the southbound approach to the Broadway/Westbrook Street intersection

### 4. Other

- Board and Committee input on needs/resources (City Council request)
  - Bill – Want direction and tasks from the City Council
  - Ed – Discussion topics that are achievable
  - Peter – What are we doing on the waterfront? Further exploration and planning needed.
  - Steve – Talked about area businesses and development effecting the region.

Adjourned: 8:13 pm

Cordially,

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