

**PORTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PORTLAND LIBRARY – MARY FLOOD ROOM
20 FREESTONE AVENUE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Michael Nadolski called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Angela Hammond (joined meeting at 7:34 p.m., Michael Nadolski, Robert Petzold, Karen Renner, Sarah Weeden

Absent: Dan Bourret (Town Planner)

III. ACCEPT AGENDA

Michael asked that Item 6 be struck and in its place will be a discussion on a recent proposal. Robert Petzold made a motion to accept the amended agenda, seconded by Sarah Weeden, all were in favor, motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting 7/9/2024, 4/9/24, 6/25/24

Approval of the minutes was tabled due to the fact that EDC members did not receive a copy of them.

V. BUSINESS OF THE QUARTER AWARD:

The most recent winner did not want a photo op. An alternate plan will be explored.

VI. BRAINERD PLACE

Michael discussed the reframing of Brainerd Place. He doesn't feel strongly as to whether we take a position or not at the Thursday night P&Z meeting. It was decided that each member could individually voice their opinion at the meeting.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS INPUT/FEEDBACK

Angela brought in a couple of brochures she had collected from towns she had visited telling of the businesses and recreational facilities offered in that town. A discussion ensued regarding what Portland has to offer and whether it would make sense to develop something similar. The group brainstormed who the audience would be and the types of things that could be included in a brochure, as well as how and where the brochures could be made available and distributed. Angela will explore what the cost might be to design and print a brochure. This will be an agenda item at the next EDC meeting

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Hoy expressed concern as to whether the public is paying attention and understanding the information disseminated about the referendum questions. A discussion ensued regarding the referendum information and how it might reach the public.

IX. ADJOURN

Karen Renner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah Weeden, all were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hoy

Sharon R. Hoy
Recording Secretary