

**PORTLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (EDC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
PORTLAND LIBRARY – MARY FLOOD ROOM
265 MAIN STREET
APRIL 8, 2025**

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Michael Nadolski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Michael Nadolski, Karen Renner, Sarah Weeden

Others Present: Dan Bourret, Michael Pelton

Absent: Angela Hammond, Robert Petzold

III. ACCEPT AGENDA

Karen Renner made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Sarah Weeden, all were in favor, motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting 2/11/25

Sarah Weeden made a motion to approve the February 11, 2025 minutes, seconded by Karen Renner, all were in favor, motion carried.

V. BUSINESS OF THE QUARTER AWARD: 2ND QUARTER BUSINESS SELECTION

A brief discussion ensued resulting in the selection of the winner for the 2nd Quarter Business award. April 29th at 3:30 p.m. is the tentative date for the presentation, just before the one at Starbucks. The other entries will remain contenders for the next two quarters. Dan will reach out to *Rivereast* and Mike will put together a couple of sentences to accompany the photo.

VI. PORTLAND BUSINESS PROMOTION FLYER

Dan finally got the third quote but it did not include the map. He will ask for them to include the map in their quote. He hopes to get the approval from Tom Robinson and then on to the design process.

VII. GARDEN STREET PROJECT COLLABORATION

A representative from the garden club was not present but they plan to promote the project both on Main Street and Rt. 66. It was quite successful last year and the same process will take place this summer.

VIII. BROWNFIELD AREA REVITALIZATION PLAN UPDATE

The consultant has been selected and there have been two meetings so far. The process is moving forward.

IX. UPDATES: BRAINERD PLACE, BROWNSTONE AVENUE BROWNFIELD, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Brainerd Place: The second building is presently being framed. They plan to have commercial space in Building F, approximately 10,000 sq.ft. and may have someone interested in the space. They have approximately 19 contracts for the rentals as of now.

Nordic Spa: The work is progressing and they are working with BOS regarding the parking. Dan will let Mike Pelton know if he needs support on that.

Gas Station on Rt. 66: Activity is starting. Will be a drive-thru coffee and gas station.

Soccer Fields on Rt 17: There is now a new owner. Plans are in effect for a second entrance on Rt. 17. The application was to double the size of the soccer complex. There will be no building. There seems to be some concern from Carousel Estates regarding noise.

Central Arms: Was not moving ahead until prices came down, and that has happened to some extent. There has been no indication as to when they plan to move forward.

X. OTHER BUSINESS INPUT/FEEDBACK

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

XII. ADJOURN

Karen Renner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sarah Weeden, all were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hoy

Sharon R. Hoy
Recording Secretary