

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Standing Pesticide Management Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes November 2, 2021

Members Present: Troy Moon, Jesse O'Brien, Karen Snyder, Avery Yale Kamila, Carol Laboissonnier, and Priscilla Skerry

Meeting called to order.

April and September Minutes

Correct dates added to April minutes and correct Jeff Darling's name.

Avery motions to approve the April and September minutes. Carol seconds the motion. Minutes unanimously approved, 5-0.

Staff Updates

Presented by Troy Moon

Troy says moss treatment was successful. Over at Payson park there is an area of moss and there will likely need more treatment next year. Fox field has been going well and we will need continued support in order to do more projects like Fox field. The City pays about \$500 per month to maintain the current compost drop sites in Portland. There is no compost yet but there should be some available to the community gardens in the spring.

Avery says \$250k allocated to tree equity after the Canopy Equity presentation by Parks and Rec and Forestry section and Sustainability Office. Carol wants to note the success of tree planting is dependent on watering and fertilizing. Jesse echoes Carol and explains the lifespan for a street tree is 8-10 years. Troy points out the importance of better tree wells. The annual report comes out in April. Is there any data collection that needs to be done? The ordinance states collecting data for waivers or for outreach.

Signage Requirements

Have talked about people being in violation for not putting the product on the sign. There have been calls for clarity about how it needs to be on the sign. May want to recommend an amendment for the product and the purpose be listed on the front of the sign. Avery is reluctant to open the ordinance to amendments. The term "conspicuous" is clear enough to most people.

The product needs to be written on the front of the sign. The front of the sign has the notice that something has been applied and should also say what was applied but there is not a lot of room on the front of the sign. There is the possibility of making custom signs.

Jesse suggests having a zoom meeting with applicators and request they put the information on the front of the sign. There should be some communication to make things clear. During the proposed meeting, the committee could review the ordinance and why it is important.

It would be helpful to work on new educational material for the proposed presentation and meeting. Training materials could be added to the website for easy access. The Committee should set a date during the January meeting.

Election of Officers

The committee is electing a Chair and a representative to the waiver committee. Avery nominates Karen as Chair. Carol recommends continuing with Jesse as Chair due to his experience. Priscilla recommends Karen to become Chair. The Committee is missing a member currently. The committee voted and Karen was voted to become the Chair.

Karen nominates Avery to be the representative to the Waiver committee. Carol seconds the nomination of Avery. Avery accepts.

Next Steps

Troy recommends the next meeting in January. Troy will share the materials with the committee. The committee needs to put the report together for the council before the next meeting. The city clerk will be having open nominations again soon for the Applicator position. They just need to be a licensed commercial applicator.

The next meeting will be January 4th at 6:00-7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned.