



## OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING

### Draft Minutes

Virtual via Zoom

Thursday, October 21, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

- Welcome PDCC Chair
- Gather (6:30-6:40)
  - Popcorn style: The Chair asked members to share their name, preferred pronouns (if you are comfortable sharing) and a favorite Portland fall activity
- Call to Order (6:40-6:45 PM)
  - Agenda Overview
    - The Chair provided an overview and sought amendments
      - 1st Change: Postpone the Vice Chair election
      - Motion/seconded
        - No opposition
        - Vice Chair election postponed to November
      - 2nd Change: Opportunity to Endorse No on 1
      - Motion/seconded
        - No opposition
        - Agenda amended
- Reports & Minutes (6:45-6:50 PM)
  - Chair's Report
    - Hoping for a Vice Chair election in November.
    - We have representatives from all sides of the issues today, the member discussion and vote will happen after presentations.
  - Treasurer's Report
    - September financial report ([here](#))
    - August financial report ([here](#))
      - Ended the month with \$964.00
      - Hope to build up our reserves for next year
  - Minutes approval
    - Approve minutes of Special Meeting Oct. 3 ([here](#))
    - Approve minutes of September meeting ([here](#)) Approved; No opposition
    - Approve minutes of July meeting ([here](#)) Approved; No opposition



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- Approve minutes of May meeting ([here](#)) Approved; No opposition
- Announcements
  - At-Large City Council Democratic Candidate Forum
  - Will be turned into a email, since other forums are happening
    - Oct. 29, 2021, 6:30-8:00pm over Zoom
    - Travis Curran, Brandon Mazer, Roberto Rodriguez
- Officer Election for PDCC Vice-Chair (6:50-7:00 PM)
  - Postponed until November Meeting
    - Nominations
    - Candidate Presentations
    - Discussion
    - Cloture
    - Vote
- Question 1: Discussion and Endorsement Vote (7:00-7:30)
  - Representative from Yes on 1
    - Presentation (3-5 minutes)
    - Pete Didisheim presented on the issue. Promoted a yes vote.
    - Q&A (5 minutes + 2 minutes added)
  - Representative from No on 1
    - Presentation (3-5 minutes)
    - Benjamin Dudley presented on the issue. Promoted a no vote.
    - Q&A (5 minutes + 2 minutes added)
  - Motion to endorse Question 1 in the affirmative
    - Question 1
      - *Do you want to ban the construction of high-impact electric transmission lines in the Upper Kennebec Region and to require the Legislature to approve all other such projects anywhere in Maine, both retroactively to 2020, and to require the Legislature, retroactively to 2014, to approve by a two-thirds vote such projects using public land?*
      - Motion/Seconded
    - Discussion
      - Non-voters were moved into the waiting room
      - Discussion on the motion
      - Motion to end debate/seconded
      - Motion to vote by ballot/using a poll



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- Point of order- clarification on
    - Cloture
    - Vote:: tied 13-13
  
  - Motion to endorse the “No” position regarding Question 1
    - Question 1
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    - Motion to end to debate
      - Discrepancy in voting
      - Chair supports a revote
        - Yes, end debate 19, no 7
        - Debate ends
    - Discussion
    - Cloture
    - Vote: Endorse the no position 13; 14 against
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- Shelter Question: Discussion and Endorsement Votes (7:30-8:00)
  - Representative from Option A
    - Presentation (3-5 minutes)
    - Kimberly Cook
    - Promoting Option A
    - Q&A
      - Provided an additional 8 minutes
  - Representative from Option B
    - Presentation (3-5 minutes)
    - Belinda Ray
    - Q&A
      - Provided an additional 8 minutes
  - Representative from Option C
    - Presentation (3-5 minutes)
      - Brian Townsend
    - Q&A
      - Provided an additional 8 minutes
  - Motion to endorse Option A



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- *A: This proposed amendment requires all new emergency shelters to be opened 24 hours per day and, except for family and domestic violence shelters, provide shelter to no more than 50 individuals at a time. It adds a requirement for shelter management plans to include a Criminal Trespass Order policy and appeals process for residents. It also removes the requirements for shelters to: provide adequate space for security searches and other assessments; include plans for on-site surveillance and controls for resident behavior and noise levels; provide adequate access to and from METRO service; implement strategies to help guests utilize transit.*
- Motion to endorse/seconded
  - Motion to limit comments to 60 seconds/no objection
- Discussion
  - Moved to end debate/seconded
  - No opposition
- Cloture
- Vote: Motion passes yes 17/no 9
- Motion to endorse Option B
  - *B: This proposed amendment requires all new emergency shelters to be opened 24 hours per day and to have adequate indoor space to provide day shelter for all guests. It adds a requirement for shelter management plans to include a clear policy regarding Criminal Trespass Orders. It requires all emergency shelters to provide access to and from METRO service and to implement strategies to help guests use public transit. It requires individual emergency shelters to be located at least 1000 feet from one another, limits the size of individual shelters to a maximum of 150 beds except in situations when a shelter capacity emergency is declared, and limits the total number of individual shelter beds within a 1-mile radius to a maximum of 300. Domestic violence shelters which don't disclose their locations for safety reasons are exempt from both provisions. The proposed consolidation of the Joe Kreisler Teen Shelter and the Preble Street Teen Center into one facility at 343 Cumberland Avenue is also exempt from the buffer and density provisions.*
  - Discussion
    - Motion to close debate/2nded
    - No opposition
  - Cloture
  - Vote
    - Yes 4/no 21/ 1 present Motion does not pass



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- Motion to endorse Option C
  - *C: Neither of the two (2) proposed Amendments to the Portland City Code above.*
  - Discussion - no discussion
    - Motion to end discussion/2nded
    - No opposition
  - Cloture
  - Vote
    - Motion fails to pass yes 9/17 no
- Announcements and Adjourn (8:00 PM)
  - *PDCC exec team will stay on the call after adjournment for any further informal discussion or questions from members*