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Noise Review Board  
November 14, 2018  
Minutes

Present: Jamie Hurd, Kerrie Standlee, Destiny Wright, Michael Wallace, Ernest Harris, and Paul van Orden

Absent: None

Minutes: Katherine Couch

**Kerrie Standlee calls the meeting to order -6:02pm**

**Board Chair election**

Kerrie shares that typically at the October meeting, board election of a new chair typically happens. However, since there was no quorum at the October meeting, this action will be first on the agenda.

Destiny Wright nominates Jamie Hurd for Noise Review Board Chair. Ernest Harris seconds this motion  
Motion passes unanimously, 5 aye – 0 opposed

**Check in on Indy Car races held at Portland International Raceway, as decided for variance # 18-145117, Condition A: "The applicant shall return to the Noise Review Board within 60 days after the event for the November 2018 Board meeting. The purpose of the return visit shall be to report back to the Noise Board members and the community with a report on how the event went with regards to complying with established decibel levels, noise monitoring, and compliance efforts for the weekend of racing and for the test dates".**

**Presenting -**

EC Mueller – General Manager at Portland International Raceway

Kevin Savoree – Green Savoree CEO, Portland Grand Prix

EC states that normally David Sweeney would be here, but he is out of town. Mr. Sweeney asked EC to present the data from this variances event.

He then reads the letter from the distributed data report (attached)

Jamie Hurd says that 110 dBA is the highest level she sees in the report.

EC continues, saying that all cars under 115. There was a minor spike on Sunday from the trackside meter, rising to 115.1 at the beginning of the race, when all the cars were pressing on the accelerator at once.

The data for the PIR race was remarkably similar to a race 2 years previously in CA, from a track with a similar set up.

Kevin Savoree says they are looking forward to a 2019 return to PIR with the Indy Car event.

The race was covered by NBC Sports network. All costs associated with the event were paid for by Green Savoree. Nothing was paid for by City of Portland. Green Savoree worked with FIA (governing body of motor sports) to make improvements to the track and have a plan for more improvements in the next few years. They worked with EC to make other improvements to grandstands and other projects. Green Savoree paid for that as well, and are pleased all other events at the track will benefit from these improvements.

#### Questions from NRB

Michael Wallace- wonders why there was a noise level spike and is told that it was at the beginning of the race with all cars starting at once and gunning engines to position themselves.

Kerrie Standlee asks if there is time -history data in Kenton and is told that the noise office has this information. He feels that the data presented shows no problems and feels confident for the race scheduled for next year. Dates are Friday, August 29 through Sunday, September 1 (Labor Day weekend)

Ernest Harris asks how many community complaints PIR had. EC says that they had 2 calls.

Jamie Hurd says that she feels that the documentation is great and appreciates the work going into this.

#### Public comments

A person who didn't share their name says it's exciting for city to have this back. The turnout was encouraging. It shows a benefit for taxpayers.

Approve minutes for October meeting.

Destiny Wright moves to approve the minutes as written. Kerrie Standlee seconds the motion. The motion passes 5 – 0.

#### Possible focus for next year

- Garbage trucks.
- How the noise code intersects with other
- Templates for BES and ODOT so they can prepare before coming before the NRB.
- Density and the new zoning code. Define areas by ambient score, so you know going in. Providing people information so they can have their expectations regarding noise levels set accordingly.

- Public information for awareness and educational process. What are the rules & what are your rights

#### Noise Office focus

The noise office is embarking on proactively trying to educate the public.

Ernest Harris would like to focus on how to get the public involved

Kerrie Standlee would like to see notice to public that variances are going to occur.

Ernest Harris- educate on what a noise variance is, simple, so a layperson can understand.

Destiny Wright – suggests a texting app for variances in neighborhood

Kenya Williams, Livability Manager, shares our transition from a complaint-driven system to a proactive model. The model currently uses a bulk of the noise staff's time on neighborhoods already empowered. We would like to understand what is occurring in other parts of the city. We are beginning to go out to neighborhoods and educate and help community members know who we are and what we do. We will be rewriting the noise code from ground up and NRB can be very helpful in this. The Code is the monster in the room for some. We, as a city, are dealing with growing pains. How do you have a bigger conversation when it comes to land use? We create our own overlay and have everyone else adopt it, instead of us adopting theirs. We are in a good place to balance and figure out how we, as a community, live together.

Adjourn –7:24 pm