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FORM 10-Q

Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2017

or

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 1-10709

PS BUSINESS PARKS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

95-4300881
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

701 Western Avenue, Glendale, California 91201-2397
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (818) 244-8080

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting
company

Emerging growth
company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

As of April 24, 2017, the number of shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, outstanding was 27,186,490.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**PS BUSINESS PARKS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In thousands, except share data)**

	March 31, 2017	December 31, 2016
	(Unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,766	\$ 128,629
Real estate facilities, at cost:		
Land	789,531	789,531
Buildings and improvements	2,231,748	2,226,881
	3,021,279	3,016,412
Accumulated depreciation	(1,178,909)	(1,159,808)
	1,842,370	1,856,604
Land and building held for development	28,276	27,028
	1,870,646	1,883,632
Investment in and advances to unconsolidated joint venture	82,104	67,190
Rent receivable, net	3,320	1,945
Deferred rent receivable, net	30,651	29,770
Other assets	5,706	8,205
Total assets	\$ 1,997,193	\$ 2,119,371
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Accrued and other liabilities	\$ 75,824	\$ 78,657
Credit facility	107,000	—
Preferred stock called for redemption	—	230,000
Total liabilities	182,824	308,657
Commitments and contingencies		
Equity:		
PS Business Parks, Inc.'s shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized, 35,190 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016	879,750	879,750
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 27,186,490 and 27,138,138 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively	271	271
Paid-in capital	733,266	733,671
Cumulative net income	1,542,574	1,502,643
Cumulative distributions	(1,539,444)	(1,503,076)
Total PS Business Parks, Inc.'s shareholders' equity	1,616,417	1,613,259
Noncontrolling interests:		
Common units	197,952	197,455
Total noncontrolling interests	197,952	197,455
Total equity	1,814,369	1,810,714
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 1,997,193	\$ 2,119,371

See accompanying notes.

PS BUSINESS PARKS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share data)

	For The Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Revenues:		
Rental income	\$ 100,061	\$ 95,845
Facility management fees	128	128
Total operating revenues	<u>100,189</u>	<u>95,973</u>
Expenses:		
Cost of operations	31,033	31,894
Depreciation and amortization	23,078	25,041
General and administrative	2,831	3,635
Total operating expenses	<u>56,942</u>	<u>60,570</u>
Other income and (expenses):		
Interest and other income	105	267
Interest and other expenses	(184)	(3,190)
Total other income and (expenses)	<u>(79)</u>	<u>(2,923)</u>
Gain on sale of development rights	3,865	—
Net income	<u>\$ 47,033</u>	<u>\$ 32,480</u>
Net income allocation:		
Net income allocable to noncontrolling interests:		
Noncontrolling interests—common units	\$ 7,102	\$ 3,936
Total net income allocable to noncontrolling interests	<u>7,102</u>	<u>3,936</u>
Net income allocable to PS Business Parks, Inc.:		
Preferred shareholders	13,291	13,833
Restricted stock unit holders	248	142
Common shareholders	26,392	14,569
Total net income allocable to PS Business Parks, Inc.	<u>39,931</u>	<u>28,544</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 47,033</u>	<u>\$ 32,480</u>
Net income per common share:		
Basic	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.54
Diluted	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.54
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	<u>27,148</u>	<u>27,043</u>
Diluted	<u>27,234</u>	<u>27,122</u>
Dividends declared per common share	<u>\$ 0.85</u>	<u>\$ 0.75</u>

See accompanying notes.

PS BUSINESS PARKS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EQUITY
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2017
(Unaudited, in thousands, except share data)

	Preferred Stock		Common Stock		Paid-in Capital	Cumulative Net Income	Cumulative Distributions	Total PS Business Parks, Inc.'s Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount						
Balances at December 31, 2016	35,190	\$ 879,750	27,138,138	\$ 271	\$ 733,671	\$ 1,502,643	\$ (1,503,076)	\$ 1,613,259	\$ 197,455	\$ 1,810,714
Issuance of common stock in connection with stock-based compensation	—	—	48,352	—	689	—	—	689	—	689
Stock compensation, net	—	—	—	—	1,867	—	—	1,867	—	1,867
Cash paid for taxes in lieu of shares upon vesting of restricted stock units	—	—	—	—	(3,356)	—	—	(3,356)	—	(3,356)
Net income	—	—	—	—	—	39,931	—	39,931	7,102	47,033
Distributions:										
Preferred stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	(13,291)	(13,291)	—	(13,291)
Common stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	(23,077)	(23,077)	—	(23,077)
Noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(6,210)	(6,210)
Adjustment to noncontrolling interests in underlying operating partnership	—	—	—	—	395	—	—	395	(395)	—
Balances at March 31, 2017	<u>35,190</u>	<u>\$ 879,750</u>	<u>27,186,490</u>	<u>\$ 271</u>	<u>\$ 733,266</u>	<u>\$ 1,542,574</u>	<u>\$ (1,539,444)</u>	<u>\$ 1,616,417</u>	<u>\$ 197,952</u>	<u>\$ 1,814,369</u>

See accompanying notes.

PS BUSINESS PARKS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited, in thousands)

	For The Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 47,033	\$ 32,480
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	23,078	25,041
In-place lease adjustment	(25)	(193)
Tenant improvement reimbursements, net of lease incentives	(362)	(423)
Gain on sale of development rights	(3,865)	—
Stock compensation	2,083	2,805
Amortization of financing costs	135	126
Decrease (increase) in receivables and other assets	641	(80)
Decrease in accrued and other liabilities	(996)	(2,383)
Total adjustments	20,689	24,893
Net cash provided by operating activities	67,722	57,373
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures to real estate facilities	(8,672)	(6,499)
Capital expenditures to land and building held for development	(1,248)	—
Investment in and advances to unconsolidated joint venture	(14,914)	(3,940)
Proceeds from sale of development rights	2,400	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(22,434)	(10,439)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings on credit facility	133,000	—
Repayment of borrowings on credit facility	(26,000)	—
Payment of financing costs	(690)	—
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	689	900
Redemption of preferred stock	(230,000)	—
Cash paid for taxes in lieu of shares upon vesting of restricted stock units	(3,356)	(1,758)
Cash paid to restricted stock unit holders	(216)	(142)
Distributions paid to preferred shareholders	(13,291)	(13,833)
Distributions paid to common shareholders	(23,077)	(20,280)
Distributions paid to noncontrolling interests	(6,210)	(5,479)
Net cash used in financing activities	(169,151)	(40,592)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(123,863)	6,342
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	128,629	188,912
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	\$ 4,766	\$ 195,254
Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Adjustment to noncontrolling interests in underlying operating partnership:		
Noncontrolling interests — common units	\$ (395)	\$ 168
Paid-in capital	\$ 395	\$ (168)

See accompanying notes.

PS BUSINESS PARKS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2017

1. Organization and description of business

PS Business Parks, Inc. (“PSB”) was incorporated in the state of California in 1990. As of March 31, 2017, PSB owned 77.9% of the common partnership units (the “common partnership units”) of PS Business Parks, L.P. (the “Operating Partnership”). The remaining common partnership units are owned by Public Storage (“PS”). PSB, as the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, has full, exclusive and complete responsibility and discretion in managing and controlling the Operating Partnership. PSB and its subsidiaries, including the Operating Partnership, are collectively referred to as the “Company.” Assuming issuance of the Company’s common stock upon redemption of its common partnership units, PS would own 41.9% (or 14.5 million shares) of the outstanding shares of the Company’s common stock.

The Company is a fully-integrated, self-advised and self-managed real estate investment trust (“REIT”) that owns, operates, acquires and develops commercial properties, primarily multi-tenant flex, office and industrial space. As of March 31, 2017, the Company owned and operated 28.1 million rentable square feet of commercial space in six states. The Company also manages 684,000 rentable square feet on behalf of PS.

References to the number of properties or square footage are unaudited and outside the scope of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm’s review of the Company’s financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Basis of presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of PSB and the Operating Partnership. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements. The financial statements are presented on an accrual basis in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and with instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three months ended March 31, 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2017. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Consolidation and Equity Method of Accounting

The Company accounts for its investment in a joint venture that it has significant influence over, but does not control, using the equity method of accounting eliminating intra-entity profits and losses as if the joint venture were a consolidated subsidiary.

The Company consolidates all variable interest entities (each a “VIE”) for which it is the primary beneficiary. Generally, a VIE is a legal entity in which the equity investors do not have the characteristics of a controlling financial interest or the equity investors lack sufficient equity at risk for the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support. A limited partnership may be considered a VIE if the limited partners do not participate in operating decisions. Under this criteria, the Operating Partnership is considered a VIE. The Company’s significant asset is its investment in the Operating Partnership, and consequently, substantially all of the Company’s assets and

liabilities represent those assets and liabilities of the Operating Partnership. All of the Company's debt is an obligation of the Operating Partnership.

Noncontrolling interests

The Company's noncontrolling interests are reported as a component of equity separate from the parent's equity. Purchases or sales of equity interests that do not result in a change in control are accounted for as equity transactions. In addition, net income attributable to the noncontrolling interests is included in net income on the face of the income statement and, upon a gain or loss of control, the interests purchased or sold, as well as any interests retained, are recorded at fair value with any gain or loss recognized in earnings. At the end of each reporting period, the Company determines the amount of equity (book value of net assets) which is allocable to the noncontrolling interests based upon the ownership interest, and an adjustment is made to the noncontrolling interests, with a corresponding adjustment to paid-in capital, to reflect the noncontrolling interests' equity interest in the Company.

Use of estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Allowance for doubtful accounts

The Company monitors the collectability of its receivable balances including the deferred rent receivable on an ongoing basis. Based on these reviews, the Company maintains an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the possible inability of tenants to make contractual rent payments to the Company. A provision for doubtful accounts is recorded during each period. The allowance for doubtful accounts is netted against tenant and other receivables on the consolidated balance sheets. Tenant receivables are net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts totaling \$400,000 at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016. Deferred rent receivable is net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts totaling \$907,000 and \$916,000 at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Financial instruments

The methods and assumptions used to estimate the fair value of financial instruments are described below. The Company has estimated the fair value of financial instruments using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. Considerable judgment is required in interpreting market data to develop estimates of market value. Accordingly, estimated fair values are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that could be realized in current market exchanges. The Company determines the estimated fair value of financial assets and liabilities utilizing a hierarchy of valuation techniques based on whether the inputs to a fair value measurement are considered to be observable or unobservable in a marketplace. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect market assumptions. This hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. The following is the fair value hierarchy:

- *Level 1*—quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets;
- *Level 2*—quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets; and
- *Level 3*—fair value measurements derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable.

Financial assets that are exposed to credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and receivables. The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a remaining maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents, which consist primarily of money market investments,

are only invested in entities with an investment grade rating. Receivables are comprised of balances due from a large number of customers. Balances that the Company expects to become uncollectible are reserved for or written off. Due to the short period to maturity of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, other assets and accrued and other liabilities, the carrying values as presented on the consolidated balance sheets are reasonable estimates of fair value.

Carrying values of the Company's unsecured Credit Facility (as defined on page 14) approximate fair value. The characteristics of these financial instruments, market data and other comparative metrics utilized in determining these fair values are "Level 2" inputs.

Real estate facilities

Real estate facilities are recorded at cost. Costs related to the renovation or improvement of the properties are capitalized. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Expenditures that are expected to benefit a period greater than two years and exceed \$2,000 are capitalized and depreciated over their estimated useful life. Buildings and improvements are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, which generally range from five to 30 years. Transaction costs, which include tenant improvements and lease commissions, of \$1,000 or more for leases with terms greater than one year are capitalized and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Transaction costs less than \$1,000 or for leases of one year or less are expensed as incurred.

Land and building held for development

Property taxes, insurance, interest and costs essential to the development of property for its intended use are capitalized during the period of development. Upon classification of an asset as held for development, depreciation of the asset is ceased.

Properties held for disposition

An asset is classified as an asset held for disposition when it meets certain requirements, which include, among other criteria, the approval of the sale of the asset, the marketing of the asset for sale and the expectation by the Company that the sale will likely occur within the next 12 months. Upon classification of an asset as held for disposition, depreciation of the asset is ceased, and the net book value of the asset is included on the balance sheet as properties held for disposition.

Intangible assets/liabilities

Intangible assets and liabilities include above-market and below-market in-place lease values of acquired properties based on the present value (using an interest rate which reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired) of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place leases and (ii) management's estimate of fair market lease rates for the corresponding in-place leases, measured over a period equal to the remaining non-cancelable term of the lease. The capitalized above-market and below-market lease values (included in other assets and accrued liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets) are amortized to rental income over the remaining non-cancelable terms of the respective leases.

As of March 31, 2017, the value of in-place leases resulted in net intangible assets of \$996,000, net of \$9.3 million of accumulated amortization with a weighted average amortization period of 9.5 years, and net intangible liabilities of \$642,000, net of \$10.2 million of accumulated amortization with a weighted average amortization period of 6.9 years. As of December 31, 2016, the value of in-place leases resulted in net intangible assets of \$1.1 million, net of \$9.2 million of accumulated amortization and net intangible liabilities of \$784,000, net of \$10.0 million of accumulated amortization.

The Company recorded net increases in rental income of \$25,000 and \$193,000 for the three months ended March

31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, due to the amortization of net intangible liabilities resulting from the above-market and below-market lease values.

Evaluation of asset impairment

The Company evaluates its assets used in operations for impairment by identifying indicators of impairment and by comparing the sum of the estimated undiscounted future cash flows for each asset to the asset's carrying value. When indicators of impairment are present and the sum of the estimated undiscounted future cash flows is less than the carrying value of such asset, an impairment loss is recorded equal to the difference between the asset's current carrying value and its value based on discounting its estimated future cash flows. In addition, the Company evaluates its assets held for disposition for impairment. Assets held for disposition are reported at the lower of their carrying value or fair value, less cost of disposition. At March 31, 2017, the Company did not consider any assets to be impaired.

Stock compensation

All share-based payments to employees, including grants of employee stock options, are recognized as stock compensation in the Company's income statement based on their grant date fair values. See Note 11.

Revenue and expense recognition

The Company must meet four basic criteria before revenue can be recognized: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; the delivery has occurred or services have been rendered; the fee is fixed or determinable; and collectability is reasonably assured. All leases are classified as operating leases. Rental income is recognized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the leases. Straight-line rent is recognized for all tenants with contractual fixed increases in rent that are not included on the Company's credit watch list. Deferred rent receivable represents rental revenue recognized on a straight-line basis in excess of billed rents. Reimbursements from tenants for real estate taxes and other recoverable operating expenses are recognized as rental income in the period the applicable costs are incurred. Property management fees are recognized in the period earned.

Costs incurred in connection with leasing (primarily tenant improvements and lease commissions) are capitalized and amortized over the lease period.

Gains from sales of real estate facilities

The Company recognizes gains from sales of real estate facilities at the time of sale using the full accrual method, provided that various criteria related to the terms of the transactions and any subsequent involvement by the Company with the properties sold are met. If the criteria are not met, the Company defers the gains and recognizes them when the criteria are met or uses the installment or cost recovery methods as appropriate under the circumstances.

General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses include executive and other compensation, office expenses, professional fees, acquisition transaction costs, state income taxes and other such administrative items.

Income taxes

The Company has qualified and intends to continue to qualify as a REIT, as defined in Section 856 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. As a REIT, the Company is not subject to federal income tax to the extent that it distributes its REIT taxable income to its shareholders. A REIT must distribute at least 90% of its REIT taxable income each year. In addition, REITs are subject to a number of organizational and operating requirements. The Company may be subject to certain state and local taxes on its income and property and to federal income and excise taxes on its undistributed taxable income. The Company believes it met all organization and operating requirements to maintain

its REIT status during 2016 and intends to continue to meet such requirements for 2017. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

The Company can recognize a tax benefit only if it is “more likely than not” that a particular tax position will be sustained upon examination or audit. To the extent that the “more likely than not” standard has been satisfied, the benefit associated with a position is measured as the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being recognized upon settlement. As of March 31, 2017, the Company did not recognize any tax benefit for uncertain tax positions.

Accounting for preferred equity issuance costs

The Company records issuance costs as a reduction to paid-in capital on its balance sheet at the time the preferred securities are issued and reflects the carrying value of the preferred equity at the stated value. Such issuance costs are recorded as non-cash preferred equity distributions at the time the Company notifies the holders of preferred stock of its intent to redeem such shares.

Net income per common share

Per share amounts are computed using the number of weighted average common shares outstanding. “Diluted” weighted average common shares outstanding includes the dilutive effect of stock options and restricted stock units under the treasury stock method. “Basic” weighted average common shares outstanding excludes such effect. The Company's restricted stock units are participating securities and are included in the computation of basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding. The Company’s restricted stock unit holders are paid non-forfeitable dividends in excess of the expense recorded which results in a reduction in net income allocable to common shareholders and unit holders.

Earnings per share has been calculated as follows (*in thousands, except per share amounts*):

	For The Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net income allocable to common shareholders	\$ 26,392	\$ 14,569
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	27,148	27,043
Net effect of dilutive stock compensation—based on treasury stock method using average market price	86	79
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	27,234	27,122
Net income per common share—Basic	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.54
Net income per common share—Diluted	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.54

No options were excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 as no options were considered anti-dilutive.

Segment reporting

The Company views its operations as one segment.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to the consolidated financial statements for 2016 in order to conform to the 2017 presentation.

Recently issued accounting standards

In May, 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which amended the existing accounting standards for revenue recognition. The core principle underlying this guidance is that entities will recognize revenue upon the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled for such exchange. The guidance also provides a model for the measurement and recognition of gains and losses on the sale of certain nonfinancial assets, such as property and equipment, including real estate. This guidance is currently effective for the Company’s fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. Early adoption is permitted for the Company’s fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017. ASU 2014-09 allows for full retrospective adoption applied to all periods presented or modified retrospective adoption with the cumulative effect of initially applying the standard recognized at the date of initial application. The Company intends to adopt the guidance using the modified retrospective approach for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018. The Company anticipates no impact upon adoption of the new accounting guidance on its consolidated financial statements relating to the Company’s facility management fees for property management services provided to PS or the recognition of gains and losses on the sale of real estate assets as the Company’s current accounting for such transactions is consistent with the new guidance’s core principle. Rental income from leasing arrangements are a substantial portion of the Company’s revenue and is specifically excluded from ASU 2014-09 and will be governed by the applicable lease codification (ASU 2016-02, *Leases*). In conjunction with the adoption of the leasing guidance, the Company is currently in the process of evaluating certain variable payment terms included in these lease arrangements which are governed by ASU 2014-09.

In February, 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases*, which amends the existing accounting standards for lease accounting. The accounting applied by a lessor is largely unchanged under this guidance. However, the guidance requires lessees to classify leases as either finance or operating leases based on the principle of whether or not the lease is effectively a financed purchase of the leased asset by the lessee. The classification will determine whether the lease expense is recognized based on an effective interest method or on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. A lessee is also required to record a right-of-use asset and related liability for most leases with a term of greater than 12 months, regardless of their classification. Leases with a term of 12 months or less will be accounted for similar to existing guidance for operating leases today. The new guidance is expected to result in the recognition of a right-of-use asset and related liability to account for the Company’s future obligations under the ground lease arrangements for which the Company is the lessee. As of March 31, 2017, the remaining contractual payments under the ground lease agreements aggregated \$348,000. Additionally, the new guidance will require that lessees and lessors capitalize, as initial direct costs, only those costs that are incurred due to the execution of a lease. This guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018 and interim periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The guidance must be adopted using a modified retrospective approach for leases that exist or are entered into after the beginning of the earliest comparative period in the financial statements. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of adoption of the new accounting guidance on its consolidated financial statements.

In January, 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, *Business Combinations (Topic 805) - Clarifying the Definition of a Business*, which provides guidance to assist entities with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions of assets or businesses. Under the new guidance, a set of transferred assets and activities is not a business when substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets. If a set of transferred assets and activities does not meet this threshold, then an entity must evaluate whether the set meets the requirement that a business include, at a minimum, an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs. The new standard is effective for public entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017 and for interim periods therein. Early adoption is permitted. The guidance will be applied prospectively to any transactions occurring within the period of adoption. The Company adopted the guidance effective January 1, 2017 and expects the guidance will likely result in future acquisitions of operating properties being accounted for as asset acquisitions instead of business combinations with transaction costs of such acquisitions to be capitalized as part of the purchase price of the acquisition. Prior to

the adoption of the new guidance, the Company accounted for acquisitions of operating properties as business combinations and expensed transaction costs as acquisition-related expenses.

3. Real estate facilities

The activity in real estate facilities for the three months ended March 31, 2017 is as follows (*in thousands*):

	Land	Buildings and Improvements	Accumulated Depreciation	Total
Balances at December 31, 2016	\$ 789,531	\$ 2,226,881	\$ (1,159,808)	\$ 1,856,604
Capital expenditures	—	8,844	—	8,844
Disposals	—	(3,977)	3,977	—
Depreciation and amortization	—	—	(23,078)	(23,078)
Balances at March 31, 2017	<u>\$ 789,531</u>	<u>\$ 2,231,748</u>	<u>\$ (1,178,909)</u>	<u>\$ 1,842,370</u>

The purchase price of acquired properties is recorded to land, buildings and improvements (including tenant improvements, unamortized lease commissions, acquired in-place lease values, and tenant relationships, if any) and intangible assets and liabilities associated with the value of above-market and below-market leases based on their respective estimated fair values. Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

In determining the fair value of the tangible assets of the acquired properties, management considers the value of the properties as if vacant as of the acquisition date. Management must make significant assumptions in determining the value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Using different assumptions in the recording of the purchase cost of the acquired properties would affect the timing of recognition of the related revenue and expenses. Amounts recorded to land are derived from comparable sales of land within the same region. Amounts recorded to buildings and improvements, tenant improvements and unamortized lease commissions are based on current market replacement costs and other market information. The amount recorded to acquired in-place leases is determined based on management's assessment of current market conditions and the estimated lease-up periods for the respective spaces.

The Company did not acquire any assets or assume any liabilities during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company sold development rights it held to build medical office buildings on land adjacent to its Westech Business Park in Silver Spring, Maryland for \$6.5 million. The Company had acquired the development rights as part of its 2006 acquisition of the park. The Company has received \$4.0 million of proceeds, of which \$1.5 million was received in prior years and \$2.5 million was received in March, 2017. The Company recorded a gain of \$3.9 million related to the proceeds received through March 31, 2017 less transaction costs of \$135,000 as these amounts are non-refundable. The Company will report an additional gain of \$2.5 million when the final proceeds are received in the fourth quarter of 2017 and the remaining contingencies have lapsed.

4. Investment in and advances to unconsolidated joint venture

In 2013, the Company entered into a joint venture known as Amherst JV LLC (the "Joint Venture") with an unrelated real estate development company (the "JV Partner") for the purpose of developing a 395-unit multi-family building on a five-acre site within The Mile in Tysons, Virginia (the "Project"). PSB holds a 95.0% interest in the Joint Venture with the remaining 5.0% held by the JV Partner. The JV Partner is responsible for the development and construction of the Project and through an affiliate will oversee the leasing and management of the Project. The Project is expected to deliver its first completed units in the spring of 2017, with final completion expected in early 2018.

On October 5, 2015 (the "Contribution Date"), the Company contributed the site, along with capitalized improvements, to the Joint Venture. Subsequent to the Contribution date, demolition, site preparation and construction

commenced. The JV partner serves as the managing member, with mutual consent from both the Company and the managing member required for all significant decisions. As such, the Company accounts for its investment in the Joint Venture using the equity method.

Along with the equity capital the Company has committed to the Joint Venture, the Company has also agreed to provide the Joint Venture with a construction loan in the amount of \$75.0 million. The Joint Venture will pay interest under the construction loan at a rate equal to the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) plus 2.25%. The loan will mature on April 5, 2019 with two one-year extension options. The Company has reflected the aggregate value of the contributed site, its’ equity contributions, capitalized interest and loan advances to date as investment in and advances to unconsolidated joint venture. The aggregate amount of development costs are estimated to be \$105.6 million (excluding unrealized land appreciation), of which the Company is committed to funding \$75.0 million through a construction loan in addition to capital contributions of \$28.5 million, which includes a land basis of \$15.3 million, to the Joint Venture.

The Company’s investment in and advances to unconsolidated joint venture was \$82.1 million and \$67.2 million as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company made loan advances of \$14.9 million and capitalized \$279,000 of interest. For the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company made capital contributions of \$3.6 million and capitalized \$394,000 of interest.

5. Leasing activity

The Company leases space in its real estate facilities to tenants primarily under non-cancelable leases generally ranging from one to 10 years. Future minimum rental revenues, excluding recovery of operating expenses under these leases, are as follows as of March 31, 2017 (*in thousands*):

Remainder of 2017	\$	211,806
2018		228,153
2019		159,029
2020		104,012
2021		70,731
Thereafter		128,044
Total	<u>\$</u>	<u>901,775</u>

In addition to minimum rental payments, certain tenants reimburse the Company for their pro rata share of specified operating expenses. Such reimbursements amounted to \$23.1 million and \$20.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. These amounts are included as rental income in the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

Leases accounting for 3.6% of total leased square footage are subject to termination options, of which 2.3% of total leased square footage have termination options exercisable through December 31, 2017. In general, these leases provide for termination payments should the termination options be exercised. The future minimum rental revenues in the above table assume such options are not exercised.

6. Bank loans

In January, 2017, the Company modified and extended the terms of its line of credit (the “Credit Facility”) and the Company’s related guaranty with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association (“Wells Fargo”). The Credit Facility has a borrowing limit of \$250.0 million and expires January 10, 2022. The rate of interest charged on borrowings is based on the LIBOR plus 0.80% to LIBOR plus 1.55% depending on the Company’s credit ratings. Currently, the Company’s rate under the Credit Facility is LIBOR plus 0.825%. In addition, the Company is required to pay an annual facility fee ranging from 0.10% to 0.30% of the borrowing limit depending on the Company’s credit ratings (currently 0.125%). In connection with the extension, the Company paid \$613,000 of loan origination costs. As of

March 31, 2017, the Company had \$107.0 million outstanding on the Credit Facility at an interest rate of 1.68%. Subsequent to March 31, 2017, the Company repaid \$7.0 million on the Credit Facility. The Company had no balance outstanding on the Credit Facility at December 31, 2016. The Company had \$1.1 million and \$539,000 of unamortized loan origination costs as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, which is included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The Credit Facility requires the Company to meet certain covenants, all of which the Company was in compliance with as of March 31, 2017. Interest on outstanding borrowings is payable monthly.

7. Noncontrolling interests

As described in Note 2, the Company reports noncontrolling interests within equity in the consolidated financial statements, but separate from the Company's shareholders' equity. In addition, net income allocable to noncontrolling interests is shown as a reduction from net income in calculating net income allocable to common shareholders.

Common partnership units

The Company presents the accounts of PSB and the Operating Partnership on a consolidated basis. Ownership interests in the Operating Partnership that can be redeemed for common stock, other than PSB's interest, are classified as noncontrolling interests—common units in the consolidated financial statements. Net income allocable to noncontrolling interests—common units consists of the common units' share of the consolidated operating results after allocation to preferred units and shares. Beginning one year from the date of admission as a limited partner (common units) and subject to certain limitations described below, each limited partner other than PSB has the right to require the redemption of its partnership interest.

A limited partner (common units) that exercises its redemption right will receive cash from the Operating Partnership in an amount equal to the market value (as defined in the Operating Partnership Agreement) of the partnership interests redeemed. In lieu of the Operating Partnership redeeming the common units for cash, PSB, as general partner, has the right to elect to acquire the partnership interest directly from a limited partner exercising its redemption right, in exchange for cash in the amount specified above or by issuance of one share of PSB common stock for each unit of limited partnership interest redeemed.

A limited partner (common units) cannot exercise its redemption right if delivery of shares of PSB common stock would be prohibited under the applicable articles of incorporation, or if the general partner believes that there is a risk that delivery of shares of common stock would cause the general partner to no longer qualify as a REIT, would cause a violation of the applicable securities laws, or would result in the Operating Partnership no longer being treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes.

At March 31, 2017, there were 7,305,355 common units owned by PS, which are accounted for as noncontrolling interests. Combined with PS's existing common stock ownership, on a fully converted basis, PS has a combined ownership of 41.9% (or 14.5 million shares) of the Company's common equity.

8. Related party transactions

The Operating Partnership manages industrial, office and retail facilities for PS. These facilities, all located in the United States, operate under the "Public Storage" or "PS Business Parks" names. The PS Business Parks name and logo are owned by PS and licensed to the Company under a non-exclusive, royalty-free license agreement. The license can be terminated by either party for any reason with six months written notice.

Under the property management contract with PS, the Operating Partnership is compensated based on a percentage of the gross revenues of the facilities managed. Under the supervision of the property owners, the Operating Partnership coordinates rental policies, rent collections, marketing activities, the purchase of equipment and supplies, maintenance activities, and the selection and engagement of vendors, suppliers and independent contractors. In

addition, the Operating Partnership assists and advises the property owners in establishing policies for the hire, discharge and supervision of employees for the operation of these facilities, including property managers and leasing, billing and maintenance personnel.

The property management contract with PS is for a seven-year term with the agreement automatically extending for an additional one-year period upon each one-year anniversary of its commencement (unless cancelled by either party). Either party can give notice of its intent to cancel the agreement upon expiration of its current term. Management fee revenues under this contract were \$128,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

PS also provides property management services for the self-storage component of two assets owned by the Company. These self-storage facilities, located in Palm Beach County, Florida, operate under the “Public Storage” name.

Under the property management contract, PS is compensated based on a percentage of the gross revenues of the facilities managed. Under the supervision of the Company, PS coordinates rental policies, rent collections, marketing activities, the purchase of equipment and supplies, maintenance activities, and the selection and engagement of vendors, suppliers and independent contractors. In addition, PS is responsible for establishing the policies for the hire, discharge and supervision of employees for the operation of these facilities, including on-site managers, assistant managers and associate managers.

Either the Company or PS can cancel the property management contract upon 60 days’ notice. Management fee expenses under the contract were \$22,000 and \$21,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Pursuant to a cost sharing and administrative services agreement, the Company shares costs with PS for certain administrative services and rental of corporate office space, which are allocated between the Company and PS in accordance with a methodology intended to fairly allocate those costs. Costs allocated to the Company totaled \$132,000 and \$123,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Costs allocated to PS totaled \$8,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2017.

The Company had net amounts due from PS of \$164,000 and \$295,000 at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, for these contracts, as well as for certain operating expenses paid by the Company on behalf of PS.

9. Shareholders’ equity

Preferred stock

As of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company had the following series of preferred stock outstanding:

Series	Issuance Date	Earliest Potential Redemption Date	Dividend Rate	Shares Outstanding	Amount (in thousands)
Series T	May, 2012	May, 2017	6.000%	14,000	\$ 350,000
Series U	September, 2012	September, 2017	5.750%	9,200	230,000
Series V	March, 2013	March, 2018	5.700%	4,400	110,000
Series W	October, 2016	October, 2021	5.200%	7,590	189,750
Total				35,190	\$ 879,750

On December 7, 2016, the Company called for the redemption of its 6.45% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series S, at its par value of \$230.0 million and subsequently completed the redemption on January 18, 2017. The Company reported non-cash distributions of \$7.3 million, representing the original issuance costs, as a reduction of net income allocable to common shareholders and unit holders for the year ended December 31, 2016. As of December 31, 2016,

the Company reclassified the 6.45% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series S, of \$230.0 million from equity to liabilities as preferred stock called for redemption.

The Company paid \$13.3 million and \$13.8 million in distributions to its preferred shareholders for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Holder of the Company's preferred stock will not be entitled to vote on most matters, except under certain conditions. In the event of a cumulative arrearage equal to six quarterly dividends, the holders of the preferred stock will have the right to elect two additional members to serve on the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") until all events of default have been cured. At March 31, 2017, there were no dividends in arrears.

Except under certain conditions relating to the Company's qualification as a REIT, the preferred stock is not redeemable prior to the previously noted redemption dates. On or after the respective redemption dates, the respective series of preferred stock will be redeemable, at the option of the Company, in whole or in part, at \$25.00 per depositary share, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends. The Company had \$28.4 million of deferred costs in connection with the issuance of preferred stock as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, which the Company will report as additional non-cash distributions upon notice of its intent to redeem such shares.

Common stock

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Board increased its quarterly dividends from \$0.75 per common share to \$0.85 per common share.

The Company paid \$23.1 million (\$0.85 per common share) and \$20.3 million (\$0.75 per common share) in distributions to its common shareholders for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

No shares of common stock were repurchased under the board-approved common stock repurchase program during either of the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

Equity stock

In addition to common and preferred stock, the Company is authorized to issue 100.0 million shares of Equity Stock. The Articles of Incorporation provide that Equity Stock may be issued from time to time in one or more series and give the Board broad authority to fix the dividend and distribution rights, conversion and voting rights, redemption provisions and liquidation rights of each series of Equity Stock.

10. Commitments and contingencies

The Company currently is neither subject to any other material litigation nor, to management's knowledge, is any material litigation currently threatened against the Company other than routine litigation and administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business.

11. Stock compensation

PSB has a 2003 Stock Option and Incentive Plan (the "2003 Plan") and a 2012 Equity and Performance-Based Incentive Compensation Plan (the "2012 Plan") covering 1.5 million and 1.0 million shares of PSB's common stock, respectively. Under the 2003 Plan and 2012 Plan, PSB has granted non-qualified options to certain directors, officers and key employees to purchase shares of PSB's common stock at a price not less than the fair market value of the common stock at the date of grant. Additionally, under the 2003 Plan and 2012 Plan, PSB has granted restricted shares of common stock to certain directors and restricted stock units to officers and key employees.

No options were granted for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

The weighted average grant date fair value of restricted stock units granted during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$88.91 and \$83.59, respectively. The Company calculated the fair value of each restricted stock unit grant using the market value on the date of grant.

At March 31, 2017, there was a combined total of 1.1 million options and restricted stock units authorized to be granted.

Information with respect to outstanding options and nonvested restricted stock units granted under the 2003 Plan and 2012 Plan is as follows:

Options:	Number of Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contract Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)
Outstanding at December 31, 2016	229,655	\$ 68.93		
Granted	—	\$ —		
Exercised	(10,344)	\$ 66.63		
Forfeited	—	\$ —		
Outstanding at March 31, 2017	<u>219,311</u>	\$ 69.03	5.34 Years	\$ 10,028
Exercisable at March 31, 2017	<u>147,224</u>	\$ 58.19	3.96 Years	\$ 8,329

Restricted Stock Units:	Number of Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested at December 31, 2016	144,693	\$ 58.56
Granted	100,150	\$ 88.91
Vested	(67,914)	\$ 83.05
Forfeited	(700)	\$ 89.83
Nonvested at March 31, 2017	<u>176,229</u>	\$ 77.30

Effective March, 2014, the Company entered into a performance-based restricted stock unit program, the Senior Management Long-Term Equity Incentive Program for 2014-2017 (“LTEIP”), with certain employees of the Company. Under the LTEIP, the Company established three levels of targeted restricted stock unit awards for certain employees, which would be earned only if the Company achieved one of three defined targets during 2014 to 2017. Under the LTEIP there is an annual award following the end of each of the four years in the program, with the award subject to and based on the achievement of total return targets during the previous year, as well as an award based on achieving total return targets during the cumulative four-year period 2014-2017. In the event the minimum defined target is not achieved for an annual award, the restricted stock units allocated to be awarded for such year are added to the restricted stock units that may be received if the four-year target is achieved. All restricted stock unit awards under the LTEIP vest in four equal annual installments beginning from the date of award. Up to 100,150 restricted stock units would be awarded for each of the four years assuming achievement was met and up to 93,400 restricted stock units would be awarded for the cumulative four-year period assuming achievement was met. Compensation expense is recognized based on the restricted stock units expected to be awarded based on the target level that is expected to be achieved. Net compensation expense of \$1.8 million and \$2.5 million related to the LTEIP was recognized for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

In connection with the LTEIP, targets for 2016 were achieved at the highest threshold total return level. As such, 100,150 restricted stock units were granted during the three months ended March 31, 2017 at a weighted average grant date fair value of \$88.91.

Included in the Company’s consolidated statements of income for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, was \$49,000 and \$131,000, respectively, in net compensation expense related to stock options. Net

compensation expense of \$2.0 million and \$2.6 million related to restricted stock units was recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

As of March 31, 2017, there was \$480,000 of unamortized compensation expense related to stock options expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.4 years. As of March 31, 2017, there was \$11.7 million of unamortized compensation expense related to restricted stock units expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.4 years.

Cash received from 10,344 stock options exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2017 was \$689,000. Cash received from 16,823 stock options exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2016 was \$900,000. The aggregate intrinsic value of the stock options exercised was \$513,000 and \$723,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, 67,914 restricted stock units vested; in settlement of these units, 38,008 shares were issued, net of 29,906 shares applied to payroll taxes. The aggregate fair value of the shares vested for the three months ended March 31, 2017 was \$7.6 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, 43,689 restricted stock units vested; in settlement of these units, 25,604 shares were issued, net of 18,085 shares applied to payroll taxes. The aggregate fair value of the shares vested for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was \$3.6 million. In addition to the vesting of these shares, tax deposits totaling \$3.4 million and \$1.8 million were made during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, on behalf of employees in exchange for common shares withheld upon vesting.

In April, 2015, the shareholders of the Company approved the issuance of up to 130,000 shares of common stock under the Retirement Plan for Non-Employee Directors (the "Director Plan"). Under the Director Plan, the Company grants 1,000 shares of common stock for each year served as a director up to a maximum of 8,000 shares issued upon retirement. The Company recognizes compensation expense over the requisite service period. As a result, included in the Company's consolidated statements of income was \$76,000 and \$83,000 in compensation expense for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. As of March 31, 2017 and 2016, there was \$811,000 and \$1.1 million, respectively, of unamortized compensation expense related to these shares. No shares were issued during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Forward-Looking Statements: Forward-looking statements, within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, are made throughout this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. For this purpose, any statements contained herein that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, the words "may," "believes," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," "seeks," "estimates," "intends" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. There are a number of important factors that could cause the results of the Company to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements, including but not limited to: (a) changes in general economic and business conditions; (b) decreases in rental rates or increases in vacancy rates/failure to renew or replace expiring leases; (c) tenant defaults; (d) the effect of the recent credit and financial market conditions; (e) our failure to maintain our status as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; (f) the economic health of our tenants; (g) increases in operating costs; (h) casualties to our properties not covered by insurance; (i) the availability and cost of capital; (j) increases in interest rates and its effect on our stock price; and (k) other factors discussed under the heading "Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking statements included herein, the inclusion of such information should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that our objectives and plans will be achieved. Moreover, we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting such forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

Overview

As of March 31, 2017, the Company owned and operated 28.1 million rentable square feet of multi-tenant flex, industrial and office properties concentrated primarily in six states.

The Company focuses on increasing profitability and cash flow aimed at maximizing shareholder value. The Company strives to maintain high occupancy levels while increasing rental rates and minimizing capital expenditures when market conditions allow, although the Company may decrease rental rates in markets where conditions require. The Company also acquires properties it believes will create long-term value, and from time to time disposes of properties which no longer fit within the Company's strategic objectives. Operating results are driven primarily by income from rental operations and are therefore substantially influenced by demand for rental space within our properties and our markets, which impacts occupancy, rental rates and capital requirements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates: Our accounting policies are described in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We believe our most critical accounting policies relate to revenue recognition, property acquisitions, allowance for doubtful accounts, impairment of long-lived assets, depreciation, accruals of operating expenses and accruals for contingencies, each of which are more fully described in "Part I, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

Effect of Acquisitions, Development and Dispositions of Properties on the Company's Operations: The Company is focused on growing its operations by looking for opportunities to expand its presence in existing and new markets through strategic acquisitions that meet the Company's focus on multi-tenant flex, industrial and office parks in markets where it has or may obtain a substantial market presence. The Company may also from time to time dispose of assets based on market conditions.

On September 28, 2016, the Company acquired two multi-tenant office buildings, which comprise the 226,000 square feet of Non-Same Park portfolio (defined below), in Rockville, Maryland, for a purchase price of \$13.3 million. As of March 31, 2017, the occupancy rate of this asset remained unchanged since the date of acquisition at 18.5%. The Company had 184,000 square feet of vacant space spread within the acquired buildings as of March 31, 2017.

The buildings are located within Shady Grove Executive Park, where the Company owns three other buildings aggregating 352,000 square feet, which were 91.8% leased as of March 31, 2017.

As of November 1, 2016, the Company transferred a 123,000 square foot building also located within The Mile in Tysons, Virginia to land and building held for development, as the Company is pursuing entitlements to develop an additional multi-family complex on this site. The scope and timing of any future development will be subject to a variety of approvals and contingencies. Prior to being classified as land and building held for development, the building was occupied by a single user. The net operating income (“NOI”) associated with the prior tenant is reflected as NOI from asset held for development.

In 2013, the Company entered into a joint venture known as Amherst JV LLC (the “Joint Venture”) with an unrelated real estate development company (the “JV Partner”) for the purpose of developing a 395-unit multi-family building on a five-acre site within The Mile in Tysons, Virginia (the “Project”). PSB holds a 95.0% interest in the Joint Venture with the remaining 5.0% held by the JV Partner. The JV Partner is responsible for the development and construction of the Project and through an affiliate will oversee the leasing and management of the Project. The Project is expected to deliver its first completed units in the spring of 2017, with final completion expected in early 2018.

On October 5, 2015 (the “Contribution Date”), the Company contributed the site, along with capitalized improvements, to the Joint Venture. Subsequent to the Contribution Date, demolition, site preparation and construction commenced. The JV partner serves as the managing member, with mutual consent from both the Company and the managing member required for all significant decisions. As such, the Company accounts for its investment in the Joint Venture using the equity method.

Along with the equity capital the Company has committed to the Joint Venture, the Company has also agreed to provide the Joint Venture with a construction loan in the amount of \$75.0 million. The Joint Venture will pay interest under the construction loan at a rate equal to the London Interbank Offered Rate (“LIBOR”) plus 2.25%. The loan will mature on April 5, 2019 with two one-year extension options. The Company has reflected the aggregate value of the contributed site, its’ equity contributions, capitalized interest and loan advances to date as investment in and advances to unconsolidated joint venture. The aggregate amount of development costs are estimated to be \$105.6 million (excluding unrealized land appreciation), of which the Company is committed to funding \$75.0 million through a construction loan (\$49.2 million was outstanding as of March 31, 2017) in addition to capital contributions of \$28.5 million, which includes a land basis of \$15.3 million, to the Joint Venture.

The Company’s investment in and advances to unconsolidated joint venture was \$82.1 million and \$67.2 million at March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company made loan advances of \$14.9 million and capitalized \$279,000 of interest.

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company sold development rights it held to build medical office buildings on land adjacent to its Westech Business Park in Silver Spring, Maryland for \$6.5 million. The Company had acquired the development rights as part of its 2006 acquisition of the park. The Company has received \$4.0 million of proceeds, of which \$1.5 million was received in prior years and \$2.5 million was received in March, 2017. The Company recorded a gain of \$3.9 million related to the proceeds received through March 31, 2017 less transaction costs of \$135,000 as these amounts are non-refundable. The Company will report an additional gain of \$2.5 million when the final proceeds are received in the fourth quarter of 2017 and the remaining contingencies have lapsed.

Impact of Inflation: Although inflation has not been significant in recent years, it remains a potential factor in our economy, and the Company continues to seek ways to mitigate its potential impact. A substantial portion of the Company’s leases require tenants to pay operating expenses, including real estate taxes, utilities, and insurance, as well as increases in common area expenses, partially reducing the Company’s exposure to inflation.

Key Operating Metrics

The Company's operations are substantially concentrated in eight regions. Each of the eight regions in which the Company owns assets is subject to its own unique market influences. All operating metrics discussed in this section as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 exclude asset held for development. Management believes excluding the results of such assets provides the most relevant perspective on the ongoing operations of the Company. Please refer to "Part I, Item 1. Financial Statements" included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for financial metrics that include results from asset held for development.

Net Operating Income: Rental income, cost of operations and rental income less cost of operations, excluding depreciation and amortization, or NOI, are summarized for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016. NOI is a non-GAAP financial measure that is often used by investors to determine the performance and value of commercial real estate. Depreciation and amortization have been excluded from NOI as they are generally not used in determining the value of commercial real estate by management or the investment community. Depreciation and amortization are generally not used in determining value as they consider the historical costs of an asset compared to its current value; therefore, to understand the effect of the assets' historical cost on the Company's results, investors should look at GAAP financial measures, such as total operating costs including depreciation and amortization. The Company's calculation of NOI may not be comparable to those of other companies and should not be used as an alternative to measures of performance calculated in accordance with GAAP. As part of the tables below, we have reconciled total NOI to net income, which we consider the most directly comparable financial measure calculated in accordance with GAAP.

To present comparative results, for the purpose of computing NOI, the tables below exclude amortization of the Senior Management Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan ("LTEIP") for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

Concentration of Portfolio by Region: The table below reflects the Company's square footage based on regional concentration as of March 31, 2017. As part of the table below, we have reconciled total NOI to net income (*in thousands*):

Region	Square Footage	Percent of Square Footage	Occupancy at March 31, 2017	NOI For The Three Months Ended March 31, 2017	Percent of Total NOI
California					
Northern California	7,245	25.7%	98.2%	\$ 17,406	24.9%
Southern California	3,988	14.2%	95.7%	10,989	15.7%
Texas					
Northern Texas	3,125	11.1%	91.2%	5,546	8.0%
Southern Texas	1,963	7.0%	93.7%	5,028	7.2%
Virginia	3,917	14.0%	90.3%	12,971	18.6%
Florida	3,866	13.8%	97.7%	7,186	10.3%
Maryland	2,578	9.2%	81.8%	7,686	11.0%
Washington	1,390	5.0%	98.6%	3,012	4.3%
Total	<u>28,072</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>94.1%</u>	<u>\$ 69,824</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Reconciliation of NOI to net income

Total NOI	\$ 69,824
Other income and (expenses):	
LTEIP amortization:	
Cost of operations	(796)
General and administrative	(973)
Facility management fees	128
Other income and (expenses)	(79)
Depreciation and amortization	(23,078)
Adjusted general and administrative ⁽¹⁾	(1,858)
Gain on sale of development rights	3,865
Net income	<u>\$ 47,033</u>

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted general and administrative expenses exclude LTEIP amortization of \$973,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2017.

Leasing Production: During the first three months of 2017, the Company executed leases comprising 1.8 million square feet of space (1.2 million square feet of lease renewals and 615,000 square feet of new leases) while achieving initial rental rate growth on new and renewed leases of 3.5% over expiring rents. Total portfolio occupancy percentage decreased by 30 basis points to 94.1% since December 31, 2016.

The following table summarizes the Company's leasing production by these eight regions for the three months ended March 31, 2017 (*in thousands*):

Markets	Leasing Volume	Tenant Retention	Transaction Costs per Executed Foot	Rental Rate Change ⁽¹⁾
Northern California	245	70.4%	\$ 1.94	20.4%
Southern California	306	56.8%	\$ 2.29	6.4%
Northern Texas	226	75.2%	\$ 2.14	2.9%
Southern Texas	80	19.5%	\$ 5.03	15.1%
Virginia	230	55.4%	\$ 7.85	(4.4%)
Florida	315	69.1%	\$ 2.24	2.6%
Maryland	128	74.8%	\$ 6.65	(14.3%)
Washington	225	96.0%	\$ 0.48	10.2%
Total	1,755	66.1%	\$ 3.15	3.5%

⁽¹⁾ Rental rate change is computed by taking the percentage difference between outgoing rents and incoming rents for leases executed during the period. Leases executed on spaces vacant for more than the preceding twelve months have been excluded.

During the first three months of 2017, most markets continued to reflect favorable conditions allowing for stable occupancy as well as increasing rental rates. With the exception of the Virginia and Maryland markets, new rental rates for the Company improved over expiring rental rates on executed leases as economic conditions and tenant demand remained healthy. The Virginia and Maryland markets continue to experience soft market conditions as evidenced by continued pressure on occupancy and rental rates. Given lease expirations of 1.4 million square feet in Virginia and 921,000 square feet in Maryland through December 31, 2018, the Company may continue to experience a decrease in rental income in these markets.

Scheduled Lease Expirations: The following table sets forth the lease expirations for all operating assets as of March 31, 2017 (*dollars and square feet in thousands*):

Year of Lease Expiration	Number of Tenants	Rentable Square Footage Subject to Expiring Leases	Percent of Total Leased Square Footage	Annualized Rental Income Under Expiring Leases	Percent of Annualized Rental Income Represented by Expiring Leases
Remainder of 2017	1,739	4,483	17.1%	\$ 68,756	16.8%
2018	1,462	6,115	23.4%	96,965	23.7%
2019	886	5,659	21.6%	83,575	20.4%
2020	405	4,011	15.3%	57,467	14.0%
2021	250	2,178	8.3%	33,455	8.2%
Thereafter	192	3,738	14.3%	69,185	16.9%
Total	4,934	26,184	100.0%	\$ 409,403	100.0%

Our ability to re-lease available space will depend upon market conditions in the specific submarkets in which our properties are located. As a result, we cannot predict with certainty the rate at which expiring leases will be re-leased.

Concentration of Credit Risk by Industry: The information below depicts the industry concentration of our tenant base as of March 31, 2017. The Company analyzes this concentration to minimize significant industry exposure risk.

Industry	Percent of Annualized Rental Income
Business services	18.1%
Warehouse, distribution, transportation and logistics	11.0%
Health services	10.0%
Computer hardware, software and related services	9.9%
Government	7.9%
Retail, food, and automotive	7.2%
Engineering and construction	7.0%
Insurance and financial services	4.2%
Electronics	3.1%
Home furnishings	3.0%
Aerospace/defense products and services	2.8%
Communications	2.1%
Educational services	1.7%
Other	12.0%
Total	100.0%

The information below depicts the Company's top 10 customers by annualized rental income as of March 31, 2017 (in thousands):

Tenants	Square Footage	Annualized Rental Income ⁽¹⁾	Percent of Annualized Rental Income
US Government	662	\$ 16,680	4.2%
Lockheed Martin Corporation	168	4,441	1.1%
Kaiser Permanente	158	4,161	1.0%
Keeco, L.L.C.	460	3,547	0.9%
Luminex Corporation	185	3,187	0.8%
MAXIMUS, Inc.	102	2,075	0.5%
KZ Kitchen Cabinet & Stone	181	2,026	0.5%
Investorplace Media, LLC	46	1,814	0.5%
Inova Health Care Services	63	1,792	0.4%
Raytheon	78	1,666	0.4%
Total	2,103	\$ 41,389	10.3%

⁽¹⁾ For leases expiring prior to December 31, 2017, annualized rental income represents income to be received under existing leases from April 1, 2017 through the date of expiration.

Comparative Analysis of the Three Months Ended March 31, 2017 to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2016

Results of Operations: In order to evaluate the performance of the Company's portfolio over comparable periods, management analyzes the operating performance of properties owned and operated throughout both periods (herein referred to as "Same Park"). The Same Park portfolio includes all operating properties acquired prior to January 1, 2015. Operating properties acquired subsequently are referred to as "Non-Same Park." For the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, the Same Park facilities constitute 27.9 million rentable square feet, representing 99.3% of the 28.1 million square feet in the Company's total portfolio as of March 31, 2017.

The following table presents the operating results of the Company's properties for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 in addition to other income and expenses items affecting net income. For comparative purposes, the Company adjusts certain items from rental income, cost of operations and general and administrative expenses (*in thousands, except per square foot data*):

	For The Three Months Ended March 31,		Change
	2017	2016	
Adjusted rental income:			
Same Park (27.9 million rentable square feet)	\$ 99,770	\$ 95,002	5.0%
Non-Same Park (226,000 rentable square feet)	291	—	100.0%
Total adjusted rental income ⁽¹⁾	<u>100,061</u>	<u>95,002</u>	5.3%
Adjusted cost of operations:			
Same Park	29,883	30,817	(3.0%)
Non-Same Park	354	—	100.0%
Total adjusted cost of operations ⁽²⁾	<u>30,237</u>	<u>30,817</u>	(1.9%)
Net operating income			
Same Park	69,887	64,185	8.9%
Non-Same Park	(63)	—	(100.0%)
Total net operating income	<u>69,824</u>	<u>64,185</u>	8.8%
Other income and (expenses):			
NOI from asset held for development ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	—	630	(100.0%)
LTEIP amortization:			
Cost of operations	(796)	(864)	(7.9%)
General and administrative	(973)	(1,604)	(39.3%)
Facility management fees	128	128	—
Other income and (expenses)	(79)	(2,923)	(97.3%)
Depreciation and amortization	(23,078)	(25,041)	(7.8%)
Adjusted general and administrative ⁽³⁾	(1,858)	(2,031)	(8.5%)
Gain on sale of development rights	3,865	—	100.0%
Net income	<u>\$ 47,033</u>	<u>\$ 32,480</u>	44.8%
Same Park gross margin ⁽⁴⁾	70.0%	67.6%	3.6%
Same Park weighted average occupancy	94.6%	94.1%	0.5%
Same Park period end occupancy	94.7%	94.1%	0.6%
Non-Same Park weighted average occupancy	18.5%	0.0%	100.0%
Same Park annualized realized rent per square foot ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 15.16	\$ 14.51	4.5%

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted rental income excludes rental income from asset held for development of \$843,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

⁽²⁾ Adjusted cost of operations excludes LTEIP amortization of \$796,000 and \$864,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively, as well as, cost of operations from asset held for development of \$213,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

⁽³⁾ Adjusted general and administrative expenses exclude LTEIP amortization of \$973,000 and \$1.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

⁽⁴⁾ Computed by dividing Same Park NOI by Same Park rental income.

⁽⁵⁾ Represents the annualized Same Park adjusted rental income earned per occupied square foot.

Rental Income:

- Rental income increased \$4.2 million, or 4.4%, from \$95.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 to \$100.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017.
- Adjusted rental income from the Same Park portfolio increased \$4.8 million, or 5.0%, due to an increase in occupancy and executed rental rates.
- Adjusted rental income from the Non-Same Park facilities increased \$291,000 resulting from an asset acquisition during the third quarter of 2016.

Facility Management Fees: Facility management fees, derived from Public Storage (“PS”), account for a small portion of the Company’s revenues. Revenue was recognized from facility management fees of \$128,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

Cost of Operations: The following table summarizes the cost of operations for the Company’s properties for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 (*in thousands*):

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,		% Change
	2017	2016	
Same Park			
Property taxes	\$ 10,202	\$ 9,669	5.5%
Utilities	5,908	6,236	(5.3%)
Repairs and maintenance	6,644	7,909	(16.0%)
Other expenses	7,129	7,003	1.8%
Total Same Park	29,883	30,817	(3.0%)
Non-Same Park	354	—	100.0%
Total adjusted cost of operations	30,237	30,817	(1.9%)
LTEIP amortization	796	864	(7.9%)
Asset held for development	—	213	(100.0%)
Total cost of operations	<u>\$ 31,033</u>	<u>\$ 31,894</u>	(2.7%)

- Adjusted cost of operations from the Same Park portfolio decreased \$934,000 million, or 3.0%, due to decreases in repairs and maintenance and utility costs resulting from mild snow conditions in Maryland and Virginia in 2017 partially offset by an increase in property taxes.
- Adjusted cost of operations from the Non-Same Park facilities increased \$354,000 resulting from an asset acquisition during the third quarter of 2016.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense: Depreciation and amortization expense was \$23.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to \$25.0 million for the same period in 2016. The decrease in depreciation and amortization expense was due to assets being fully depreciated.

General and Administrative Expenses:

- For the three months ended March 31, 2017, general and administrative expenses decreased \$804,000, or 22.1%, from 2016 primarily due to a change in senior management during the third quarter of 2016.
- Adjusted general and administrative expenses decreased \$173,000, or 8.5%, tied to accelerated stock compensation related to a director retiring during the first quarter of 2016.

Net Income Allocable to Noncontrolling Interests: Net income allocable to noncontrolling interests reflects the net income allocable to equity interests in PS Business Parks, L.P. (the “Operating Partnership”) that are not owned by the Company. Net income allocable to noncontrolling interests was \$7.1 million and \$3.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The increase was primarily due to a gain on sale of development

rights in Silver Spring, Maryland, an increase in overall NOI and reduced interest expense resulting from the repayment of a \$250.0 million mortgage note.

Supplemental Property Data and Trends: NOI is summarized for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 by region below. See above for more information on NOI, including why the Company presents NOI and how the Company uses NOI. The Company's calculation of NOI may not be comparable to those of other companies and should not be used as an alternative to measures of performance calculated in accordance with GAAP.

The following table summarizes the Same Park and Non-Same Park operating results by region for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016. In addition, the table reflects the comparative impact on the overall adjusted rental income, adjusted cost of operations and NOI from properties that have been acquired since January 1, 2015, and the impact of such is included in Non-Same Park facilities in the table below. As part of the table below, we have reconciled total NOI to net income (*in thousands*):

Region	For the Three Months Ended March 31,									
	Adjusted Rental Income 2017	Adjusted Rental Income 2016	Increase (Decrease)	Adjusted Cost of Operations 2017	Adjusted Cost of Operations 2016	Increase (Decrease)	NOI 2017	NOI 2016	Increase (Decrease)	
Same Park										
Northern California	\$ 23,296	\$ 21,281	9.5%	\$ 5,890	\$ 5,463	7.8%	\$ 17,406	\$ 15,818	10.0%	
Southern California	15,773	14,618	7.9%	4,784	4,555	5.0%	10,989	10,063	9.2%	
Northern Texas	8,288	7,873	5.3%	2,742	2,901	(5.5%)	5,546	4,972	11.5%	
Southern Texas	7,516	7,055	6.5%	2,488	2,342	6.2%	5,028	4,713	6.7%	
Virginia	19,089	19,248	(0.8%)	6,118	7,184	(14.8%)	12,971	12,064	7.5%	
Florida	9,937	9,391	5.8%	2,751	2,678	2.7%	7,186	6,713	7.0%	
Maryland	11,860	11,775	0.7%	4,111	4,642	(11.4%)	7,749	7,133	8.6%	
Washington	4,011	3,761	6.6%	999	1,052	(5.0%)	3,012	2,709	11.2%	
Total Same Park	99,770	95,002	5.0%	29,883	30,817	(3.0%)	69,887	64,185	8.9%	
Non-Same Park										
Maryland	291	—	100.0%	354	—	100.0%	(63)	—	(100.0%)	
Total Non-Same Park	291	—	100.0%	354	—	100.0%	(63)	—	(100.0%)	
Total	\$ 100,061	\$ 95,002	5.3%	\$ 30,237	\$ 30,817	(1.9%)	\$ 69,824	\$ 64,185	8.8%	
Reconciliation of NOI to net income										
Total NOI							\$ 69,824	\$ 64,185	8.8%	
Other income and (expenses):										
NOI from asset held for development							—	630	(100.0%)	
LTEIP amortization:										
Cost of operations							(796)	(864)	(7.9%)	
General and administrative							(973)	(1,604)	(39.3%)	
Facility management fees							128	128	—	
Other income and (expenses)							(79)	(2,923)	(97.3%)	
Depreciation and amortization							(23,078)	(25,041)	(7.8%)	
Adjusted general and administrative							(1,858)	(2,031)	(8.5%)	
Gain on sale of development rights							3,865	—	100.0%	
Net income							\$ 47,033	\$ 32,480	44.8%	

The following table summarizes Same Park and Non-Same Park recurring capital expenditures (as defined below) and the related percentage of NOI by region for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 (*in thousands*):

Region	For the Three Months Ended March 31,					
	Recurring Capital Expenditures			Change	Recurring Capital Expenditures as a Percentage of NOI	
	2017	2016	2017		2016	
Same Park						
Northern California	\$ 649	\$ 979	(33.7%)	3.7%	6.2%	
Southern California	900	1,171	(23.1%)	8.2%	11.6%	
Northern Texas	487	905	(46.2%)	8.8%	18.2%	
Southern Texas	77	455	(83.1%)	1.5%	9.7%	
Virginia	2,280	1,370	66.4%	17.6%	11.4%	
Florida	708	575	23.1%	9.9%	8.6%	
Maryland	1,935	576	235.9%	25.0%	8.1%	
Washington	178	263	(32.3%)	5.9%	9.7%	
Total Same Park	7,214	6,294	14.6%	10.3%	9.8%	
Non-Same Park						
Maryland	1,445	—	100.0%	—	—	
Total Non-Same Park	1,445	—	100.0%	—	—	
Total	\$ 8,659	\$ 6,294	37.6%	12.4%	9.8%	

The following table summarizes Same Park weighted average occupancy rates and annualized realized rent per square foot by region for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016.

Region	For the Three Months Ended March 31,						
	Weighted Average Occupancy Rates			Change	Annualized Realized Rent Per Square Foot		Change
	2017	2016	2017		2016		
Northern California	97.8%	96.6%	1.2%	\$ 13.15	\$ 12.17	8.1%	
Southern California	96.0%	94.3%	1.8%	\$ 16.49	\$ 15.55	6.0%	
Northern Texas	90.5%	89.3%	1.3%	\$ 11.71	\$ 11.27	3.9%	
Southern Texas	94.3%	95.9%	(1.7%)	\$ 16.23	\$ 14.99	8.3%	
Virginia	90.4%	92.9%	(2.7%)	\$ 21.55	\$ 21.15	1.9%	
Florida	97.6%	95.1%	2.6%	\$ 10.54	\$ 10.22	3.1%	
Maryland	87.2%	88.4%	(1.4%)	\$ 23.13	\$ 22.64	2.2%	
Washington	98.7%	98.2%	0.5%	\$ 11.70	\$ 11.03	6.1%	
Total Same Park	94.6%	94.1%	0.5%	\$ 15.16	\$ 14.51	4.5%	

Tenant Credit Risk: The Company historically has experienced a low level of write-offs of uncollectable rents, but there is inherent uncertainty in a tenant's ability to continue paying rent and meet its full lease obligation. The table below summarizes the impact to the Company from tenants' inability to pay rent or continue to meet their lease obligations (*in thousands*):

	For The Three Months Ended March 31,			
	2017		2016	
Write-offs of uncollectible rent	\$	172	\$	142
Write-offs as a percentage of rental income		0.2%		0.1%
Square footage of leases terminated prior to their scheduled expiration due to business failures/bankruptcies		69		100
Accelerated depreciation and amortization related to unamortized tenant improvements and lease commissions associated with early terminations	\$	64	\$	71

As of April 24, 2017, the Company had 74,000 square feet of leased space occupied by three tenants that are protected by Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. From time to time, tenants contact us, requesting early termination of their lease, reductions in space under lease, or rent deferment or abatement. At this time, the Company cannot anticipate what impact, if any, the ultimate outcome of these discussions will have on our future operating results.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash and cash equivalents decreased \$123.9 million from \$128.6 million at December 31, 2016 to \$4.8 million at March 31, 2017 for the reasons noted below.

Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$67.7 million and \$57.4 million, respectively. The increase of \$10.3 million in net cash provided by operating activities was primarily due to an increase in NOI combined with a reduction in interest paid tied to the repayment of a \$250.0 million mortgage note in June, 2016. Management believes that the Company's internally generated net cash provided by operating activities will be sufficient to enable it to meet its operating expenses, capital expenditures, debt service requirements and distributions to shareholders for the foreseeable future.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$22.4 million and \$10.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The change was due to an increase in cash investment in the Joint Venture combined with an increase in cash paid related to capital improvements partially offset by proceeds received from the sale of development rights in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$169.2 million and \$40.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The change was primarily due to the redemption of preferred stock of \$230.0 million during the first quarter of 2017 partially offset with increased borrowings from the Credit Facility of \$107.0 million.

In January, 2017, the Company modified and extended the terms of its line of credit (the "Credit Facility") and the Company's related guaranty with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo"). The Credit Facility has a borrowing limit of \$250.0 million and expires January 10, 2022. The rate of interest charged on borrowings is based on the LIBOR plus 0.80% to LIBOR plus 1.55% depending on the Company's credit ratings. Currently, the Company's rate under the Credit Facility is LIBOR plus 0.825%. In addition, the Company is required to pay an annual facility fee ranging from 0.10% to 0.30% of the borrowing limit depending on the Company's credit ratings (currently 0.125%). In connection with the extension, the Company paid \$613,000 of loan origination costs. As of March 31, 2017, the Company had \$107.0 million outstanding on the Credit Facility at an interest rate of 1.68%. Subsequent to March 31, 2017, the Company repaid \$7.0 million on the Credit Facility. The Company had no balance outstanding on the Credit Facility at December 31, 2016. The Company had \$1.1 million and \$539,000 of unamortized loan origination costs as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, which is included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The Credit Facility requires the Company to meet certain covenants, all of which the Company was in compliance with as of March 31, 2017. Interest on outstanding borrowings is payable monthly.

The Company's preferred equity outstanding decreased from 21.7% of its market capitalization at December 31, 2016 to 17.8% at March 31, 2017 primarily due to a decrease in preferred stock outstanding from \$1.1 billion at December 31, 2016 to \$879.8 million at March 31, 2017. The Company calculates market capitalization by adding (1) the liquidation preference of the Company's outstanding preferred equity, (2) principal value of the Company's outstanding debt and (3) the total number of common shares and common units outstanding multiplied by the closing price of the stock on that date.

The Company focuses on retaining cash for reinvestment, as we believe this provides us the greatest level of financial flexibility. As operating fundamentals improve, additional increases in distributions to the Company's common shareholders may be required. The Company will continue to monitor its taxable income and the

corresponding dividend requirements. During the first quarter of 2017, the Company increased its quarterly dividend from \$0.75 per common share to \$0.85 per common share.

Redemption of Preferred Stock: On December 7, 2016, the Company called for the redemption of its 6.45% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series S, at its par value of \$230.0 million and subsequently completed the redemption on January 18, 2017. The Company reported non-cash distributions of \$7.3 million, representing the original issuance costs, as a reduction of net income allocable to common shareholders and unit holders for the year ended December 31, 2016. As of December 31, 2016, the Company reclassified the 6.45% Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series S, of \$230.0 million from equity to liabilities as preferred stock called for redemption.

Repurchase of Common Stock: No shares of common stock were repurchased under the board-approved common stock repurchase program during the three months ended March 31, 2017 or the year ended December 31, 2016.

Investment in and Advances to Unconsolidated Joint Venture: The aggregate amount of development costs are estimated to be \$105.6 million (excluding unrealized land appreciation), of which the Company is committed to funding \$75.0 million through a construction loan (\$49.2 million was outstanding as of March 31, 2017) in addition to capital contributions of \$28.5 million, which includes a land basis of \$15.3 million, to the Joint Venture. The Company's investment in and advances to unconsolidated joint venture was \$82.1 million and \$67.2 million as of March 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company made loan advances of \$14.9 million and capitalized \$279,000 of interest.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company made capital contributions of \$3.6 million and capitalized \$394,000 of interest.

Capital Expenditures: The Company defines recurring capital expenditures as those necessary to maintain and operate its commercial real estate at its current economic value. During the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, the Company expended \$8.7 million and \$6.3 million, respectively, in recurring capital expenditures, or \$0.30 and \$0.23 per weighted average square foot owned, respectively. Tenant improvements exclude tenant reimbursements of \$172,000 and \$1.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Nonrecurring capital improvements include property renovations and expenditures related to repositioning acquisitions.

The following table depicts capital expenditures (*in thousands*):

	For The Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Recurring capital expenditures		
Capital improvements	\$ 645	\$ 1,154
Tenant improvements	6,476	3,319
Lease commissions	1,538	1,821
Total recurring capital expenditures	<u>8,659</u>	<u>6,294</u>
Nonrecurring capital improvements	13	205
Total capital expenditures	<u>\$ 8,672</u>	<u>\$ 6,499</u>

Capital expenditures on a per square foot owned basis are as follows:

	For The Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Recurring capital expenditures		
Capital improvements	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.04
Tenant improvements	0.23	0.12
Lease commissions	0.05	0.07
Total recurring capital expenditures	<u>0.30</u>	<u>0.23</u>
Nonrecurring capital improvements	—	0.01
Total capital expenditures	<u>\$ 0.30</u>	<u>\$ 0.24</u>

The increase in recurring capital expenditures of \$2.4 million, or 37.6%, was primarily due to large renewals and expansions in the Same Park portfolio during the first quarter of 2017 combined with transaction costs related to the 2016 acquisition.

Distributions: The Company has elected and intends to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. In order to maintain its status as a REIT, the Company must meet, certain organizational and operational requirements related to its share ownership, sources of income and asset composition. As a REIT, the Company is not taxed on that portion of its taxable income that is distributed to its shareholders provided it meets annual minimum dividend distribution requirements.

During the first quarter of 2017, the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) increased its quarterly dividend from \$0.75 per common share to \$0.85 per common share, which is an increase of \$0.10 or 13.3% over the previous quarter’s distribution.

The Company paid distributions of \$35.7 million (\$12.6 million to preferred shareholders and \$23.1 million to common shareholders) and \$34.1 million (\$13.8 million to preferred shareholders and \$20.3 million to common shareholders) during the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. All of these distributions were REIT qualifying distributions.

The Board will continue to evaluate our dividend rate in light of our actual and projected taxable income, liquidity requirements and other circumstances, and there can be no assurance that the future dividends declared by our Board will not differ materially.

The Company’s funding strategy has been to primarily use permanent capital, including common and preferred stock, along with internally generated retained cash flows to meet its liquidity needs. In addition, the Company may sell properties that no longer meet its investment criteria. From time to time, the Company may use its Credit Facility or other forms of debt to facilitate real estate acquisitions or other capital allocations. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred distributions coverage ratio was 3.4 to 1.0. The Company targets a minimum ratio of FFO (as defined below) to combined fixed charges and preferred distributions of 3.0 to 1.0. Fixed charges include interest expense and capitalized interest while preferred distributions include amounts paid to preferred shareholders and preferred Operating Partnership unit holders. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the FFO to combined fixed charges and preferred distributions coverage ratio was 4.8 to 1.0.

Non-GAAP Supplemental Disclosure Measure: Funds from Operations: Management believes that Funds from Operations (“FFO”) is a useful supplemental measure of the Company’s operating performance. The Company computes FFO in accordance with the White Paper on FFO approved by the Board of Governors of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts. The White Paper defines FFO as net income, computed in accordance with GAAP, before depreciation, amortization, gains or losses on asset dispositions, net income allocable to noncontrolling interests — common units, net income allocable to restricted stock unit holders, impairment charges

and nonrecurring items. Management believes that FFO provides a useful measure of the Company's operating performance and when compared year over year, reflects the impact to operations from trends in occupancy rates, rental rates, operating costs, development activities, general and administrative expenses and interest costs, providing a perspective not immediately apparent from net income.

FFO should be analyzed in conjunction with net income. However, FFO should not be viewed as substitute for net income as a measure of operating performance or liquidity, as it does not reflect depreciation and amortization costs or the level of capital expenditure and leasing costs necessary to maintain the operating performance of the Company's properties, which are significant economic costs and could materially affect the Company's results of operations.

Management believes FFO provides useful information to the investment community about the Company's operating performance when compared to the performance of other real estate companies as FFO is generally recognized as the industry standard for reporting operations of REITs. Other REITs may use different methods for calculating FFO and, accordingly, our FFO may not be comparable to other real estate companies' FFO.

FFO for the Company is computed as follows (*in thousands, except per share data*):

	For The Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net income allocable to common shareholders	\$ 26,392	\$ 14,569
Gain on sale of development rights	(3,865)	—
Depreciation and amortization	23,078	25,041
Net income allocable to noncontrolling interests—common units	7,102	3,936
Net income allocable to restricted stock unit holders	248	142
FFO allocable to common and dilutive shares	52,955	43,688
FFO allocated to noncontrolling interests—common units	(11,142)	(9,233)
FFO allocated to restricted stock unit holders	(406)	(276)
FFO allocated to common shareholders	<u>\$ 41,407</u>	<u>\$ 34,179</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding	27,148	27,043
Weighted average common Operating Partnership units outstanding	7,305	7,305
Weighted average restricted stock units outstanding	321	223
Weighted average common share equivalents outstanding	86	79
Total common and dilutive shares	<u>34,860</u>	<u>34,650</u>
Net income per common share—diluted	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.54
Gain on sale of development rights ⁽¹⁾	(0.11)	—
Depreciation and amortization ⁽¹⁾	0.66	0.72
FFO per common and dilutive share ⁽¹⁾	<u>\$ 1.52</u>	<u>\$ 1.26</u>

⁽¹⁾ Per share amounts are computed using additional dilutive shares related to noncontrolling interests and restricted stock units.

FFO allocable to common and dilutive shares increased \$9.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2017 compared to 2016. The increase was due to an increase in NOI, reduced interest expense and savings from lower preferred distributions.

Related Party Transactions: As of March 31, 2017, PS owned 7.2 million shares of the Company's common stock and 7.3 million common units of the Operating Partnership (100.0% of the common units not owned by the Company). Assuming issuance of the Company's common stock upon redemption of its common partnership units, PS would own 41.9% (or 14.5 million shares) of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock at March 31, 2017. Ronald L. Havner, Jr., the Company's chairman, is also the Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer of PS.

Joseph D. Russell, Jr. is a director of the Company and also President of PS. Gary E. Pruitt, an independent director of the Company is also a trustee of PS.

Pursuant to a cost sharing and administrative services agreement, the Company shares costs with PS for certain administrative services and rental of corporate office space. The administrative services include investor relations, legal, lease administration, corporate tax and information systems, which were allocated between the Company and PS in accordance with a methodology intended to fairly allocate those costs. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the costs allocated to the Company totaled \$132,000 and costs allocated to PS totaled \$8,000. In addition, the Company provides property management services for properties owned by PS for a management fee equal to 5% of the gross revenues of such properties in addition to reimbursement of certain costs. These management fee revenues recognized under a management contract with PS totaled \$128,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016. PS also provides property management services for the self-storage component of two assets owned by the Company for a fee of 6% of the gross revenues of such properties in addition to reimbursement of certain costs. Management fee expense recognized under the management contract with PS totaled \$22,000 and \$21,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The PS Business Parks name and logo are owned by PS and licensed to the Company under a non-exclusive, royalty-free license agreement. The license can be terminated by either party for any reason with six months written notice.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements: The Company does not have any off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Contractual Obligations: The Company is scheduled to pay cash dividends of \$50.4 million per year on its preferred equity outstanding as of March 31, 2017. Dividends are paid when and if declared by the Company's Board and accumulate if not paid. Shares of preferred equity are redeemable by the Company in order to preserve its status as a REIT and are also redeemable five years after issuance.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

To limit the Company's exposure to market risk, the Company principally finances its operations and growth with permanent equity capital consisting of either common or preferred stock. As a result, the Company's debt as a percentage of total equity (based on book values) was 5.9% as of March 31, 2017.

Our exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to the Credit Facility, which is subject to variable interest rates. See Notes 2 and 6 to the consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for additional information regarding the terms, valuations and approximate principal maturities of the Company's indebtedness, including the Credit Facility. Based on borrowing rates currently available to the Company, the difference between the carrying amount of debt and its fair value is insignificant.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of March 31, 2017. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2017, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level. The Company also has an investment in an unconsolidated joint venture

and because we do not control the joint venture, our disclosure controls and procedures with respect to such joint venture are substantially more limited than those we maintain with respect to our consolidated subsidiaries.

There have not been any changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) occurred during the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2017 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company currently is not subject to any material litigation other than routine litigation and administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes to the risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The Company's Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase, from time to time, of up to 6.5 million shares of the Company's common stock on the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The authorization has no expiration date. Purchases will be made subject to market conditions and other investment opportunities available to the Company.

During the three months ended March 31, 2017, there were no shares of the Company's common stock repurchased. As of March 31, 2017, 1,614,721 shares remain available for purchase under the program.

See Note 9 to the consolidated financial statements for additional information on repurchases of equity securities.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibits

- Exhibit 10.1 Third Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of January 10, 2017. Filed with Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 11, 2017 (SEC File No. 001-10709) and incorporated herein by reference.
- Exhibit 10.2 Third Amended and Restated Repayment Guaranty dated as of January 10, 2017. Filed with Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 11, 2017 (SEC File No. 001-10709) and incorporated herein by reference.
- Exhibit 12 Statement re: Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges. Filed herewith.
- Exhibit 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Filed herewith.
- Exhibit 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Filed herewith.
- Exhibit 32.1 Certifications of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Filed herewith.
- Exhibit 101.INS XBRL Instance Document. Filed herewith.
- Exhibit 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema. Filed herewith.
- Exhibit 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase. Filed herewith.
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- Exhibit 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase. Filed herewith.
- Exhibit 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase. Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 28, 2017

PS BUSINESS PARKS, INC.

BY: /s/ Edward A. Stokx
Edward A. Stokx
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

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PS BUSINESS PARKS, INC.

STATEMENT RE: COMPUTATION OF RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES
(Unaudited, in thousands, except ratio data)

	For The Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
Net income	\$ 47,033	\$ 32,480
Interest expense	139	3,177
Earnings available to cover fixed charges	<u>\$ 47,172</u>	<u>\$ 35,657</u>
Fixed charges ⁽¹⁾	\$ 418	\$ 3,571
Preferred stock dividends	13,291	13,833
Combined fixed charges and preferred distributions	<u>\$ 13,709</u>	<u>\$ 17,404</u>
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	<u>112.9</u>	<u>10.0</u>
Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred distributions	<u>3.4</u>	<u>2.0</u>

	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Income from continuing operations	\$ 144,984	\$ 148,970	\$ 204,700	\$ 116,144	\$ 94,395
Interest expense	5,568	13,270	13,509	16,074	20,618
Earnings from continuing operations available to cover fixed charges	<u>\$ 150,552</u>	<u>\$ 162,240</u>	<u>\$ 218,209</u>	<u>\$ 132,218</u>	<u>\$ 115,013</u>
Fixed charges ⁽¹⁾	\$ 6,452	\$ 14,428	\$ 14,453	\$ 16,433	\$ 20,618
Preferred stock dividends	64,588	61,885	60,488	59,216	69,136
Preferred partnership distributions	—	—	—	—	323
Combined fixed charges and preferred distributions	<u>\$ 71,040</u>	<u>\$ 76,313</u>	<u>\$ 74,941</u>	<u>\$ 75,649</u>	<u>\$ 90,077</u>
Ratio of earnings from continuing operations to fixed charges	<u>23.3</u>	<u>11.2</u>	<u>15.1</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>5.6</u>
Ratio of earnings from continuing operations to combined fixed charges and preferred distributions	<u>2.1</u>	<u>2.1</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>1.3</u>

⁽¹⁾ Fixed charges include interest expense and capitalized interest.

PS BUSINESS PARKS, INC.

STATEMENT RE: COMPUTATION OF RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES
(Unaudited, in thousands, except ratio data)

Supplemental Disclosure of Ratio of Funds from Operations (“FFO”) to Fixed Charges:

	For The Three Months	
	Ended March 31,	
	2017	2016
FFO	\$ 52,955	\$ 43,688
Interest expense	139	3,177
Preferred stock dividends	13,291	13,833
FFO available to cover fixed charges	\$ 66,385	\$ 60,698
Fixed charges ⁽¹⁾	\$ 418	\$ 3,571
Preferred stock dividends ⁽²⁾	13,291	13,833
Combined fixed charges and preferred distributions paid	\$ 13,709	\$ 17,404
Ratio of available FFO to fixed charges	158.8	17.0
Ratio of available FFO to combined fixed charges and preferred distributions paid	4.8	3.5

	For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
FFO	\$ 179,882	\$ 164,244	\$ 162,196	\$ 165,845	\$ 134,472
Interest expense	5,568	13,270	13,509	16,074	20,618
Net income allocable to noncontrolling interests — preferred units	—	—	—	—	323
Preferred stock dividends	64,588	61,885	60,488	59,216	69,136
FFO available to cover fixed charges	\$ 250,038	\$ 239,399	\$ 236,193	\$ 241,135	\$ 224,549
Fixed charges ⁽¹⁾	\$ 6,452	\$ 14,428	\$ 14,453	\$ 16,433	\$ 20,618
Preferred stock dividends ⁽²⁾	57,276	59,398	60,488	59,216	51,969
Preferred partnership distributions ⁽²⁾	—	—	—	—	174
Combined fixed charges and preferred distributions paid	\$ 63,728	\$ 73,826	\$ 74,941	\$ 75,649	\$ 72,761
Ratio of available FFO to fixed charges	38.8	16.6	16.3	14.7	10.9
Ratio of available FFO to combined fixed charges and preferred distributions paid	3.9	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1

⁽¹⁾ Fixed charges include interest expense and capitalized interest.

⁽²⁾ Excludes the issuance costs related to the redemption of preferred equity.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Maria R. Hawthorne, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of PS Business Parks, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Maria R. Hawthorne

Name: Maria R. Hawthorne

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: April 28, 2017

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Edward A. Stokx, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of PS Business Parks, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Edward A. Stokx

Name: Edward A. Stokx

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: April 28, 2017

**Certification of CEO and CFO Pursuant to
18 U.S.C. Section 1350,
as Adopted Pursuant to
Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of PS Business Parks, Inc. (the “Company”) for the period ending March 31, 2017 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), Maria R. Hawthorne, as Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Edward A. Stokx, as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to his knowledge:

(1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and

(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Maria R. Hawthorne

Name: Maria R. Hawthorne
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: April 28, 2017

/s/ Edward A. Stokx

Name: Edward A. Stokx
Title: Chief Financial Officer
Date: April 28, 2017