

Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT)

AGENDA: March 14, 2019

Rose Room, 3rd Floor- Portland City Hall
1221 SW 4th Ave, Portland, OR 97204

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
6:00 – 6:20pm	Welcome and introductions	Group becomes acquainted with one another
6:20 – 6:50pm	Public Officials training, Q&A	Group learns more about their role as Public Officials
6:50 – 7:00pm	CPOT Updates	Group shares updates about relevant work and current events
7:00 – 7:10pm	Break (10 min)	
7:10 – 7:35pm	Staff presentation about Cannabis Program and City of Portland (past, present, future)	Group understands context for their work
7:35 – 8:10pm	Initial review of policy work and community input (past, present), brainstorm priority areas	Group reviews policy work from past advisory bodies and identifies current key issues
8:10 – 8:20pm	Review roles of Chair and Vice Chair positions request self-nominations	Members self-nominate for positions
8:20 – 8:30pm	Public comment period	
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Questions? Please connect with your CPOT City staff liaison, Kimie Ueoka, at cannabis@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-2094!

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2019 Cannabis Program and Policy - Focus Areas Review

City of Portland code 14B.130 – Marijuana Regulatory License Procedure and Requirements (effective September 2015)

Focus:

- Protect and preserve public health, safety, general welfare of Portland communities
- Regulate business operations

City of Portland code 6.07 – Tax on Recreational Marijuana Sales (effective November 2016, not currently within the purview of the Cannabis Program)

Focus:

- Drug and alcohol education and treatment programs
- Public safety, including police, fire and transportation safety
- Support for neighborhood small businesses, especially women-owned and minority-owned
 - Economic opportunity and education to communities disproportionately-impacted by cannabis prohibition

2015 Marijuana Policy Task Force-identified focus areas:

- Grandfather options for medical dispensaries
- Education and open dialogue
- Focus on growing business opportunities
- Barriers in processing and timelines who benefits and who is at disadvantage?
- Social environments / social consumption
- Tourism
- Workplace rights
- Community benefit

2015 Community Stakeholder Workgroup-identified focus areas:

- 1000-foot buffers between Retailers
- Security concerns
- Expectation mitigation of neighborhoods
- No residential zone siting
- Annual license



- “Good Neighbor” plans (Marijuana Control Plan) for Retailers
- Acknowledge lack of equity in cannabis industry

2016 Commissioner Fritz’s requested focus areas for CPOT:

- Reducing illegal market
- Social consumption
- Youth prevention

2016 CPOT Brainstorm-Identified Priority Focus Areas (narrowed from longer list):

- Marijuana Tourism
 - Topics may include economic impact, policy recommendations
- Application Process
 - Topics may include streamlining process, transparency, public understanding of process, application fees
- Licensing
 - Topics may include saturation, merit-based considerations, locations, fees, regulation
- Equity in Practice
 - Using an equity lens in program policy and procedures
 - Topics may include locations and public perception, culturally relevant materials and education, creating jobs, business education

SHIFTING PRIORITIES- societal and cultural changes over time, staffing, leadership, feedback from community resulted in shifts in language used regarding program and Bureau values

Current tone and themes:

- Racial equity in economic development
- Community reinvestment (reparative and restorative)
- De-stigmatization of responsible cannabis use and business (for all)
- Cannabis businesses as part of thriving communities



2017 Minority Cannabis Cabinet Recommendations:

- **Ensure that all City services reflect that cannabis is legal and regulated** in the State of Oregon, and help destigmatize cannabis business operations throughout City services;
- **Support efforts that would create a regulatory framework for the social consumption of cannabis** (permanent lounges, temporary events);
- **Encourage the State of Oregon to create a framework for the social consumption of cannabis**, including a regulatory framework to allow cannabis licensees to sample their products to consumers;
- **Provide pathways for those unregulated businesses to join the legal and regulated marketplace;**
- **Provide economic development support for cannabis businesses**, many of which face hurdles in business operations not faced by other industries, such as the inability to write off expenses on Federal tax returns and a lack of federal grant funding;
- **Lower fees for City of Portland Marijuana Regulatory License** for all cannabis businesses. Fees should be similar to liquor license costs;
- **Provide grants, reduce or eliminate fees for City of Portland Marijuana Regulatory License** for cannabis business owners who identify with disproportionately affected communities;
- **Ensure that City of Portland bureaus can enter into agreements with independent contractors** who may have previous cannabis-related charges on their records;
- **Engage the local press and national press** to tell stories of positive efforts in Portland regarding cannabis and cannabis regulations.

City of Portland code 14b.130.55- Cannabis Licensing Social Equity Program (effective September 2018)

- Fees reduced for all cannabis businesses in Portland. Additional reduction in fees for small businesses and businesses whose owners or staff were impacted by cannabis prohibition. It also offers deferred license payments, eases requirements for some license types, and offer credits for early assistance building permitting meetings for qualifying businesses.

2019 CPOT Questions and Priorities: TBD

20190314 CPOT Meeting Prep Worksheet

Please take a moment to review the Focus Area Review sheet that was provided with this worksheet.

- What priorities from past advisory and focus groups would you carry over?
- What priority issues or items would you add? Why?

For each of the priority issues that you'd add, please be prepared to engage with the group around the following questions:

Who/what is benefitting from the status quo?

Who/what is at a disadvantage?

At what level is change needed for this priority item?

Program / City Policy / State / Federal

How would you rate the solvability of the core problem?

- **Simple:** cause and effect are straightforward, relatively easy to identify and solve
- **Complicated:** analysis and information from experts is needed but identifying cause and effect is still attainable, tougher to identify but still solvable
- **Complex:** cause and effect will only be identifiable in retrospect, continue to monitor and collect information
- **Chaotic:** cause and effect are too difficult to identify, only approach is to act and respond

Are there other programs, cities, states that are doing a good job or something innovative to address this issue?

What solution(s) would you propose?