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Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT) Meeting Minutes

City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave., Rose Room

March 14th, 2019 6-8:30pm

In Attendance: Tim Zimmerman, John Monteleone, Stephanie Neil, Daniel Rowland, Al Ochoa, Nicole Bowles, Tiara Darnell, Katherine Krajnak, Sam Chapman, Madeline Martinez, and Laura Valden-Vega (Conference call-in)

Civic Life Staff: Suk Rhee-Bureau Director, Brandon Goldner-Cannabis Program Supervisor, Kimie Ueoka-Coordinator II, Arainnia Brown- Administrative Coordinator, and Ashley Tjadan-Advisory Bodies Management Analyst

Welcome and Introductions: CPOT members participated in a group activity where introductions were made, pronouns were shared, and access needs were mentioned.

Public Officials Training: CPOT members watched, "Training for Advisory Board Volunteers", a video by City's Attorney, Tony Garcia. This video was to assist members to better understand their roles serving on a committee board. After viewing the video, CPOT members had the opportunity to ask Ashley Tjaden, an Advisory Bodies Management Analyst questions and address any concerns regarding their conflicts of interest.

CPOT Updates: Dr. Knox attended The National Cannabis Diversity Conference on March 8th at the Redd East Building. The National Cannabis Diversity Conference addressed expungement education, OLCC policy changes, social equity, and recent news regarding social consumption in the works. The group discussed the importance of keeping each other and the public informed of educational and networking opportunities. Kimie will find out if the CPOT webpage can be used to house a local events calendar for these types of events. In addition to this, Brandon and Kimie provided an update about cannabis local tax dollars and how they will be allocated in the future. Information will be posted soon about the next cycle of Cannabis Social Equity Grants. More information regarding the local tax dollar allocations will be posted on the Cannabis Program webpage Friday, March 15th.

Staff Presentation about Cannabis Program: Brandon Goldner, The City of Portland Cannabis Program Supervisor, presented the history, present, and future of the Cannabis Program. The industry and regulations are constantly changing; therefore, the program is constantly evolving. A vision of Portland's Cannabis future is being drafted and will eventually be released to the public once finalized.

Group Discussion: CPOT members reviewed policy work from past advisory bodies and began to identify current issues. After reviewing, members were asked pair up to discuss one priority they would carry over, one priority they would add, and address how the priority is being handled currently. Fifteen minutes after this, members were asked to form two large groups to engage in a more in-depth discussion by brainstorming and listing cannabis policy priorities, who is impacted, and how can the group include as many stakeholder groups as possible into their deliberations. This group discussion/activity will continue at the next CPOT session.

Review roles of Chair and Vice Chair positions request- Tiara Darnell self nominated herself as Chair. Al Ochoa self-nominated as Vice-Chair. Tim Zimmeman self-nominated as second Vice-Chair. Chair and Vice-Chairs lead CPOT meetings and work with staff to set agendas. Next steps- ballots and vote will be at the next meeting, April 11th, 2019.