

## **Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT) Meeting Minutes**

City Hall, 1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Rose Room

April 11, 2019 6-8:30pm

**In attendance:** Katherine Krajnak, Nicole Bowles, Madeline Martinez, Dr. Rachel Knox, Stephanie Neil, John Monteleone III, Tim Zimmerman, Tiara Darnell, Daniel Rowland, Al Ochoa, Laura Valden-Vega

**Civic Life Staff:** Kimie Ueoka-Coordinator II, Nate Werner-Lead Compliance Specialist, Arainnia Brown-Administrative Coordinator

**Welcome and Introductions:** CPOT Members introduced their selves and shared what organizations they are associated with. In addition to this, CPOT Members shared their vision statements for the future of cannabis.

**CPOT Leadership Elections-** CPOT Members took the time to vote for Chair and Vice Chairs. Tiara Darnell was selected as Chair. Al Ochoa and Tim Zimmerman were voted as Vice Chairs. If wanted, selected Chair members had the chance to discuss how they will lead the meetings going forward. Commitment roles were also discussed. Two- or three-year commitment is recommended for leadership roles but not required. Members came to an agreement that one-year leadership role is reasonable for the time being.

**Review of Grant listening Session Summary:** Four weeks ago, the Cannabis Program became responsible for the Cannabis Social Equity grant. A listening session occurred on April 1<sup>st</sup> where selected individuals had the opportunity to discuss the grant language and the process of applying, selected individuals provided insight and suggested changes. In addition to this, Civic Life staff members presented about tax dollar allocations within the City. In summary, the Cannabis tax dollars are used for the following: Drug and alcohol education/treatment programs, Public Safety, Small businesses development, social equity projects, etc. More information can be found here: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/civic/article/725554>

The Cannabis grant application will be available from April 12<sup>th</sup> until May 24<sup>th</sup>. After applications are received, an onboarding review panel will take place. The review panel will include representatives appointed by each of the Commissioners, Black Male Achievement and CPOT.

**Policy and program priorities brainstorming continues:** CPOT members split into two groups and discussed policy along with program priorities by creating a list. Eventually, the two groups

came together created a main priority list which included vision, access/removal of barriers, informed policy and communication. After the main priorities were listed subitems were listed under the appropriate category such as tourism, social consumption, barriers of entry, regulations, research funding, and so forth. CPOT members will continue to build upon the priorities, draft a report, and submit the report to Civic Life's director, Suk Rhee in the future.

Brainstormed lists were then grouped into general priority categories. The list will be narrowed, and items will be combined at the next meeting.

**Vision /  
Foundation**

social equity  
economic development  
building community

**Access**

removing barriers  
1000' buffers  
financial impact of policies on small business  
engage PCC for cannabis classes  
280E is a problem  
city supported incubator  
review benefits/impact  
workplace rights  
use tax \$ to remove barriers to employment  
city-supported incubator  
housing for formerly incarcerated  
compassionate giving

**Informed Policy-making**

educate health policy community  
social consumption w & w/o state  
City data on use / business  
update policies w/ informed changes  
  
fact finding  
measures of impairment  
research \$ to increase knowledge

**Communication**

engage local press / keep cannabis local  
tourism and social consumption  
De-stigmatization / education  
City/County engagement on health  
external / internal communication on City work  
related to cannabis  
youth education around cannabis  
advocacy education  
clarity around consumption ambiguity

**Agenda setting for next meeting:** CPOT members and leadership have requested additional information and training about local and state level policies and regulation of cannabis for the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.