

Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT)

AGENDA: June 13, 2019

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

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
6:00 – 6:30pm	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Winta Yohannes, Policy Advisor to Commissioner Eudaly 	Group welcomes each other and guests Group learns about current and future policy priorities for the Commissioner’s Office
6:30 – 6:50pm	Updates and open discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What’s new and news (all) Social Equity update (KU) CPOT meeting locations 	Group shares updates and current events to stay informed
6:50 – 7:30pm	Revisit and narrow top priorities and identify needed subcommittees and participants	Group discusses previously identified priorities and determines top priorities for subcommittee work
7:30 – 7:40pm	Break (10 min)	
7:40 – 8:20pm	Reporting and public engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decide on reporting framework Identify strategies for public engagement 	Group decides on subcommittees and upcoming agenda items
8:20 – 8:30pm	Public comment period	Group hears comments from members of the public
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Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT) Meeting Minutes

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

June 13th, 2019 6pm-8:30pm

In attendance: Tim Zimmerman, John Monteleone, Stephanie Neil, Al Ochoa, Dr. Rachel Knox, Dr. Nicole Bowles, Katherine Krajnak, Al Ochoa, and Daniel Rowland

Civic Life Staff: Kimie Ueoka-Policy Coordinator, Winta Yohannes- Commission Eudaly's Policy Advisor, Arainnia Brown-Administrative Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions: Members and staff introduced themselves and informed group of what organizations they are affiliated with. In addition to this, all discussed one recent headline that captured their attention.

Welcoming Winta Yohannes: Winta Yohannes, Commissioner Eudaly's Policy Advisor, introduced herself to CPOT members and explained her work severing as a liaison between Civic Life and Commissioner Eudaly's office. Winta shared Commission Eudaly's Office policy priorities regarding social equity, industry workers concerns, and lower barrier entries. Additionally, Winta shared long terms goals for cannabis regulation policies. Long term goals include: Environmental standards, restorative/community justice, and cannabis employee treatment. Lastly, she discussed the cannabis tax dollar allocations and how improvements will occur since Commission Eudaly's office will establish an independent commission for only tax dollar allocations.

Updates and Open Discussion:

Legislative State Bills (SB 582 and SB 420) sent to the Governor's office this week. SB 582 focuses on cross jurisdictional coordination, enforcement, and delivery of cannabis between businesses. SB 420 will establish procedures to expedite efficient expungement processes for community members. In theory, processes will be easier to access but an automotive system for expungements will not be created yet.

Social Equity Update: Received three times the amount compared to last year of applications. Currently, review panelist are reviewing applications separately. On July 2nd there will be a group scoring session were panelist score and discuss applications

together. After group scoring session, Civic Life Director, Suk Rhee and Commission Eudaly will conduct a final review. After selections are made, all applicants will be informed whether they qualified or not. If they were not qualified for a grant, applicant will be offered suggestions for next fiscal cycle.

CPOT Application Opening: CPOT member application **will**

**2019 CPOT Priorities Development
(Ranked DRAFT)
06/13/19**

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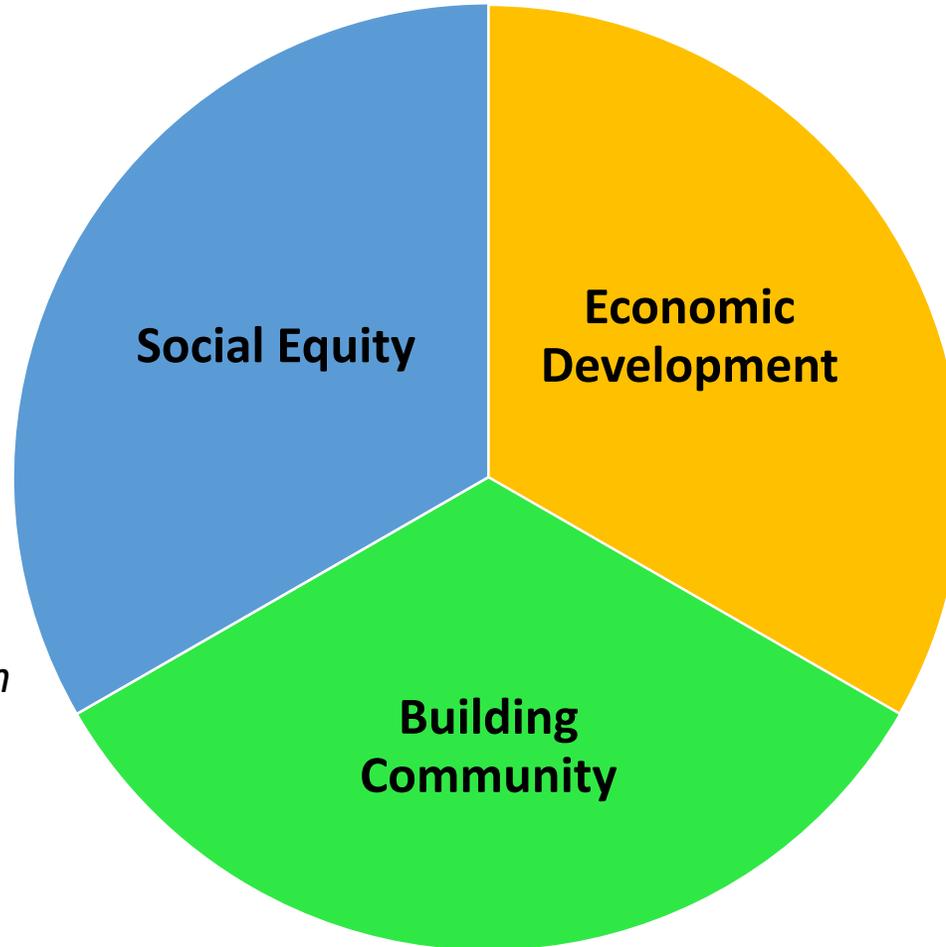
Review impact of existing policies

- **Support small and local business**
- Workforce training & ed
- Compassionate giving
- Workplace rights
- Re-entry housing
- 1000' buffer

Communication

Education and de-stigmatization

- **Promotion of City work**
- Health education
- Engage local press
- Tourism
- Youth education



Informed Policy-Making

Informed review and update of policies

- **City social equity workplan / framework**
- Data audit and analysis
- Refine health and public safety policy
- Social consumption
- \$\$ to increase knowledge
- Measures of impairment

Connection

Create spaces for connection

- **Host community gatherings**
- Conferences
- Increase public engagement around cannabis policy
- Social media

CPOT Quarterly Report (DRAFT)

DATE: May 21, 2019

BUREAU: Office of Community and Civic Life

PROGRAM: Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT), Cannabis Program

CPOT MEMBERS: Tiara Darnell (Chair), Al Ochoa (Vice Chair), Tim Zimmerman (Vice Chair), Katherine Krajnak, Rachel Knox, Madeline Martinez, Daniel Rowland, Laura Valden-Vega, Stephanie Neil, John Monteleone III, Nicole Bowles

Meetings This Quarter: Feb. 21, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9, Jun. 13

Advisory Body Description:

CPOT provides the Office of Community & Civic Life with diverse stakeholder perspectives on cannabis-related public policies. It consists of cannabis industry representatives and others that possess an in-depth understanding of issues affecting and affected by the cannabis industry. The Body's objective is to discuss and develop policies that support equitable access and outcomes for the cannabis industry, cannabis consumers, and all City of Portland residents.

Summary:

The first two quarters of 2019 have been dedicated to required on-boarding for City advisory groups, understanding parameters for public officials, learning about local and state policies, establishing meeting flow and components, and discussing current priority items. CPOT completed some initial brainstorming and has begun to outline groups and individuals to invite to future discussions to help inform the group about priority issues. Much of the group's time has been spent discussing the need to prioritize social equity activities and to revisit outdated policies that may be creating unnecessary barriers to entry. CPOT has also identified a high need for and information sharing space and networking around social equity and informed policy-making.

Core Question for CPOT:

What issues and activities should the City of Portland be focusing attention and resources on to support equitable access and outcomes for the cannabis industry, cannabis consumers, and all City of Portland residents?

Foundational Priorities:

Social Equity

- *Key discussion topic this quarter- What can the City do to ensure that social equity and restorative justice are fundamental to all policy, resource allocation, and decision-making related to cannabis and the use of local Cannabis Tax revenue?*
 - Social equity must be actively prioritized at the City and State level
 - Information-sharing and collaboration between City Bureaus (and County public health) is critical to understanding impact
 - The State and City have not done enough to ensure that the communities most impacted by prohibition are benefiting from (and able to participate in) the cannabis industry

Building Community

- *Key discussion topic this quarter- What can the City do to support networking and connection for people, businesses, and groups interested in engaging around economic development, social equity and other cannabis-related conversations?*
 - There is a need for a central hub for posting cannabis-related events and community connection
 - The City should be doing more to promote and share stories of the work of grantees and positive business / community relationships
 - The City should serve as a resource for information about cannabis-related news, activities, education

Economic Development

- *Key discussion topic this quarter- How can the City better understand the impact of current local regulation and policies on local and small businesses and MWBEs?*
 - The City must review current regulation and policies with up-to-date information to ensure that they are not creating unnecessary barriers to economic development or unintentionally reinforcing stigmatization of the industry
 - They City should explore local-level policies that could better support and protect employers and employees of cannabis businesses given the risk these businesses face at the federal level
 - The City should explore ways to provide direct financial support to cannabis businesses and employees through the Cannabis Tax funds (i.e. emergency funds, grants, scholarships, incubator programs).

Current Priorities:

**These priorities are not static and will be refined as the group explores their top items in greater depth. Red font indicates highest ranked items.*

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- **Workforce training**
- **Compassionate giving**
- Workplace rights
- Re-entry housing
- 1000' buffer between businesses

Informed Policy-Making

Informed review and update of policies

- **City social equity workplan/framework**
- **Data audit (i.e. available, collection methods, needs, analysis)**
- **Refine health and public safety policy**
- Social consumption
- Resources and funds to increase knowledge
- Identify measures of impairment

Communication

Education and de-stigmatization

- **Promotion of City, CPOT and Cannabis Grant work**
- **Health education**
- **Engage local press**
- Tourism
- Youth education

Connection

Create spaces for connection

- **Convene and host community gatherings**
- **Participation in / support for conferences**
- **Increase public engagement around cannabis policy**
- Activate social media and digital communities

Not yet ranked priority items for discussion at June meeting:

- Treating fellow law-abiding citizens and cannabis consumers with dignity and respect
- Support and resources for formerly incarcerated
- Sustainability as an industry, we have an over packing issue
- More broad community restoration using tax revenue
- Communication with State legislation
- Tax allocation percentages and mandatory reporting on use (x3)

Next steps:

Over the next few months, CPOT will focus on narrowing their current priorities and identifying top items to dedicate group resources and attention. The group has amended their Bylaws to allow for subcommittees in anticipation of increased focus on their top items. The Cannabis Program has already begun to weave elements of the group's current and fundamental priorities into programmatic plans and activities (i.e. progress toward a Cannabis Program vision document, planning for development and maintenance of a community events calendar, creation of program guidance for sharing articles and links via program social media, plans to increase program / community engagement).