



Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT) Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

May 9, 2019

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

In attendance: Daniel Rowland, John Monteleone III, Al Ochoa, Stephanie Neil, Madeline Martinez, Dr. Rachel Knox, Tiara Darnell, Katherine Krajnak, and Tim Zimmerman

Conference Call-in: Dr. Nicole Bowles

Civic Life Staff: Brandon Goldner-Cannabis Program Supervisor, Kimie Ueoka-Policy Coordinator, Arainnia Brown-Administrative Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions: Lead Chair, Tiara Darnell, started introductions. All CPOT members and Civic Life staff stated their names and what organization they are affiliated with.

What's new and news (all)- Tiara Darnell, Lead Chair, informed the group about several events for the season. The events will be listed below.

- **Raise the Bar:** Event will be held at the Kimpton Hotel, May 10th from 11am- 2pm. This event will have speakers who share their stories, struggles, and triumphs based on cannabis probations and convictions. This event encourages the community to participate as well.
- **Cultivation Classic:** Event will be held at the Revolution Hall from May 17-18th. This conference focuses on crafting cannabis and evidence-based science revolving around cannabis.
- **Elevated Equinox:** Event will be held at the Cookshop on May 25th, 2019 in the evening. This event is hosted by Chefs' Megon Dee-Cave and Jacobsen Valentine where a Hemp-CBD-infused dining experience will take place.
- **In Bloom:** A three-day event where live podcasts, cannabis education and science panels will be held along with so much more hosted by Broccoli news.

In addition to this, Dr. Rachel Knox informed the group of the following:

- **Americans Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Report The war on Marijuana in Black and White:** This article focuses on the over-policing, racial arrests, and the waste of time along with money with marijuana law enforcement. If you would like to read the full report, select this link:
https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field_document/1114413-mj-report-rfs-rel1.pdf
- **Minority Cannabis Business Association (MCBA) Model Bill: The bill is linked here for review:** <https://minoritycannabis.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Final-Draft-of-MCBA-Model-Municipal-Social-Equity-Ordinance-v.1.pdf>
- **MA Equity Workplan-** Cannabis Control Commission drafted an equity work plan which includes but not limited to contracting with a research institution to analyze barrier entries, review of the geographic diversity of social equity applicants, collecting data about ancillary businesses, and creating regulations which allows usage space for certain groups of applicants and licensees.

Cannabis Tax Audit Report: CPOT Members discussed the Cannabis tax audit report and were not pleased with the results. Members did not understand how 2.5 million was allocated but the report of where the money exactly went is unknown. In addition to this, CPOT members came to the agreement that \$500K was not enough for small businesses owners. Also, \$700K for social equity efforts was not an acceptable amount as well. They were disappointed that a large portion of the Cannabis Tax allocations went towards police enforcement training and general back funding. For the future, members would like to see a commission for the cannabis tax allocations. Brandon, informed members of a work session that will take place on May 14th to discuss Portland' local cannabis tax.

State and Local Regulations Overview: Brandon and Kimie presented about the local and state regulation requirements for cannabis businesses. (See meeting PowerPoint for details) The two also discussed legal statuses', taxes, and banking parameters cannabis industry workers encounter.

Agenda Setting and Reporting Discussion: Going forward, members, would like to create methods for community outreach. Members would like community members to inform them of certain events and social equity programs. Brandon and Kimie will find out how to display certain events on the Cannabis Program Facebook page. Kimie will communicate with Steph

Routh, the Civic's Life Communication's Officer to see what is acceptable to post and not. In addition to this, CPOT Members will consider holding sessions at other locations in the future.

Cannabis Program will find out the following additional information:

- Can the City host an event calendar? If so, what kinds of events?
- Can the City host a public repository for articles and such? If so, what kinds of articles?
- What level of involvement can/will CPOT have in replacing a member that leaves, or at least identifying the kinds of qualities they'd like to see in a replacement?
- Can CPOT send periodic letters of support / opposition about local /state / federal topics? If so, what parameters do they need to be mindful of, and what's the process for reaching consensus, drafting a letter, and releasing it? What's the City's role in this process?
- What is the process for amending by-laws to create sub-committees?
- What is the process for sending invitations for special guests to attend CPOT meetings in the future such as Jeff Rhoades from Government Relations, individuals from the Multnomah County Health Department, individuals from the police bureau, and past grant recipients.

Listed below are the resources promised by the Cannabis Program:

- **Tuesday May 14, 2019 Work Session to discuss Portland's local cannabis tax**
 - Begins at 9:30am
 - Click here for stream:
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/video/player/?tab=live>
- **2019 Social Consumption Bills in Legislature**
 - **SB 639**
 - List of written testimony for SB 639:
<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Committees/SBGG/2019-02-28-08-00/SB639/Details>
 - City of Portland written testimony for SB 639: *(Attached)*
 - Video of all testimony for SB 639 (starts at 1:27:00):
http://oregon.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=25993
 - Video of City of Portland testimony for SB 639:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pigSGBsEcsc>
 - **HB 2233**
 - List of written testimony for HB 2233:
<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Committees/HECD/2019-03-13-13-00/HB2233/Details>

- City of Portland written testimony for HB 2233: *(Attached)*
- Video of all testimony for HB 2233 (starts at 50:55):
http://oregon.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=26161
- Video of City of Portland testimony for HB 2233: *(See video above, begins at 1:06:20)*
- **2016 Portland City Council discussion about language for Ballot Measure 26-180 (3% local cannabis tax)**
 - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZILZxcYoi0&list=PL4m94lCOY10kcHufAjNIh1ntEICEIA4 &index=402&t=2m30s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZILZxcYoi0&list=PL4m94lCOY10kcHufAjNIh1ntEICEIA4&index=402&t=2m30s)