



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, , Dr. Rachel Knox, Dr. Nicole Bowles, Katherine Krajnak, Al Ochoa, and Daniel Rowland

Civic Life Staff: Kimie Ueoka-Policy Coordinator and Arainnia Brown-Administrative Coordinator

Commission Eudaly's Staff: Winta Yohannes-Policy Advisor

Welcome and Introductions: Members and staff introduced themselves and informed group of 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 lowering 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. Commissioner Eudaly's office are considering ways to best establish and oversee the tax allocation process.

Updates and Open Discussion:

Legislative State Bills (SB 582 and SB 420): Bills were 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 who are affected by cannabis convictions. In summary, 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 applications compared to last year. 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 applicants do not qualify; applicants will be offered suggestions for next fiscal cycle.

CPOT Application Opening: CPOT application will be posted online soon. Applications will be available on social media outlets, email blasts, and our website. The review and recruitment process will occur after by-laws change.

Community Cannabis Calendar: Lead Chair, Tiara Darnell recently was in contact with NuLeaf's Executive Director, Jeannette Horton. They determined that an event calendar that focuses on social equity and activities would be most aligned with NuLeaf's work. CPOT will continue to explore other avenues for a general cannabis community calendar.

Social Media Outlets: Brandon and Kimie met with Civic Life's Communication Officer, Steph Routh, regarding Social media guidelines. Once the CPOT community calendar is open to the public we must be mindful of what we can post and cannot post.

CPOT Meeting Locations: Group discussed new meeting location once sub-committees are formed. Group would prefer to host meetings outside of City Hall most likely at community centers in the future.

Priority Ranking Results: CPOT Members reviewed top ranked priorities based on survey results. The ranks will be listed below:

Access

1. Support small and local business
2. Workforce training and education
3. Compassionate giving

Informed Policy-Making

1. Develop Cannabis Social Equity workplan/ framework
2. Data audit, needs assessment, trend analysis

3. Refine City and County health and public safety policy

Communication

1. Promotion of City work
2. Health Education
3. Engage and activate local press

Connection

1. Convene and host community and industry gatherings
2. Coordinate and support conferences and events
3. Increase public engagement in development and evaluation of cannabis policy

*Additional priorities were mentioned as well. Which included: Sustainability, tax allocation percentages, and 1000' ft. buffer reconsideration.

Sub-Committees: Once sub-committees are formed there will be three main focuses.

- 1) Focus with accessing cannabis industry
- 2) Focus on enforcing policy changes
- 3) Focus on communication and connecting

An agreement was made were sub-committees would meet twice a month in between CPOT meetings. Kimie will begin coordinating sub-committees. She will create a survey and send out dates along with times for best meeting sessions.

Quarterly Report: Kimie drafted a quarterly report, CPOT members will have time to review and make edits. Before quarterly report is sent to commissioners and cannabis program staff, Kimie would like CPOT members to reflect what key points they want readers to notice.

Agenda Setting for next meeting: Plan to host future CPOT meetings at new locations. Possibly see if we can have a conference call from another jurisdiction to discuss social equity ideas and outcomes. Lastly, try to invite Senior Policy Advisory, Jeff Rhoades to a CPOT meeting.