

Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT)

November 21st, 2019

Meeting Minutes (FINAL)

6pm-8:30pm

Portland City Hall-Rose Room

1221 SW 4th Ave., Portland, OR 97204

In attendance: Al Ochoa, Stephanie Neil, John Monteleone, Madeline Martinez, Dr. Rachel Knox, Dr. Nicole Bowles, Laura Valden-Vega, and Tim Zimmerman, Meg Bell

Conference Call-in: Danny Rowland

Civic Life Staff: Christina Coursey-Cannabis Program Interim Supervisor, Kimie Ueoka-Policy Coordinator, and Arainnia Brown-Administrative Coordinator

Introductions: CPOT members and City staff stated names and mentioned what organizations they are affiliated with. Members had the chance to disclose any conflicts of interest if any. In addition to this, members reviewed and approved October minutes from the 10/31/2019 conference call.

Updates:

- **Spring Work Session-** Next Spring, Commissioner Hardesty, will present a work session for the cannabis tax allocations. The conversation will occur before the announcement of the year 4 grant cycle. In addition to this, the Cannabis Program along with CPOT members will be a part of this work session in some form. Civic Life and the Cannabis Program plans to have frequent conversations with leadership to ensure the conversations lead to action items.
- **Legislative Informational Meeting Cannabis Social Equity-** At the state level, there was a meeting held on Nov. 18th in Salem. OLCC presented about stats, possibly future changes in terms of controlling waste for sustainability purposes and a readiness to approach social equity efforts. CPOT members would like to join the conversations at the state level since they have experience with social

equity and sustainability efforts. Kimie informed members to watch the one-hour session online for more details. In addition to this, OLCC discussed possible new rules for the future; such as retailers storing away products when closing and other changes.

- **Marijuana Opportunity, Reinvestment, and Expungement (MORE):** On Nov. 20th, 2019 the House Judiciary Committee passed the Marijuana Opportunity, Reinvestment, and Expungement (MORE) Act. The approved legislation would federally expunge the records of individuals with cannabis convictions and enforce a five percent tax on sales. The revenue from the sales tax would then be reinvested into communities most impacted by the war of drugs.
- **2019 International Drug Policy Alliance Reform Conference:** From 11/06-11/09 Kimie attended the international Drug Policy Reform. There were several panels and discussions which focused on the following: public health, criminal justice reform, equity frameworks, and reparative justice. One discussion that captured Kimie's attention was the municipal drug strategy framework. This framework consists of four pillars (HR, Prevention, treatment and public safety) to assist communities. So far, San Francisco and New York are guiding this framework and hopefully in the future other cities can do the same.
- **Oregon Cannabis Associate Commission:** Currently is accepting applications for board members. The Oregon Cannabis Association is a wide-range group of processors, retailers, entrepreneurs, cultivators, and associated businesses. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please apply.

Group Discussion on Final changes for Recommendations Report: Kimie and group members reviewed the updated version of the recommendations report. The last update included community members input from the Cannabis Community Talks. Group reviewed report and corrected grammatical errors, typos, and added bullet points for more sub-categories. In addition to this, group suggested improvements for the report's conclusion.

Next Steps: If there are any more edits/ suggestions members have for final report please contact Kimie as soon as possible. For the first week of December CPOT members will have a conference call to review the first draft of the Social Equity application. At the next CPOT session held on Dec.12, 2019 CPOT members will present report to Civic Life Director, Suk Rhee.