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Cannabis Policy Oversight Team (CPOT)-DRAFT

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6-8:30pm

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1221 SW 4th Ave. Portland, OR 97204

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

Conference Call-in: Dr. Nicole Bowles and Laura Valden-Vega

Civic Life Staff: Suk Rhee-Bureau Director, Kimie Ueoka-Policy Coordinator, Christina Coursey- Interim Supervisor/ Licensing Coordinator, and Arainnia Brown- Administrative Coordinator

Welcome and Introductions: CPOT members, Civic Life staff, and public had the opportunity to introduce their selves and inform what organizations they are affiliated with. In addition to this, members had the chance to state conflicts of interest if any and review last session's minutes.

Recruitment Updates and Leadership Roles : Kimie informed group of recruitment updates. The initial offer for one applicant declined. Kimie will call previous applicants who applied. In addition to this, she confirmed what CPOT members are searching for. CPOT members prefer to have additional members with these experiences: justice reform experience and/ or have a cannabis conviction from a past incident, veterans and/ or patients who consume cannabis, and people of color within community. If you would like to provide Kimie with more information or specifics about recruitment, please send her an email. In terms of leadership roles, CPOT officially has been meeting for a year now which means it's time to appoint a Chair and two Vice Chairs per

group's decision. If you would like to run for Chair or Vice Chair, please be prepared to share interest with group members at the next session on Feb. 13th, 2020.

Cannabis Social Equity Grant Update: On Jan. 12th, 2020 Cannabis Program extended Social Equity Grant application deadline. The new deadline to submit an application is on Jan. 29th, 2020 at 5pm. On Jan. 13th, 2020 Cannabis Program had their final grant information session at St. John's Community Center. Overall 25-30 attendees were there, and new organizations are considering to apply as well! We are predicting more applications will be submitted this grant cycle compared to last cycle.

Erik Vidstrand, Multnomah County Health Department Presentation: Erik Vidstrand presented about his current work at Multnomah County as the Tobacco Prevention Program specialist and his past work accomplishments. In Summary, Erik Vidstrand has worked in the tobacco prevention and control field for 30 years. He started in Los Angeles county and worked on several projects such as the California Proposition 99 Act also known as the Tobacco Tax and Health Protection Act of 1988. California Proposition 99 Act added a 25% tax on cigarette package purchases, and it's purpose was to decline cigarette consumption. Vidstrand did regional and national work with DOC, an organization that focused on tobacco prevention with youth as well. Afterwards, in the late 90's he moved to Oregon where he worked for a short period of time at Oregon's Health Authority (OHA) and transferred to Multnomah Health Department. Currently, in his role as a Multnomah County's tobacco prevention Program Specialist, Vidstrand assisted with the county ordinance which eliminated smoking indoors such as bars and restaurants. In addition to this, he assisted with creating smoke free environments with community colleges, businesses, and other properties. In 2009, Vidstrand also assisted with creating Oregon's Indoor Clean Air Act which prohibits smoking in the workforce and within 10 feet of all entrances, exits, and accessibility acts. Last but not least, he assisted with creating Multnomah County's retail licenses for smoke products. Any establishment that sells smoking products such as vape pens, cigarettes, or cigars within Multnomah county are required to have a retail license. In all of his work, Vidstrand takes pride in communicating and assisting with business owners and communities since learning about new smoking acts, regulations, and staying in compliance can be difficult to understand at times.

Policy Recommendations Report and Discussion Part 2: At our last CPOT session members ran out of time to discuss entire report. Group members finished presentation tonight starting with Stephanie Neil presenting about competency focusing on recommendation #6. Recommendation #6 encourages the City to lead conversations and/or connections for community discussions around cannabis and social equity.

Action items the City can take on now includes but are not limited to: Promoting City, CPOT, and Cannabis grant work through social media. This can encourage community members to locate resources, information, and expertise. In addition to this, the City can collaborate with CPOT by leading state level discussions around social equity efforts. Lastly, the City can partner with local organizations such as Public Safety and Public Health to create a comprehensive youth drug education strategy.

The presentation continued with the last priority, sustainability. The first recommendation focused on immediately pursuing development of City-wide environmental sustainability standards for cannabis businesses. Action items that City can accomplish include: dedicating resources and time to work across Bureaus to create a recycling guide for cannabis licensees. This guide can include information about production, composting guidelines for biodegradable packaging, etc. Additionally, the City can develop fee reductions and/ or incentives for use of renewal energy, energy audits, and/ or the reuse of materials.

The second recommendation focuses on prioritizing pathways and polices to support local businesses. Action items that City can partake in include but are not limited to: Offering rent control for local cannabis businesses, creating tiered license fees for local businesses, or provide incentivizes for cannabis businesses that partner with community organizations for neighborhood clean-ups or hosting community events.

The final recommendation for sustainability focuses on encouraging cannabis tourism within the City. Cannabis Tourism could bring a great wealth of economic value and benefit the local cannabis industry. Action items the City can take to make this occur include but are not limited to: collaborating with travelling agencies and cannabis businesses to provide proper cannabis consumption education to tourists, continue to advocate for social consumption spaces for public, and ensure all forms of government issued IDs' are acceptable for purchasing adult recreational cannabis products.

Next Steps: Going forward, Kimie will be in the process of making a matrix for recommendations. The matrix will display what the Cannabis Program is currently working on and what the Cannabis Program along with the City can do in the future to meet CPOT's recommendations. In addition to this, CPOT members along with Cannabis Program staff will continue to work on community outreach by hosting listening sessions, have travelling CPOT sessions, and plan to collaborate with organizations such as NuLeaf. Lastly, Kimie will meet with Chair and Vice Chair to discuss action items and how to proceed with CPOT for the new year.