



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

March 27, 2020

10-10:30am

Zoom Video Conference – CPOT Members

Zoom Meeting ID: 640 395 398

Audio conference call- Members of the Public

Audio Conference phone number: 971-323-0035

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In attendance: Tim Zimmerman, Al Ochoa, Stephanie Neil, Dr. Nicole Bowles, and John Monteleone.

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

Welcome and Introductions: CPOT members had the opportunity to state their names and inform everyone what affiliation they are associated with. In addition to this, members had the chance to disclose any conflicts of interests if any.

Review of current COVID-19 impact: Kimie updated group with relief grants that will be funded by the City of Portland and City partners for small local businesses during this State of Emergency. For example, Prosper Portland will grant small local businesses relief funds with no interest during this pandemic. The application pool will open on Monday, March 30th, 2020. In addition to this, Kimie informed the group about the Cannabis Program Social Equity Grant applications. Since everything is uncertain right now; the grant work will be shifted. Currently, our program is looking into providing small relief grants for organizations that applied or providing some tech support since most work must be conducted virtually during this period. Once a decision is approved, members will be informed.

Revision of letter to Council: Group members revised their letter to emphasize the importance of supporting local cannabis businesses to City Council. Some revisions made were to change the heading of the letter to community support compared to small local business support. The group decided to submit their letter to City Council with current revisions and plans to add in additional criteria once they discover what their definition is for small local businesses.

Next Steps: Letter will be sent to City Council since majority of group approved changes, Kimie will update CPOT Members about Social Equity grants since the review panel will meet virtual next week, and subcommittees will be planned in the future.