

Thursday October 6, 2022 6:30 pm
Teleconference Meeting

Minutes

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Members:

Javier Armas	District 1	Vacant	District 7
Tracey Corder	District 2	Chaney Turner	At Large
Taib Alaoui	District 3	Eric Medrano	Mayor
Lauren Payne	District 4	TiYanna Long	City Auditor
Vacant	District 5	Greg Minor	City Administrator
Vacant	District 6		

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MEETING AGENDA

A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Corder, Alaoui, Payne, Turner, Medrano, Long, Minor
Absent: Armas

B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on September 1, 2022

Vice-Chair Long made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Chair Turner seconded the motion and it passed with Members Alaoui and Minor abstaining.

C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Adopt a Resolution Determining That Conducting In-Person Meetings of The Cannabis Regulatory Commission Would Present Imminent Risks to Attendees’ Health, And Electing to Continue Conducting Meetings Using Teleconferencing in Accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(E), A Provision Of AB-361

Chair Turner made a motion to approve the Resolution as drafted. Member Payne seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

2. 2022 Cannabis Business Tax Supplemental Report

Nicole Andrino of the City’s Revenue Management Bureau presented the supplemental report from the Finance Department with additional data on gross receipts from cannabis businesses. A public speaker encouraged the City to encourage outdoor cultivation. Chair Turner noted that general applicants had significantly greater gross receipts than equity applicants and that gross receipts from manufacturers have increased in recent years, suggesting the City needs to further invest in equity and manufacturing businesses

Chair Turner then made a motion for the finance department to include the same information that they included in this supplemental report in their annual reports on cannabis tax revenues to the CRC. Vice Chair Long seconded the motion and it passed by consensus..

3. Potential Loan Forgiveness Policy for Equity Applicants

Member Minor provided background on the topic before opening the discussion for recommendations from the public and the CRC. A public speaker then recommended the City consider extending the time period for repayments further rather than forgiving loans. Member Alaoui noted that cannabis entrepreneurs need significant capital to compete and they need funds now. Member Payne lamented that few members of the public were present to contribute to this conversation. Member Minor offered to solicit feedback from equity applicants on this topic at the October monthly meeting with equity applicants re the cannabis equity loan and grant programs.

Chair Turner then made a motion to continue this topic to next month's meeting and recommend staff return with feedback received from equity applicants at the October loan and grant monthly meeting. Vice Chair Long seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

4. Potential Policy for the Transfer of Permits from Equity to General Applicants

Member Minor provided an overview of the topic. One member of the public recommended allowing the transfer of permits from equity to general applicants before twenty years but not as soon as three years. Two other public speakers urged the CRC to recommend allowing said transfers to allow equity businesses to attract investment and provide equity applicants with the ability to control their destiny.

Vice-Chair Long and Turner then mentioned the issue of areas where cannabis businesses are allowed to locate and Chair Turner made a motion to have a representative from the Planning Department present at a CRC meeting regarding what new areas would be appropriate for cannabis businesses to utilize and if not why not. Member Payne seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

5. Implementation Update on State Grants

Member Minor provided an update regarding current state grants as well as upcoming RFP for next cohort of BSCC Proposition 64 grant. One public speaker recommended the City utilize state grants to address trash generated by cannabis businesses and another speaker questioned why the City makes state funding available as loans.

D. Review of the Pending List and Additions to Next Month's Agenda

- *Building and Fire Baseline Permitting Timelines (since January 2022)*
- *Details on Proposed Legislative Framework for Next Phase of Cannabis Program (since February 2022)*
- *Finalize Exit Interview Survey for Withdrawn Applications (since July 2022)*
- *Establishing Department of Cannabis (since September 2022)*

E. Open Forum / Public Comment

Public speakers encouraged the City to encourage outdoor cultivation and utilize hill areas as well as eliminate any match funding requirements in the loan and grant programs.

F. Announcements

1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process
2. Apply to serve on CRC here:
<https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6697>
3. The deadline for submitting response to cannabis equity property purchase program [Request for Proposals](#) (RFP) has been extended to November 1st.
4. [Applications are open now](#) until November 2nd for equity manufacturers to utilize shared-use manufacturing facility at City sponsored Oakland Equity Collective.

G. Adjournment