

Thursday, January 6, 2021, 6:30 pm
Teleconference Meeting

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Members:

Vacant	District 1	Frank Tucker	District 7
Tracey Corder	District 2	Chaney Turner	At Large
Austin Stevenson	District 3	Stephanie Floyd-Johnson	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, Stevenson, Payne, Tucker, Turner, Floyd-Johnson, Long, and Minor

B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the Regular CRC Meeting on December 2, 2021

Member Floyd-Johnson moved to approve the Minutes as drafted; Member Stevenson seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

A public speaker inquired about the status of consumption lounges based on the previous CRC meeting.

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

Member Payne moved to adopt the Resolution as drafted. Member Tucker seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

2. Cannabis Industry Security Assessment

Member Minor presented the report along with Eric Simundza in the Department of Economic and Workforce Development’s Business Development Division and Lt. Jeff Thomason with the Oakland Police Department’s Support Operations Division.

Public speakers inquired if there would be a competitive process for any funds made available for private security, encouraged the City to reduce barriers for operators' accessing capital, recommended the City explore everything it can to keep people safe, and questioned whether increased police presence would increase violent confrontations.

Member Floyd-Johnson asked about the following: what the differences are between robberies versus burglaries; whether cannabis businesses can publicly market themselves as part of a Business Improvement District (BID) given restrictions on cannabis businesses; and if grant funds go towards the investigation of cannabis business burglaries.

Member Corder questioned what the impacts would be if grant funds went towards increased police patrol. Member Payne mentioned High Rise Law's text alert system for cannabis operators. Member Payne also expressed concern regarding increased police patrol. Chair Turner noted every strategy is needed in the long term but did not think private security and police would be viable in the short term compared to helping operators fortify their locations. Chair Turner emphasized that any resources that go towards law enforcement should not go towards enforcement against the unregulated market. Additionally, Chair Turner was interested in learning more about how a cannabis BID would work and that ultimately cannabis businesses need to be safe to keep their customers and neighbors safe.

Lt. Thomason explained the distinction between a burglary and robbery, including how both have taken place against cannabis businesses and staff, respectively, as well as how the Criminal Investigation Division is investigating the burglaries against cannabis businesses. Member Minor encouraged the commission to use this opportunity to provide its recommendations.

Member Floyd-Johnson made a motion to accept the report and to explore the recommendations in it as expeditiously as possible. Chair Turner seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

3. Implementation Update on Current State Grants

Member Minor provided an update. A member of the public asked how the remainder of the property purchase program would be dispersed.

- D. Review of the Pending List and Additions to Next Month's Agenda
- *Staffing/Costing of a Department of Cannabis (since January 2021)*
 - *Follow Up Questions re Revenue Management Bureau Report (since June 2021)*

Member Minor provided background on the listed items and mentioned that the loan program analysis and building and fire department updates should have also been included on the pending list.

Vice-Chair Long made a motion to remove the staffing item from the pending list. Member Floyd-Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by consensus. Member Floyd-Johnson made a motion to request that the building and fire departments provide the CRC with information on the current cannabis permit application timelines for the purpose of establishing a baseline of information. Member Payne seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

Members of the public encouraged the commission to remove the staffing item and to include a discussion on allowing equity businesses to transfer their permits.

- E. Open Forum / Public Comment

Public speakers mentioned an upcoming rally at the state Capitol for lower state cannabis taxes and encouraging the CRC to reduce restrictions on the transfer of permits from equity businesses.

F. Announcements

1. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process
2. Apply to serve on CRC here:

<https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6697>

Member Minor provided an update and encouraged people seeking to serve on the CRC to contact the councilmembers with vacancies.

G. Adjournment