

Thursday, June 4, 2020, 6:30 pm
Teleconference Meeting

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Members:

Lanese Martin	District 1	Frank Tucker	District 7
Chang Yi	District 2	Vacant	At Large
Vacant	District 3	Stephanie Floyd-Johnson	Mayor
Debby Goldsberry	District 4	Tiyanna Long	City Auditor
Claudia Mercado	District 5	Greg Minor	City Administrator
Joshua Chase	District 6		

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MEETING AGENDA

A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Martin, Yi, Goldsberry, Mercado, Chase, Tucker, Floyd, Long, Minor

B. Open Forum / Public Comment

Member Goldsberry asked if it was possible to discuss the string of burglaries against cannabis businesses that took place the prior weekend at this meeting. There was discussion re the noticing of the agenda and to what extent discussion and/or actions could take at this meeting on this topic.

Member Minor read a written public comment re issue of state posting addresses of cannabis businesses online. Then members of the public spoke re the targeted burglaries that took place last weekend, OPD’s lack of response, how to financially support impacted businesses, issues with the loan program,

There was then agreement amongst the members that it was urgent that the CRC discuss this topic. Member Tucker then moved to continue this meeting’s agenda items (E)1, 3, 4, and 5 for next month’s CRC meeting and to hold an emergency meeting tonight on the topic of recent cannabis burglaries at the conclusion of this meeting. There was no second for this motion.

Vice Chair Martin then made a motion to continue this meeting’s agenda items (E)1, 3, 4, and 5 to next month’s CRC meeting and to set a Special Meeting next Thursday regarding the topic of recent burglaries of cannabis businesses. Member Tucker seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

C. Review of the Pending List and Additions to Next Month’s Agenda

- *Cannabis Regulatory Commission 2019 Annual Report (since February 2020)*
- *Agencies listed on City of Oakland cannabis permit inspection card (since February 2020)*
- *Shared drive regarding cannabis robberies and burglaries (since February 2020)*

Member Minor offered to provide a first draft of the 2019 Annual Report. Member Mercado then moved to have the agencies listed on the City of Oakland inspection card at next month’s meeting. Member Long seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

D. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC meeting of May 2020.

Chair Yi moved to accept last month's minutes as drafted. Member Goldsberry seconded the motion and it passed with Member Tucker abstaining.

E. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Parliamentary Procedures
2. Overview of City's Current and Proposed Revolving Loan and Grant Programs for Equity Operators

Members of the public spoke re issues they have had with the revolving loan program, including need for improved communication. Vice Chair Martin made a motion for staff to set up monthly meetings with loan applicants to keep an ongoing feedback loop and for the equity subcommittee to explore the loan program. Chair Yi seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

3. Updated Assessment of Equity Program
4. Continued Discussion re Impact of Covid-19 on the Cannabis Industry

Member Goldsberry spoke how she had to lay off works due to Covid-19 and now all staff due to burglaries. Chair Yi spoke re how Covid-19 ended temporary events for cannabis in 2020. Member Floyd-Johnson encouraging including the impact of Covid-19 as part of the equity assessment. Chair Yi made a motion to continue this item to next month's agenda. Member Tucker seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

5. Enforcement re Seshes

F. Announcements

1. City Council to Consider Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) \$6.5 million Grant on Tuesday June 16th
2. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process

G. Adjournment