

Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Regular Meeting

Thursday, October 3, 2019, 6:30 pm
Council Chambers, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

MINUTES

Members:

Lanese Martin	District 1	Frank Tucker	District 7
Chang Yi	District 2	Jeff Hutcher	At Large
Zachary Knox	District 3	Stephanie Floyd-Johnson	Mayor
Vacant	District 4	Vacant	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, Knox, Mercado, Chase, Tucker, and Floyd-Johnson
Absent: Hutcher and Minor

B. Open Forum / Public Comment

Public speakers spoke regarding ongoing City Council debates around modifying cannabis tax rates, upcoming cannabis job fair on October 26th, and upcoming equity workshops.

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

- *Information on private use of cannabis (since May 2019)*
- *Potential forum/event (since August 2019)*
- *Updated equity program assessment (since August 2019)*

Member Martin moved to agendize an updated equity program assessment for the next CRC meeting. Vice-Chair Knox seconded the motion and it was approved by consensus. Member Martin also moved to agendize a review of the format of the permitting statistics. Chair Yi seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

D. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the Cannabis Regulatory Commission meetings of August and September 2019.

Vice-Chair Knox moved to approve the September minutes. Member Floyd-Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by consensus with Member Martin abstaining. Member Floyd-Johnson moved to

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approve the August minutes. Chair Yi seconded the motion and it passed by consensus with Vice-Chair Knox abstaining.

E. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

1. OPD 2018 Report on Cannabis Enforcement Activities

Deputy Chief Armstrong provided an overview of the report and Officer Romero offered an overview of new OPD training related to cannabis laws.

Members asked OPD questions regarding racial disparities in those arrested for cannabis, OPD's tracking of licensed cannabis businesses, and OPD's response to crimes committed against licensed cannabis businesses. Chair Yi asked OPD to cross-reference police beat and arrest data by beat in future reports.

2. Crimes Committed Against Cannabis Businesses

After OPD staff exited, members discussed various security related issues before Vice-Chair Knox moved to request OPD provide information on how they are conducting security inspections, if there is a common trend that that is leading to crimes against cannabis businesses and best security practices for cannabis businesses. Member Mercado seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

3. Draft 2019 Dispensary Request for Permit Applications (RFPA)

Members mentioned they had questions they would ask Member Minor if he was present. Chair Yi then moved to continue the item to next month's CRC meeting. Vice-Chair seconded the motion and it passed by consensus. Members then discussed specific issues related to the RFPA before Vice-Chair Knox moved to reallocate half of the points on the scored application allocated towards the tax question towards the security plan question. Member Mercado seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

4. Transfer of Cannabis Permits

Members Mercado, Chase and Knox stated that the City should focus on the issue of transferring permits to equity applicants. Member Mercado then mentioned the issue of percentage of control an equity applicant has for a business as it relates to raising funds. Vice-Chair Knox asked how City approaches the situation when an equity applicant passes away or leaves a business. Vice-Chair Knox moved to continue the item. Member Floyd-Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

F. Announcements

1. As of September 27, 2019, the BCC has not notified the city of Oakland regarding its local equity grant award.
2. The City Council Finance Committee: the September 24th finance committee heard a proposal from councilmember Taylor re reducing cannabis tax rates and continued the item until the October 8th finance committee meeting.
3. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process

Vice-Chair Knox mentioned upcoming cannabis job fair on October 26th.

G. Adjournment