

Thursday June 6, 2024 6:30 pm

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1 Frank Ogawa Plaza, City Hall, 3rd Floor City Council Chambers
Oakland, CA 94612

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Members:

Vacant	District 1	Hellen Harvey	District 7
M. Chaz Walker	District 2	Chaney Turner	At Large
Taib Alaoui	District 3	Yulie Padmore	Mayor
Tariq Ikharo	District 4	TiYanna Long	City Auditor
Erika Cisneros	District 5	Greg Minor	City Administrator
Vacant	District 6		

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MEETING AGENDA

A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Present: Walker, Ikharo, Harvey, Turner, Long, Minor

Absent: Alaoui, Cisneros, Padmore

Chair Turner welcomed new CRC member Chaz Walker.

B. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the CRC Meeting on March 7, 2024

Chair Turner moved to approve the minutes. Vice-Chair Long seconded the motion and it was approved with Member Ikharo and Walker abstaining.

C. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Cannabis Administrative Prosecutor Program (CAPP)

Deputy Attorney General Justin Buller provided an overview of the CAPP program, noting that it is not a program for criminal prosecution but rather a way to provide local jurisdictions with additional resources to address unpermitted cannabis activities like any other unpermitted land use.

Vice-Chair Long and Chair Turner asked follow up questions and the CRC raised no objections to the CAPP program moving forward to City Council.

2. Cannabis Paid Internship Program

Xavier Navarro with Case For Cannabis (C4C) presented a powerpoint sharing background and highlights to date regarding C4C's workforce development initiative with the City of Oakland. The program is in the middle of its first cohort and will launch a second cohort later this summer.

Vice Chair Long encouraged C4C to return to the CRC next summer to share outcomes from the project. Vice Chair Long also asked staff to include the C4C powerpoint in the June 2024 CRC meeting minutes.

3. Emerald Cup on August 17th and 18th at Henry J. Kaiser Center

Tim Blake provided history about the Emerald Cup and expressed his excitement for bringing the event to Oakland and the historic Henry J. Kaiser Center in August. Member Walker stated that this event is a great opportunity for Oakland to promote cannabis tourism and asked if the Emerald Cup planned on hiring locals.

Member Ikharo shared concerns regarding public safety and his hope for a safe event. Chair Turner and Vice Chair Long then expressed their support for the event.

4. Draft Regulations re the Approval Process for Transferring Permits

Member Minor provided background on the history of this item, including the CRC's role. Vice-Chair Long, Chair Turner, and Member Walker expressed support for the proposed language, particularly given the length of time this proposal has been developed. Chair Turner moved to approve the regulations as drafted. Vice Chair Long seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

5. Implementation Update on State Grants

Member Minor provided an update on the various state grants including the launch of the Go-Biz 5 grant application. Member Minor also noted the challenges of disbursing enough of the BSCC Cohort 3 grant funds to operators to cover the cost of onsite security guards and staff's interest in consolidating security related funding under that grant towards supporting the costs of onsite security as opposed to covering both onsite security and physical and technological measures. Chair Turner then made a motion to agendize this topic at the next CRC meeting. Member Walker seconded the motion and it passed by consensus.

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

- *Building and Fire Baseline Permitting Timelines (since January 2022)*
- *Planning Department Discussion re Zones Eligible for Cannabis Businesses (since October 2022)*
- *Updated Information from Finance Department (since October 2023)*
- *CRC Attendance Policy (since November 2023)*
- *Contracting Hazardous Materials Inspections (since November 2023)*
- *Enforcement of CUP beautification requirements (since January 2024)*

Member Minor offered to speak with colleagues in the Planning and Finance Departments regarding whether they are available to present at the next CRC meeting and Member Minor also stated he would contact the City Attorney's Office regarding allowing public speakers to comment remotely during CRC meetings.

CRC members then noted that they were available for a special CRC meeting on Thursday July 18th in lieu of the regular July meeting time that would fall on the July 4th holiday.

E. Open Forum / Public Comment

Dale Gehringer wanted the CRC to be aware of potential legislative efforts to ban smoking in apartment buildings, including smoking of cannabis.

F. Announcements

1. Cannabis Regulatory Commission 2022-2023 Annual Reports Scheduled for the June 11th City Council Community Economic Development Committee Meeting
2. Request for Proposals:
 - a. [Cannabis Equity Public Awareness Campaign](#)
 - b. [Grant Evaluator](#)
3. Update on Cannabis Permitting Process
4. Apply to serve on CRC here:
<https://oakland.granicus.com/boards/w/8552f8c4c0e15460/boards/6697>

G. Adjournment