

Cannabis Regulatory Commission

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 3rd, 6:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

MINUTES

Members:

Lanese Martin	District 1	Frank Tucker	District 7
Chang Yi	District 2	A. Kathryn Parker	At Large
Zach Knox	District 3	Stephanie Floyd-Johnson	Mayor
Jin Jack Shim	District 4	Vacant	City Auditor
Matt Hummel	District 5	Greg Minor	City Administrator
Derreck Johnson	District 6		

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MEETING AGENDA

A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Members present: Yi, Knox, Shim, Hummel, Johnson, Floyd-Johnson, Parker, Minor
Members absent: Martin, Tucker, Parker,

B. Open Forum / Public Comment

Three members of the public spoke during open forum. The topics included local approvals of annual state license applicants, expanding areas where cannabis activities are permitted, and commending the City of Oakland for its adoption of an equity program.

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

- *Medical cannabis permitting process (since July 2017)*
- *Use of cannabis tax revenues (since July 2017)*
- *Annual report (since September 2017)*
- *Cannabis advertising (since September 2017)*
- *Onsite consumption/lounges (since October 2017)*
- *Microbusinesses (since October 2017)*
- *Cannabis tax rates (since November 2017)*
- *Event permitting (since December 2017)*
- *Dispensary applicant runner-ups (since December 2017)*

Persons may speak on any item appearing on the agenda; however a Speaker Card must be filled out and given to a representative of the Cannabis Regulatory Commission. Multiple agenda items cannot be listed on one speaker card. If a speaker signs up to speak on multiple items listed on the agenda, the Chairperson may rule that the speaker be given an appropriate allocation of time to address all issues at one time (cumulative) before the items are called. All speakers will be allotted 3 minutes or less – unless the Chairperson allots additional time.

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Member Minor mentioned that OPD's report on 2017 enforcement should be available in June or July and that the City Attorney Office's report should be available in June. Member Minor added that CM Kaplan and the Mayor's office may have ordinance amendments they would like to present in June as well.

Member Shim asked if compassion programs and expanding the areas for cannabis activities could be on the June agenda.

Chair Hummel asked that OPD's info bulletin and training memo be added to the pending list.

Member Yi raised the issue of temporary state license expirations as another topic.

D. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the Cannabis Regulatory Commission meeting of April 2018.

Member Yi moved to approve the minutes, Member Johnson seconded and it was approved by consensus.

E. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

1. Cannabis Advertising

Members discussed the non-binding language of Measure Z prohibiting cannabis advertising, state cannabis advertising restrictions, and advertising restrictions in other states.

Member Yi offered to come back to commission next month with some specific cannabis advertising recommendations.

2. Microbusinesses

Member Yi provided background on the state microbusiness category and expressed his view that the City of Oakland's permitting process was not consistent with this state category due to the local fee and tax structure.

Member Minor mentioned staff's proposed master fee schedule amendments that include reduced fees for additional permits from the same operator at the same site.

Members highlighted the difficulty of obtaining one space for three permit types in a competitive real estate market.

3. Cannabis Event Permitting

Member Yi mentioned pending state bill AB 2020 to allow special events in urban jurisdictions and he provided an overview of the current state event licensing process.

4. State Cannabis Legislation

Member Yi provided an overview of some of the pending state legislation and offered to provide an updated list at future meetings.

Member Shim spoke of supporting AB 2069, anti-discrimination legislation, and AB 3157, reducing state excise tax. Member Shim made a motion for the CRC to send a letter in support of AB 3157; the motion was seconded by Member Knox and it approved by consensus, with Member Minor abstaining.

5. Update on Cannabis Permit Process and Equity Assistance Program

Member Minor provided an update on the cannabis permit application process, how the City had received the minimum amount required to initiate the equity assistance program's revolving loan program, and how a Request for Qualifications was released for a consultant to administer both the technical and financial assistance program for equity applicants for the next year.

Members and the public then expressed concerns regarding general applicant renegeing on their agreements with equity applicants and how to ensure City rules are enforced.

F. Announcements

G. Adjournment