



MEETING OF THE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION

City Hall
2180 Milvia Street
Redwood Room (Sixth Floor)

Thursday, January 5, 2017
2:00 PM

APPROVED ACTION MINUTES

I. Call to Order – 2:10 pm

A. Roll Call and Ex Parte Communications Disclosures

Commissioners present: Cooper, Ferguson-Riffe, Lampach, Pappas, Rice.

Absent: Carlisle (excused)

Staff Present: Secretary Elizabeth Greene

Ex Parte Communications: Chair Pappas and Commissioner Lampach spoke to the Mayor about appointments. Chair Pappas spoke with the City Attorney regarding regulations for delivery-only dispensaries that serve low-income patients – this conversion is referenced in the late item.

B. Changes to Order of Agenda

None.

II. Public Comment

Four speakers, consisting of four City staff members on a City Manager task force to consider City regulations for recreational cannabis (Rolando Villareal (Environmental Health Division), Lisa Stenger (Health Department), Savith Iyengar (City Attorney's office), and Rama Murty (City Manager's Office)).

III. Approval of October 6, 2016 Minutes

Motion/second to approve the minutes (Ferguson-Riffe/Pappas). The motion carried 4-0-1-1. (Ayes: Cooper, Ferguson-Riffe, Lampach, Pappas. Noes: None. Abstain: Rice. Absent: Carlisle.)

IV. Planning Staff Report

Secretary Greene made the following announcements:

- Commissioner Carlisle has been excused from this meeting.
- Quorum for today's meeting is 4.
- Commissioner Lampach is now the Mayor's appointee, so the three vacancies are in District 2, District 3 and District 4.
- The Council Agenda subcommittee voted to put the cultivation ordinance on the Council's agenda. It will be heard on January 24th.
- The Planning Commission considered expansion of cultivation outside of the M District and delivery-only dispensaries on December 21st. The cultivation issue was postponed for up to one year, and delivery-only dispensaries will be considered again in February or March.
- The MCC is developing priorities for direction to give to the City Council per a

City Council referral. Future discussions of recreational cannabis regulations will only occur if the MCC's purpose is expanded by the City Council to include recreational cannabis.

- Chair and Vice Chair elections will be held at the February meeting.
- Two late items: Information regarding AUMA and delivery services (Pappas); and an outline of the San Francisco Cannabis Legalization Task Force with Chair Pappas and staff emphasis (Staff).

V. Chairperson's Report

Chair Pappas made the following announcements:

- Attended the Planning Commission meeting. There are many new Commissioners and they assume the MCC is behind the push for delivery-only dispensaries rather than staff. The PC needs more information about the MCC and medical cannabis. Encouraged people to attend next PC meeting.
- Commissioner Lampach and he met with Mayor Arreguin to point out the need for more commissioners and the need for delivery-only dispensaries. The Mayor expressed interest in expanding the number of dispensaries to 8 and is positive about cultivation.
- Top priority of the MCC should be to get the medical cannabis cultivation ordinance passed.

VI. Subcommittee Report

Chair Pappas gave the report. Both the subcommittee meeting on November 3, 2016 and November 16, 2016 were well attended. Chair Pappas and Commissioner Lampach spoke with Councilmember Susan Wengraf regarding the need for the Council Agenda Subcommittee to put the cultivation ordinance on the Council's agenda.

VII. Discussion and Action Items

A. Discuss Council referral on recreational marijuana and vote on a response to send to Council.

Staff reviewed the staff points for consideration and the Subcommittee's 11-16-16 responses.

Public Comment: Two comments, encouraging recreational retail licenses for existing medical cannabis dispensaries, and maintaining medical cannabis businesses.

The Commissioners discussed different ideas for recreational cannabis as compared to medical, including the relationship between medical and recreational cannabis businesses, testing, and on-site consumption, including smoking. The Commission reviewed each of the issues in the memo, and agreed unanimously with the subcommittee response except as specified below:

2. Recreational cannabis should be treated generally the same as medical cannabis except where required to be treated differently. (Modified language supported by all Commissioners)

4. The Commissioners agreed with protecting youth 18-21, but disagreed on on-site consumption businesses. The last sentence was removed from the Commission

response to Council. (Modified language supported by all Commissioners.)

5. The Commissioners agreed to add the following two business types: Businesses where consumption is permitted and Transporters.

8. Remove any reference to distance limits between medical cannabis dispensaries and Retailers.

The Commission also agreed to add three new items to the list:

- Retail uses should be subject to discretionary review similar to bars;
- Have a residency requirement for medical and recreational businesses
- City should encourage local hires as part of the discretionary review.

B. Vote on representative(s) to attend 1/24/17 Council meeting on cultivation issues.

Public comments: None.

After Commission discussion, it was decided that Commissioner Cooper would attend if available. Commissioner Lampach would be the first back-up and Chair Pappas would be the second back-up.

C. Adopt calendar for 2017 MCC meetings

Public comments: None.

The MCC agreed to adopt the draft calendar with the following clarifications:

July 13, 2017

September 14, 2017

October 5, 2017

November 9, 2017

D. Discuss Delivery-only dispensaries (time permitting).

This item was not discussed.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:05.

Two late items were distributed at the meeting:

- a. Chair Pappas: E-mails to City Attorney regarding AUMA, delivery services, etc.
- b. Staff: Categories from San Francisco task force memo with Chair Pappas and staff emphasis.

Commissioners in attendance: 5

Members of the public in attendance: Approximately 12

Public speakers: 6

Length of meeting: 1 hour, 55 minutes

APPROVED: _____

Elizabeth Greene

Medical Cannabis Commission Secretary