



Town of Brookline

CANNABIS MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nancy Heller
Chair

Cannabis Mitigation Advisory Committee MINUTES – Tuesday, January 26, 2020 – 1 pm

Attendees

Committee Members: Nancy Heller, Matt Hyatt, Bruce Levin, Ana Otero, Alison Plante, Michael Zoorob

Staff: Erin Gallentine, Lt. Det Paul Cullinane, Lesley Craft, Maria Morelli, Monique Baldwin
Kara Brewton, Victor Panak,

The CMAC meeting Committee was held virtually via Zoom and was recorded. Although members of the public attended, there was no public comment.

Mel Kleckner, Town Administrator, introduced the new Cannabis Licensing & Mitigation Coordinator, Monique Baldwin.

Chair Nancy Heller moved on to the second agenda item; the approval of meeting minutes. Committee Member Matthew Hyatt made a motion to approve both the November 24, 2020 & December 22, 2020 minutes as amended. Michael Zoorob seconded. It was a unanimous vote of the committee to approve both sets of minutes.

Maria Morelli, on behalf of the Planning Department, provided an overview of two marijuana establishments seeking special permit relief. Ms. Morelli stated that Mission Inc. at 1024 Commonwealth Avenue received their special permit and is now eligible to go through the licensing process, and that Comm Ave Canna at 1030 Commonwealth Avenue will appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals on February 18, 2021. Ms. Morelli noted that when Mission Inc. and Comm Ave Canna have completed their licensing, the cap will be met at four retail marijuana establishments.

Additionally, Ms. Morelli provided updates regarding two lawsuits that were filed. The lawsuit filed by the Cannabis Dispensary Association (CDA), suing the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) had been dropped. The second case pending before the SJC regarding Host Community Agreements is being monitored by Town Counsel.

Chair Heller inquired when Mission Inc. and Comm Ave Canna would be open for business.

Ms. Morelli estimated that both establishments will open late 2021 as both applicants have significant build-outs and renovations to complete.

Lieutenant Cullinane provided an update regarding the diversion on December 28, 2020 near Sanctuary. He stated the police were not notified until four hours after the diversion occurred. Though the investigation was not hindered, the response was not executed in a manner in which Mr. Cullinane was satisfied. Therefore, training had been provided on how to appropriately and timely notify the Police.

Additionally, Lieutenant Cullinane noted that the location in which the diversion occurred was not well captured by the security cameras at Sanctuary. Therefore, although installing a camera with view of the sidewalk was not part of the licensed conditions, Sanctuary voluntarily agreed to install one.

Mr. Cullinane then went on to note the differences in processes of the CCC and the Town.

Chair Heller moved on to the final agenda item; the budget priorities. Ms. Morelli noted she had already sent the spreadsheet and preferences to Melissa Goff. However, the Committee went item by item discussing each individual member's preferences.

Lt. Cullinane stated he did not envision the Police Department hiring anyone this fiscal year, therefore if that money needed to be reallocated (for this fiscal year) that would be acceptable.

Lesley Craft provided some clarity in terms of the salaried requests regarding the Health Department, and Erin Gallentine provided clarity regarding DPW and Transportation.

The Committee continued to discuss the budget item by item. There were inquiries regarding the already approved and filled salaries and if the Committee did not fund a particular position, if that position would

be funded from some other fund instead. Additionally, there was discussion regarding how much funding would be available.

Chair Heller tasked the Committee with re-visiting the priority list and updating it accordingly to be voted the following meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

CMAC meetings are the fourth Tuesday of every month at 12 pm.

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