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**CANNABIS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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**June 12, 2024**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting**

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|  | **Committee Members:** | |
| **Voting Members** | | **Non-Voting Members** |
|  | * Drakari Donaldson * Shay Gilmore * Adam Hayes * Ali Jamalian * Antoinette Mobley * David Nogales Talley * Apollo Wallace | * Mohanned Malhi or rep. from SFPDH * Lieutenant Lange or rep. of SFPD * Steven Kwok or rep. of DBI * Mathew Chandler or rep. of SF Planning * Quarry Pak or rep. from SFUSD * Dylan Rice or rep. of SF Entertainment Commission * Victor Wong or rep. from SFFD |

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**Regular Agenda:**

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| Please note that public comment will be held during every agenda item. If a member of the public would like to comment on a topic that is not on the agenda but is within the jurisdiction of the Committee, they may do so during the “General Public Comment” portion of the meeting. | | | |
| **1.** | **Call to Order / Roll Call**   * Upon roll call, the following Committee Members were noted present [(v)= voting member]   + Ali Jamalian (v)   + Adam Hayes (v)   + Drakari Donaldson (v)   + David Nogales Talley (v)   + Shay Gilmore (v)   + Mathew Chandler, Planning Department   + Victor Wong, Fire Department (Remote)   + Dylan Rice, Entertainment Commission * The following Committee Members were not present:   + Mohanned Malhi, Department of Public Health   + Lieutenant Lange, SFPD   + San Francisco Unified School District Representative   + Apollo Wallace (v)   + Antoinette Mobley (v) * 5 voting members present and quorum is established |  | **5 min** |
| **2.** | **Land Aknowledgement**   * Scott Dennis recognizes the origins and traditions of the land on which the OOC operates and on which the meeting and COC guests attend. |  | **1 min** |
| **3.** | **General Public Comment** *Members of the public may address the Committee on topics that are not on the agenda but are within the jurisdiction of the Committee, for a maximum of 3 minutes per individual.*   * Bram Goodwin – “Thank you. My name is Bram Goodwin I’m the media director of the San Francisco Brownie Mary Democratic Club. I appreciate you having me. I wanted to because it happened last time we met, uh, we had SF Weed Week and I want to compliment a couple of especially members of of your committee which is Ali and Adam who really helped bring the message and really was part of the backbone and we had the mayor we did very well and if you’re interested go to sfweedweek.com. There’s a blog there, there’s a lot of interesting statistics about it and pictures, etc. I’d also mentioned that from the same people who gave you Weed Week, SF Hash Week is coming which is going to be July 10th to the 17th again if you go to sfweedweek.com you’ll see the banner you’ll see all the activities you can RSVP and see what’s going on, etc. Many of us saw social media yesterday from Mayor Breed where in this pretty bold type of uh picture she said we are waiving all fees for outside activities and events you know like it’s a great thing which sounds nice I would like to ask about cannabis that cannabis comes to the table for these things that we make it easier to do it and that we are allowed to do things that alcohol can do which um I think we would all say is a higher threat to society than cannabis so I would encourage the committee to explore the possibilities for different events and different situations that we could um partner in and at minimum because people have asked me who do I contact if I’m interested in the cannabis space do I contact the Office of Cannabis or is there a mayor’s office that’s involved so I’d like to thank you. Hey sales are bad they are down 35% what I’d like to know is why I’d like to hear dialogue on why. Thank you.” * Nate Landau – “Hello my name is Nate Landau the co-founder and COO of Snowtill we’ve been to many different I haven’t been to this meeting before but I’ve been to many Brownie Mary’s and I see a lot of members on the board we’re all small business owners we’re not making millions of dollars we’re just trying to make a good living and provide jobs for people in this community and it’s been very very very difficult we took half the energy we did working on…and put it forward growing our business all have thriving businesses right now. Know it’s heartbreaking to constantly see small businesses come up every meeting and they’re about to go out of business there’s a red tape so there’s got to be something we can do to work with the city and make a clear path forward so that we can get our annual license and not have to do with it. So I appreciate any help I want to thank everybody here on the board that’s been very very helpful with our situation. Thank you very much.” |  | **15 min** |
| **4.** | **Review and Consideration of Regular Agenda**  *Committee members will review and amend the meeting agenda as necessary and vote to approve.*   * [Accepted agenda as is with a unanimous vote of all present voting members; no public comment] | Discussion, Action | **5 min** |
| **5.** | **Review and Approve Minutes from 3/6/2024 Meeting** *Committee members will review minutes from a previous Committee meeting, amending as necessary, and vote to approve.**Explanatory Document: SF-COC\_Meeting-Minutes-March-6*   * [Accepted and approve minutes from 3/6/2024 meeting with a unanimous vote of all present voting members; No public comment] | Discussion, Action | **5 min** |
| **6.** | **Office of Cannabis Update** *The Office of Cannabis will provide a general update on the status of their work.*   * Scott Dennis, OOC   + There are currently 61 businesses in the city that are holding a permanent cannabis business permits, that is 5 more than the last meeting in March.   + All applications that been submitted to the OOC have been picked up for processing and all newly submitted applications will be begin processing immediately on submission.   + We are continuing the process of working with MCDs and TMPs to convert to permanent permits. We’ve converted 9 so far this year and more have entered the final stages of the process. We are continuing to urge the owners or anyone who works at high level of medical or temporary dispensaries.   + If you are still working with the OOC to transition to permanent permit, please be responsive to the OOC request for information and please be responsive to other city department that are reaching out to you for inspections or paperwork. * Nikesh Patel, OOC   + In an effort to ensure that everyone’s aware of this deadline is coming at the end of this year. We’ve issued shot-clock both the MCD and TMPs businesses. We’ve made very clear that the spirit of shot-clock is not to actually lead any applications out and identify the ones that are interested in moving forward. We are parsing out those that submitted an application many years ago and have no interest in moving forward vs those that actually do.   + We started these notifications back in November of last year to ensure everyone was aware of this and we’re working very hard, we actually orchestrated days here at the permit center to try to streamline folks that are getting converted. We’re looking to do the same for TMP’s as well – this coordinated effort with this building with DBI, Planning. We are doing everything we can do, we are trying, but we really do need responsiveness from all the operators out there because there is about 6 months left. The last thing we want to see is business having to go. * Scott Dennis, OOC   + Speaking from personal capacity and processes these applications, as the months go by, it will get harder and harder for the business to transition before end of the year. Please be responsive.   + Grants – most recent grants round is already underway and recipients have been submitting expenses for reimbursement. They have been working with our office to ensure that all forms are received and documents are properly submitted. The current term is set to end in the middle of July and that is when the OOC will have more information about whether or not there will be redistribution after the end of the initial term. That will depend on the spend down of the current round of dispersements that have been occurring. About $60,000 per recipient is where we settled with the grant funds from the most recent ground. * Nikesh Patel, OOC   + They are working very hard to make sure that funding request form are being turned in for advacements. We’ve seen more grant cycles have been distributed over the last years that the same jurisdiction are not necessarily receiving awards year in and year out. We are one of the few jurisdictions that has continuously receive awards and part of that is because of everything we do on the back end to make sure we apply and also a large part of it is the community and grantees for being responsive anytime we ask for information. We’re working to change process, it’s very bureaucratic nature – want to give acknowledgement not only the grant we receive, but also any grantees that we work with. This does not work if we don’t get our equalization rates and that doesn’t happen if we’re not getting response from the grantees. * Scott Dennis, OOC   + Enforcement – enforcement actions continue as they flag through public outreach mostly through 311, SFPD, SFDPH and few other City partners that flag to us. Reminder from the enforcement team to all operators which is please ensure that you are working closely with your analyst and inspectors to facilitate the timely processing of your annual renewals, annual renewal process involves on an online submission form with related documents and also inspection by the OOC staff. Make sure you are responsible to those so you don’t experience any disruptions to your ability to conduct cannabis business.   + DCC – concerning product recalls. If you have not been receiving these notices, please contact the Office of Cannabis at our general inbox at [officeofcannabis@sfgov.org](mailto:officeofcannabis@sfgov.org). Recall contain important safety information from the DCC concerning faulty harmful products and operators can face fines or penalties for failures to comply with product recalls.   + Legislation – no substantive cannabis legislation that’s been introduced since our last meeting. * Nikesh Patel, OOC   + There is no substantive update, but an item heard earlier today, not substantive in the sense that impacts our operations, but this is a matter around fees for inspections that from DPH may have previously conducted, but no longer conduct, so if anything, it’s removal of those fees and those inspections. This does not directly pertain to our work. * Ali Jamalian   + Clarification regarding MCD and TMPs – it is set to sunset at the end of this year, but does the same date go for all city departments or is there for other departments, fire for example, are they adhering to that date as well or is that case-by-case basis?   + Nikesh Patel response to Ali – they are separate issue, they are codified. This particular section allows us to issue those provisional expire at the end of this year. The decisions made by individual departments like fire for instance to give us the authorization to continue to issue those – that is more case-by-case basis. So, 2 different timelines.   + Clarification regarding shot-clock, looking at finding those who want to continue and are serious about it and those that will most likely not continue past this year or to get an annual license – the TMPs are sunsetting at the end of this year, this is fire’s inspection and making sure that those operators are compliant with fire, are you looking at the individual operators and seeing how viable it is for them to make it by end of this year or have you guys set a date by the end of October and shutting everyone down?   + Captain Dennis Sy, SFFD response to Ali – currently, we’re with Office of Cannabis on 3 particular locations, one of them have been extended to December and the other 2 has a shorter date. Basically the operator needs to get their DBI permit final, anything related to the business has to get final, so the burden is not so much on fire, it’s on the operators. If these DBI permit cannot get final, fire has nothing to do with it, fire cannot get involved. For deadline, Nikesh or Ray can speak for that, there are 3 operators that have been given extensions, they are all within this year, none of them are going past December 31st. * Further questions, please reach out to Office of Cannabis at [officeofcannabis@sfgov.org](mailto:officeofcannabis@sfgov.org)   [No public comment] | Discussion | **10 min** |
| **7.** | **Recommendation for a Legislative Change to Ordinance #200144**  *The Committee will discuss and possibly vote to recommend to the Board of Supervisors a proposal by Chairperson Ali Jamalian for an amendment to Section 1606(e) of the Police Code, which was added to the Police Code in Ordinance #200144 on 06/23/2023. This provision currently imposes a moratorium on the OOC’s ability to process new retail-related Cannabis Business Permit applications until December 31, 2027.*  1. \*\*Existing Provision:\*\*    The Office of Cannabis (OOC) shall not process new retail-related Cannabis Business Permit applications until December 31, 2027.  2. \*\*Amended Provision:\*\*    Notwithstanding the moratorium stated above, the OOC shall be permitted to:    - Process new retail-related Cannabis Business Permit applications for properties that have previously been entitled but have since been abandoned, closed, or failed to complete the permitting process.    - Accept new applications from both new and existing applicants to occupy and operate within these previously entitled properties.    - Apply this rule to all license types covered under the original ordinance.  Public comment:   * Bram Goodwin – “I’m Bram Goodwin Media Director SF Brownie Mary Democratic Club I find this discussion very interesting and as was pointed by Jerry they are spots in the city they are vacant so to speak in terms of cannabis and I think we’ve talked a lot of times about the idea quote unquote portability for example I’d like to hear some discussion about it stores that are in congested quote unquote areas could they relocate to one of these other spots could they relocate to a one that is authorized that you were pointing out but did not open so that the person who holds those rights I guess sell them or pass them along because I think as people have been talking about that’s one the issues that we’re facing which is because of I would call it discrimination in the past we’ve been quote unquote green lined into very congested area so is there a way within the law that we could this work out because I think it’d `because everyone knows some of the stores are just hanging on they have no place to go especially the article 33 one so I would encourage the committee to come forward with something that might really work and let the lobby you know we’re all available to lobby are supervisors if that’s what it takes so I think it’s a great idea thank you.”   [Vote held, with 4 ayes and 1 nay the vote does not pass]   * + Ali Jamalian (Aye)   + Adam Hayes (Aye)   + Drakari Donaldson (Nay)   + David Nogales Talley (Aye)   + Shay Gilmore (Aye) | Discussion, Possible Action | **20 min** |
| **8.** | **Temporary Cannabis Events: Pilot Program Expansion**  *Committee members will hear a proposal from the Office of Cannabis about possibilities and constraints for expanding the Temporary Cannabis Events Pilot Program.*   * Events Regulatory Overview * Local: Temporary Events Pilot Program * State: Events Application Process Overview * State: Events Regulations * Looking Forward – The Future of Cannabis Events in San Francisco * Practical Effects of State Regulations * Possibility for an Expanded Pilot Program * Why this kind of Expansion? * Ongoing Constraints * What has already been done? * City Performance Project Updates * Next Steps for the OOC * Gathering Input from Stakeholders   Temporary Events Pilot Program is set to sunset on January 1, 2027  Public comment:   * Nate Landau: “Nate Landau I first want to start with other venues and wellness yoga studios…I don’t know feasible in the regulations but even physical therapy can benefit from it I recommend some research. Colorado doesn’t allow sales but Colorado has bring your own we have it through all these different venues be good resource and my question is standard smoking but what about vaping and there’s two kinds of vaping there’s flower and volcano and there’s vaping concentrate would that fall under smoking or would that fall under nonsmoking thank you.” * Bram Goodwin: “Bram Goodwin Media Director San Francisco Brownie Mary Democratic Club first of all I just want to compliment Office of Cannabis and the controller’s office people ask me what does controller’s office do [laughs] now I got something besides dry reports I got something no I think it’s impressive a couple of items and it ties in we’ve discussed the possibility of having a wellness fair at San Francisco County Fairgrounds if anybody knows the building at 9th and Lincoln incredible building and I just would like to also add what procedures for using city building such as this for a wellness thing the other thing I have to bring it up the elephant in the room look at product selection most of it or a very high percentage is smokable come on we have to confront this sooner or later which is there’s a number of studies out everywhere that indicate cannabis smoke is not toxic I’m not a doctor, I’m not professional by any chance but if we don’t explore this we’re just you know most event people are not going to put up any kind of money unless they can attract people like me are willing to come and willing to spend money on 75% of our products is there a way that we can open a dialogue and I’ve asked you this a million times with our San Francisco public health with State because without that and I love what you guys are doing but nobody is going to show up the economics are not going to be there unless we gone up by vaping or the other possible we need a task a force on this specific issue because right as we stand here as I’m standing here there’s people smoking inside indoor stuff so want to make it legal or do we just let them go out and do it on the street thank you. | Discussion, Possible Action | **45 min** |
| **9.** | **Proposed Future Agenda Items**  *Committee members will propose future agenda items for the next committee meeting.*   * Event permitting, expansion of the pilot program * Delivery – more ways to make it easy to open delivery for retailers. Delivery via bicycle or some type of transport   Public comment:   * Bram Goodwin: “Bram Goodwin Brownie Mary Democratic Club I just want to encourage you out there watching on YouTube…please come down the next meeting in person if you can but certain online also and give we need more dialogue from everyone I just want to encourage people to be part of this process we’re talking a lot of what I would call it somewhat contentious issues and it takes us the activists to stand up and give our opinions and I know for a lot of people it’s politics thing if you want to call it that is not their favorite thing and their cynicism fine but the reality is we want to move this thing to a place where medical patients especially taking care of which they’re not right now it takes us to stand up to talk about it we give our input to the Office of Cannabis controllers City everything we be part of the solution thank you." | Discussion, Possible Action | **5 min** |
| **10.** | **Adjournment** |  |  |