

CANNABIS STANDING COMMITTEE

Special Meeting
3:30 P.M.

April 4, 2024
Council Chambers

ROLL CALL

Council Member/Committee Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 3:31 P.M. and Acting City Clerk Rosales called the roll.

Present: Council Member/Committee Chair Wilson and Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker

Staff: Acting City Manager, Brad Helfenberger
City Attorney, Thomas Lloyd Smith
Economic Development Program Manager, Brett Sweet
Youth Services Network Manager, Monserrat Cabral
Administrative Analyst, Vanessa Rosales
Minutes Clerk, Kitty Eiden

INTRODUCTIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF CANNABIS STANDING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 23, 2023

On motion by Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker, seconded by Council Member/Committee Chair Wilson the Cannabis Standing Committee members unanimously approved the meeting minutes for October 23, 2024.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. CANNABIS EQUITY PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Economic Development Program Manager Sweet presented the staff report dated April 4, 2024, recommending the Cannabis Standing Committee receive and file the report to allow more time for the Economic Development department to explore options for a Cannabis Equity program.

A. Public Comment - None

B. Discussion and direction to staff

Following discussion, the Cannabis Standing Committee highlighted the importance of advancing the discussion of the Cannabis Equity Program and requested staff prioritize collection of data to conduct an assessment for a potential program and to be prepared for the

next grant cycle. They stated the next presentation to the committee should be how far the City was in that process.

City Attorney Smith reported that there were operating agreements that needed to be brought forward for consideration so another meeting would be scheduled soon.

Acting City Manager Helfenberger stated he would convey the direction provided to Acting City Manager Reed.

2. SOCIAL EQUITY PROGRAM OPTIONS

Youth Services Network Manager Cabral presented the staff report dated April 4, 2024, recommending the Cannabis Standing Committee recommend that the following social equity program nonprofit organizations receive funding from the identified cannabis businesses:

- Monument Impact to receive funding from G. Street Dispensary and Radix Growth
- Bridge Builders to the New Generation, Inc. to receive funding from Somersville Dispensary

A. Radix Growth, 300 G Street – No Presentation

B. Public Comment - None

C. Discussion and Direction to Staff

Following discussion, the Cannabis Standing Committee emphasized the importance of the non-profits being present to discuss their outcomes when they were being considered for funding. The Committee requested this item be reagendaized for the next meeting and noted that the date and time of the meeting could be adjusted to accommodate the non-profits attendance.

Council/Committee Member Torres-Walker stated she was reluctant to support funding for tenant advocacy given the number of organizations who were provided that service. She questioned if Bridge Builders to the New Generation provided community-based impact. She noted any programming details that could be provided prior to the next meeting would be helpful.

City Attorney Smith stated that staff would reagendaize the Cannabis Equity Program and Social Equity Program Options for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Council/Committee Member Torres Walker, seconded by Council/Committee Chair Wilson the Committee unanimously adjourned the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Kitty Eiden

KITTY EIDEN, Minutes Clerk