

# *Cannabis Regulatory Commission (former Measure Z)*

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Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 6:00 p.m.      **Draft Meeting Minutes**  
Council Chambers, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

## **Members:**

Dale Gieringer	District 1	Vacant	District 7
Charles Mintz	District 2	A. Kathryn Parker	At Large
Sierra Martinez	District 3	Leslie Bonett	Mayor
James Anthony	District 4	Vacant	City Auditor
Matt Hummel	District 5	Joe DeVries	City Administrator
Marlon Hendrix	District 6		

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## *AGENDA*

### A. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

*Members Gieringer, Mintz, Martinez, Anthony, Parker, DeVries, Vice Chair Hummel, and Chairperson Bonett were present. Member Hendrix was absent.*

### B. Open Forum / Public Comment

*There were no public speakers.*

### C. Review of the Pending List


*Chairperson added "Review of Terms of Office" to tracking of items for July Review. It was noted that all places where the documents say Measure Z need to be changed to "Cannabis Regulatory Commission." Item 8 was removed.*

*There was a brief discussion about the two vacancies on the committee. Both Council Member Reid and the Auditor have been approached about their vacancies.*

*Vice Chair Hummel asked about the name of "Measure Z" Clubs and whether they would change their names as well. It was agreed that those clubs will call themselves what they want regardless of the committee's name change.*

### D. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the Cannabis Regulatory Commission meeting of July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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*After a brief discussion about the role of the commission in advocating for cannabis legislation in other areas versus solely advising the City Council, the minutes were amended to reflect that Joe DeVries abstained for last month's vote on whether to send a letter to the Yes on 64 Campaign in Colorado. With that the minutes were approved.*

E. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

1. A discussion of the Measure Z annual report to the City Council Public Safety Committee.

*The group discussed various portions of the report and which commission members would draft each part. Joe DeVries asked that each member get their information to him in the next ten days so that he can put together a draft for the October packet. He also proposed that the commission consider submitting a Biennial report covering both 2011 and 2012 and submit the report in January or February. The group supported the submission of a biennial report with the understanding that the report would be finalized in January and presented to the Public Safety Committee in February.*

2. A continuation of: Monitoring OPD's implementation of the Measure Z provision making private, adult marijuana offense arrests the lowest law enforcement policy including a review of Oakland compliance / non-compliance policies with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

*Chairperson Bonett notes that Joe DeVries prepared citywide police beat maps showing where all marijuana arrests/citations had taken place. While there were more arrests in some of the beats with the highest crime rates, for the most part arrests were spread fairly evenly across the city. The conclusion is that the areas where the police have determined there is a greater need for a police presence, there also are more cannabis arrests.*

*Member Parker noted that if the commission is serious about a public education campaign then the maps inform the commission about where it should launch such a campaign. Joe DeVries noted that the International Blvd. corridor is a priority area for OPD and the beats that have International Blvd. running through them have a higher arrest rate.*

3. A discussion of Committee Members' terms of office to clarify which new appointees were appointed to full terms versus partial terms.

*Chairperson Bonett prepared a chart to determine which members needed to be reappointed sooner. In referencing the ordinance regarding the committee, the members from Districts 1, 3, 5, 7, the Mayor, and City Administrator are to be appointed in odd numbered years and the members from Districts 2, 4, 6, at-large, and the City Auditor are to be appointed in even number years.*

*Based on Chairperson Bonett's list, the odd numbered appointees are current through August 2013. The even numbered appointees need to be reappointed now as their terms technically expired in July of 2012. With Member Mintz, his appointment was technically a month early and can likely not have to be reappointed. Member Hendrix does not need to be reappointed until July of 2014. Joe DeVries was directed to discuss this issue with the City Clerk to get further clarity on members who were appointed just before the term expired.*

4. Review of a resolution condemning the federal crackdown on Oakland dispensaries.

*Member Parker explained that she forwarded the resolution to Council Member Kaplan and Member Martinez forwarded the resolution to Council Member Nadel who implied that the two Council Members are in communication about it. Joe DeVries asked if there was mention of the concern that the federal agencies would withdraw their assistance in Oakland with violent crime based on the council taking a position on cannabis and Member Martinez stated that this issue did not come up.*

*Member Gieringer asked about the City's involvement in the Oaksterdam raid. Joe DeVries reiterated that OPD received a very short notice and only was involved with traffic control later in the day and generally the committee was happy with OPD's response.*

*Before going to announcements the group discussed the agenda for the next meeting. It was decided to request the District Attorney and Public Defender come to either the October or November meeting.*

#### F. Announcements

*Member Martinez noted there were seven people in the audience today. Member Parker announced there was a meeting of the Students for Sensible Drug Policy at 8pm on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Member Gieringer announced the National NORML Conference in Los Angeles October 4-6 and the CA NORML Conference January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of prohibition in California. Chairperson Bonett announced that Oaksterdam University is having an event with Rosanne Barr regarding Medical Cannabis on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September.*

#### G. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.*