

# Cannabis Regulatory Commission (former Measure Z)

Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

### Members:

Dale Gieringer	District 1	Vacant	District 7
Vacant	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, Martinez, Anthony, Hendrix, DeVries, and Chairperson Bonett were present. Member Parker and Vice Chair Hummel were absent. The Chair announced, again, that there were vacancies on the Commission.*

### B. Open Forum / Public Comment

*Cecilia Bernaudi came forward and thanked the Commission for its work and specifically for the presentation at the Public Safety Committee.*

*Dorothy Smith addressed the Commission regarding “edibles” and her desire to see more promotion of them and recipes to provide cannabis consumers.*

### C. Review of the Pending List

*There were no changes to the pending list.*

### D. Approval of the Draft Minutes from the Cannabis Regulatory Commission meeting of February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

*The minutes from February were not available; the item was tabled to next month.*

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E. Reports for Discussion and Possible Action

1. What can Oakland do to support California Cannabis liberation/Report back from D. Gieringer on CA NORML Conference.

*Member Gieringer stated that several hundred people attended the NORML Conference including some state and federal representatives. The most significant thing to report is that a coalition is being put together to support a full legalization effort in 2016 called CCPR or Californians for Cannabis Policy Reform. The Steinberg-Leno Bill is really a spot bill awaiting details till after the Riverside Supreme Court Case regarding a ban on dispensaries. In the mean time there are two bills being considered by Darryl Steinberg and Tom Amiano. The Amiano bill is designed to regulate medical cannabis and is a bare bones measure that establishes a division of the ABC to regulate medical cannabis sales, production, distribution through fees but is very vague at the moment. The fact that there is a bill in both houses shows an interest in support from the legislature. There is also a zero tolerance DUI bill that criminalizes anyone with any amount of cannabis in their blood while driving.*

*Joe DeVries asked if any legislation was being introduced for full legalization and likened the idea of doing so to the early efforts at legislation around medical marijuana before going to the ballot box. Member Gieringer feels that many members of the legislature really want to fix the medical cannabis situation first and then move on the broader adult use issue.*

*Joe DeVries asked that the Commission look at the draft legislation more carefully in order to make an educated recommendation to the City Council. Member Anthony said he could help to provide drafts but that in fact the results of the current Supreme Court case are significant. He argued that having the ABC regulate medical cannabis would help legitimize the whole concept of cannabis dispensaries.*

*Member Gieringer suggested the Commission place a more thorough discussion on the April Meeting Agenda. Both Members Gieringer and Anthony agreed to help bring legislation forward to the Commission.*

*Joe DeVries further noted that with Oakland's long history of addressing the issue of dispensary regulations, the Commission and the City should be providing a strong role in making recommendations on this legislation.*

2. CRC's Biennial Report presentation to the Public Safety Committee and City Council, including: The East Bay Express article (attached), responses to/meeting with Chairperson Gallo, taking action on a Council Resolution, and the City's Smoking Ordinance.

*Chairperson Bonett noted that the presentation was covered thoroughly by the East Bay Express and that all of the members who came did a great job presenting the issues. The Committee Members were very interested in different parts of the report; CM Schaaf was actually suggesting edits to the proposed resolution, CM Kalb wanted to further discuss the smoking ordinance, and CM Gallo raised many concerns but was open to hearing all sides of the debate.*

*Member Martinez noted that CM Gallo said he would like to meet with a delegation of the members and that the Commission should pursue that. Joe DeVries noted that in a subsequent*

*conversation, CM Gallo reaffirmed his concerns and his interest with meeting with the Commission to better understand its perspective.*

*Chairperson Bonett asked who was interested in meeting with CM Gallo and Members Gieringer, Anthony, Martinez, all agreed to be part of that meeting. Joe DeVries also suggested the group meet with CM Schaaf regarding the resolution to get that item finished and to discuss the consumption on site issue.*

*Chairperson Bonett was concerned about how many people were coming to meet with the Council members and she did not want to overwhelm them so it was agreed to keep the delegation small.*

### 3. Update on Business Cards.

*There was a brief discussion about members' personal emails and whether they would want to put them on the cards. Joe DeVries noted that this may open them up to public information requests were one to be filed and they advertise their personal emails for conducting City business and therefore they may want to create a separate email for Commission business. The group was instructed to get the email and phone numbers they want used to Joe DeVries so he can get the cards ordered.*

### 4. Update on Website.

*Although Joe DeVries did work with an intern to update the page with past meeting minutes and agendas, apparently the updates did not appear when one went to the page from the outside. Chairperson Bonett asked that more work be done to bring the page up-to-date, including having the agendas posted before the meetings occur.*

*Last, there was a discussion about requesting the 2012 arrest data from OPD for the April or May Meeting. After some discussion, the Commission agreed to ask for the same set of data it ultimately received last year (in supplemental reports) in one report for either April or May. It was noted that there may be difficulty in getting data on infractions, or ticketable offenses as opposed to arrests.*

### F. Announcements

*Chairperson Bonett noted approximately ten members of the public attended the meeting. She also announced the MAPS Conference next month and the monthly activist meeting tonight at Oaksterdam's Student Union. Joe DeVries announced the series of OPD Public Safety Town Hall meetings.*

### G. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.*