

Marijuana Advisory Team (MAT) Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2021, at 1:00 PM

Location of Meeting: Executive conference room and via Zoom

MAT Team Present:

Thatcher W. Kezer III, COO

Shane O'Brien, Senior Planner, PCD

Officer Keith Strange, Police Department

Derek Kwok, Department of Public Health

Mollie Amaral, Community Outreach Coordinator, PCD

Michael Tusino, Building Commissioner, Department of Inspectional Services

Nawal Ahmed, CFO's Office

Legal Counsel:

Amanda Zuretti, Esq., Petrini & Associates, P.C., designee for City Solicitor

Minutes:

Thatcher Kezer stated that Life Essence Inc. ("Life Essence") doing business as Trulieve and Massachusetts Solventless Extractions, LLC were awaiting a response regarding how much the community impact fee would be.

Amanda Zuretti asked if Pine Delivery, Inc. had applied for any permits. Mr. Kezer asked where they are in the process before issuing the Host Community Agreement ("HCA"). Officer Keith Strange stated that he has reviewed Pine Delivery, Inc.'s security plan again but still did not know where their final location would be. Shane O'Brien stated not being in favor of a contingent HCA, i.e., one where the HCA would be signed prior to approval of the security plan and Planning Board review. Officer Strange asked if the HCA could be assigned to another entity. Ms. Zuretti stated that she had requested lease information for Pine Delivery, Inc. Mr. Kezer asked if there had been any correspondence with the owner of the building. Ms. Zuretti stated that she will send an email asking to clarify where Pine Delivery, Inc. is in the leasing process.

Thatcher Kezer brought up discussion regarding impact fees and deposits. Nawal Ahmed proposed a process for recording and documenting services for employee time spent working on marijuana advisory items. Mr. Kezer stated that currently we are using the MUNIS system and would need to calculate a rate. Michael Tusino stated the need to produce an hourly rate

for the MAT team. Discussion continued regarding deposits and impact fees. Mr. Strange stated an idea for a potential position as an administrative assistant to oversee legalized marijuana items for the city.

Mr. Kezer stated going to Beacon Compassion, Inc.'s location at 315 Worcester Road for a site visit. Discussion continued regarding the status of their medical marijuana HCA expiration date and that they are looking for a retail HCA.

Mr. Strange stated planning to meet with Union Twist, Inc. to review their security plan for their marijuana retail establishment at 630 Worcester Road. Officer Strange stated that they are going through final inspections with the commission and will be ready to open in November.

Mr. Tusino suggested development of a spreadsheet to keep track of marijuana advisory items to be updated during meetings.

Officer Strange stated that Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts Holdings, LLC f/k/a Temescal Wellness of Massachusetts Holdings, Inc. has been open since 2019, but has filed no incident reports with the Police Department despite having had issues in the parking lot, such as poor traffic management. Mr. Kezer requested a written summary of concerns for discussion at HCA renewal.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.