

Marijuana Advisory Team (MAT) Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2022 at 1:30 PM

Location of Meeting: Executive conference room and via Zoom

Guests: Representatives from Union Twist

MAT Team Present:

Michael Tusino, COO

Fred Bray, Acting Building Commissioner

Keith Strange, Police Department

Robin Williams, Department of Public Health

Shane O'Brien, PCD

Mollie Amaral, PCD

Legal Counsel:

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

Minutes:

Shane O'Brien spoke about HCA renewal process and letters for renewals expiring soon.

Representatives of Union Twist entered the meeting at 1:34 PM and gave a brief overview of company operations stating that they are hoping to open soon.

Mr. O'Brien asked if they had a certificate of occupancy

One of the representatives from Union Twist stated that they did have a certificate of occupancy and that the police took a tour of the facility last week and there was a board of health inspection last Friday.

Mr. O'Brien stated that their HCA would be expiring in March and assume they would be looking for a renewal.

Amanda Zuretti stated that they will need a new HCA which can be any term up to 3 years. Ms. Zuretti stated that it would be up to MAT to make a recommendation to the mayor and that the HCA expires on March 26th.

Officer Strange stated wanting to reiterate what they had talked about at the tour of the facility. Officer Strange stated that the Police want to know about any issues at the building and would like a point of contact. Mr. Strange stated to keep in communication with police and that they ask retail establishments to hire a detail for opening day of their establishments.

Mr. O'Brien stated to review any Planning Board conditions placed in their decision.

A representative of Union Twist stated that they will go by pre-ordered sales/appointments only to avoid too much walk-thru traffic.

Representatives of Union Twist exited the meeting at 1:52 PM

Ms. Zuretti stated that community impact fees should be looking into.

Mr. O'Brien stated that there have been emails received from Beacon Compassion and that they would like to set up a walk thru for their security setup and invited the MAT team for a tour of the building. Mr. O'Brien stated that landscaping had been done and fresh stone put down for material at the site.

Mr. O'Brien stated that MassSolventless is working on process for site plan, and does not believe they finalized an HCA with the city, but have a call with them.

Fred Bray stated that there was an informal inquiry about setting up a marijuana processing at 2 Watson Place. No sales, just processing.

Mr. O'Brien stated that he believed that may be MassSolventless.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:04 PM