



Gary Christenson, Mayor

**CANNABIS LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
VIA ZOOM**

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 5 PM

Committee Members in Attendance		
√	Jenelle DeVits, Chair	Council Appt.
√	Ron Hogan	Finance
√	Nelson Miller	Bldg. Commissioner
√	Kevin Molis	Chief of Police
√	Diana Jeong	Mayor's Appt.
√	Kathleen Manning Hall	Clerk <i>Non-voting member</i>

MINUTES

- 1. Roll Call of Committee Members:** Meeting began at 5 PM. A quorum of the members was present to conduct business.
- 2. Vote on Commission Chair for 2021:** The CLEC ordinance states a new chair must be elected each year. Ron believes that different voices in leadership are valuable and there should be a new chair at this time to bring a different perspective. Chief Molis thanked Ron for his dedication on this initiative and recognized the work that went into it and for getting the CLEC where it is an effective, fair, and impartial body. *Motion by Chief Molis to appoint Jenelle DeVits as Chair of the CLEC. Seconded by Diana Jeong.* Discussion: Nelson Miller discussed the history of the commission - he and Ron were basically handed an ordinance and regulations and they took it from there. He commended Ron's incredible management in driving the process to this point which would not have happened so successfully without Ron's leadership. Many of the eight applicants praised Malden's clear, concise and transparent process. Cities and towns have been calling us for advice during the nine months we moved ahead four applicants – no other city or town has four shops open. Only one city in the state (which is 40 square miles) has three shops open. Nelson would prefer that Ron remain Chair. Ron thanked Nelson however recommends change and believes it would be a benefit to the Commission. *Clerk called the roll on the Motion to appoint Jenelle DeVits Chair of the CLEC: Jenelle DeVits-present, Nelson Miller-no, Diana Jeong-yes, Chief Molis-yes, Ron Hogan-yes. Motion passes – Jenelle DeVits is the new Chair of the CLEC.* Jenelle echoed

the comments on Ron's leadership, the transparency of the committee and thanked Ron for his leadership.

3. **Review and approval of Minutes of Tuesday, November 24, 2020.** *Motion by Nelson Miller to approve the November 24 minutes; seconded by Diana Jeong. All in favor, Motion passes unanimously.*
4. **Posted: Monday, January 11 to begin accepting applications; Tuesday February 16 to discuss the volume and quality of applications received on or before February 9.** Kathleen reported that letters went out to prior candidates notifying them of the new application process, a press release was posted to the papers, the city website and all the city's social media. So far four prospective applicants have reached out. No applications have been received at this time. At the last meeting, a maximum number of applications to be received was not determined. At the February 16th meeting the CLEC will review what was received by February 9th. Kathleen will notify members as applications are received. If Jenelle receives communications, she will forward to Kathleen for distribution to the entire CLEC.
5. **Proposed Ordinance Changes:** Ron reported that the new Ordinance Committee is being formed at tonight's City Council meeting. Ron will send a memo to the incoming Ordinance Chair detailing the dialog and votes from the last meeting to see if they will sponsor it and move it forward. Ron will forward the CLEC his memo.
6. **New Business:** The two applicants that are moving forward were required to hold second community meetings as the state was not going to issue a waiver for the length of time that had passed since the first meeting. The meetings will be remote public meetings. One has been held, there was low attendance; the other will be held later this month. Host Community Agreements are being worked on by the Mayor's office.
7. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

Motion to adjourn at 5:28 PM by Ron Hogan to adjourn and seconded by Chief Molis. All in favor, meeting adjourned.