



Gary Christenson, Mayor

CANNABIS LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
 City Council Chamber, 215 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA
 Community to watch Via Zoom Webinar
 Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 5 PM

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

In attendance remotely: Ward 1 Councillor Peg Crowe

MINUTES

1. Roll Call of Committee members. Meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM and there was a quorum sufficient to conduct business.

2. CLEC Applicant Presentations and Interviews.

(1) 5-6 PM: Interview of DMS Trinity, LLC

Proposed location: 36 Charles Street, Malden

Representing DMS Trinity, LLC:

- Roberto DiMarco, Attorney for Walker, Foster & DiMarco, providing Legal Services.
- Mary Susan Blout, Principal, women majority owned business, her son will join her when he graduates college. Lifelong resident of Stoneham, 3 children. B.A. from Suffolk, worked at WGBH media for 20+ years.
- Jerry Gallo, Alcohol, Tobacco and Fire-Arms Agent. Law enforcement background, state police certified basic home safety and law enforcement officer start act instructor.
- Evan Dolber, Retail Consultant, lifetime Malden resident, retail professional, cannabis industry since 2016, extensive experience in running retail operations. Will stay on board as long as it takes.
- Dennis Pinhone Dos Santos, Mary's brother-in-law from Brazil, now a citizen, retail experience; used cannabis for anxiety.
- Angelina Ventouris, wants to assist stroke victims with cannabis.
- Steven Byrne, victim of Boston Marathon Bombings, uses cannabis for PTSD.
- Dylan Handy, Marketing and social media, active in LGBTQ+ community.

- Brian Collins, Electrician
- Gontrand Andre, Owner of One Protection Security who will be providing security services.
- Jean Casale, Pharmacology Consultant, retired pharmacist. Board of Directors for Sage Cannabis, now Sira Naturals; extensive knowledge of medical cannabis. Jean will stay on as long as needed to assist customers - fine line as to how much info she can give them, she will offer them information but not medical advice. Will have information in various languages.

Location: 36 Charles Street, Malden, they will take over full use of the premises. Building is 3,000 square feet. There are 30 parking spaces available as part of the parcel; 19 additional spots are MBTA property that they are leasing from MBTA. Building has 11 spots. They will also utilize public parking spots for additional parking. Will conduct traffic study if required. Ed Spinney of Sign Art owns the building. They have spoken to the Ward Councillor but have not talked to neighbors about moving in. There is an Asian grocer going in the old bowling alley space – it was suggested to contact them.

Buildout Costs: They believe they have the funds for the buildout. Attorney DiMarco will get the CLEC unredacted copies of financials.

Customer Experience: Hours of operation will be Monday through Sunday 9AM-9PM. Customers will have ID scanned and verified and will enter double locking vestibule and have ID reconfirmed. Budtender meets customer, reconfirms ID and brings to display tables. Budtender helps customer, who obtains product from inventory which is handed over in a childproof bag with instructions. Upon exiting, ID is reverified. Only 10 persons per 10,000 feet allowed. Clients will enter through side entrance, workers will utilize front entrance.

Security Plan: Have an updated security team with limited access for safes. Will have standard alarms and cameras, childproof packaging, trap room to prevent entrance onto retail floor until ID verified. Licensed and bonded security personnel, 24/7 monitoring from dispatch command center. Chief Molis commended the collaboration with Jerry Gallo for security. Closed garage area for removal and delivery of product.

Supplier: Bostica, Lynn and River Runs

Employees: Intent is to hire 60% from Malden from local job fairs, working with city departments; prioritize women, minorities, veterans, LGBTQ+ and people with disabilities. Extensive training to employees; They plan to hire 14-20 employees.

Giving Back to the Community: will connect with various protected classes, provide safe and secure facility, will educate students, support addiction programs, have joined Chamber of commerce. Will provide resources and staff to participate at Fenway Aids Group.

(2) 6-7 PM: Center Harvest Corp.
Proposed location: 65 Commercial Street, Malden

Representing Center Harvest Corp.

- Anne Vigorito, Attorney, Somerville
- Peter Gizzi, President Center Harvest Corp., attorney
- Gladys Vega, Executive Director of Chelsea Collaborative, worked during pandemic, Diversity and equity, community liaison who will do hiring, Owner of cannabis business
- Leah Piantidosi, Director of Public Relations, investor and licensed RE agent; mother used cannabis during cancer treatment; Dispensary in Somerville – East Coast Remedies;
- Scott Jenkins, Director of Security ACT protective services, experience with Medical Cannabis facilities.
- Tom Mourmouras, (*via Zoom*) Director, founder of Rosebud LLC in Maine, is also a CPA
- Jamie Crumb, (*via Zoom*) consultant for products, owns and operates biomass extracting company.

Location: 65 Commercial Street, Malden (Midas site) 6,000 SF, has 30 parking places

Buildout Costs: Building will be completely renovated to code.

Customer Experience: Secured entrance, experienced salespeople. Tom Mourmouras and Jamie Crumb have more knowledge of the products, and therapies, and will handle retail and customer facing aspects. Tom will be part of day-to-day operation. Will have highly trained management staff. All customers must take the customer pledge that they will be responsible consumers.

Security Plan: multiple cameras inside and outside building, product will come directly into the building.

Ownership:

Peter Gizzi, President - 5%

Robert DeLuca, Treasurer - 45% (major investor)

James MacNeil - 5%

Gladys Vega - 5%

Kent Smith - 5%

Tom Mourmouras, only Director - 3%,

Leah Piantidosi – 5%

22% undeclared – shares may be disbursed.

Controlling the entity are Gladys, Peter, and Tom, they may add or remove members as company moves forward.

Employees: Will hire from the community, will have a diverse group of employees.

Giving Back to the Community: will provide programming to the community.

3. Review and Approval of March 10, 2021 Minutes. *Motion by Ron Hogan to approve the March 10 minutes; seconded by Chief Molis. All in favor, Motion passes unanimously.*

4. New Business:

- a. Kathleen circulated proposed language to amend application instructions so that applicants must provide a redacted version of the application to be posted on the city website. She will run it by the Legal Department to make sure all items that need to be redacted are included.

- b. The applicant who is currently scheduled for an interview on April 14th was initially scheduled for March 24th and asked for the appointment to be moved. He has had conversations with Anderson, Sica and Nelson Miller about a new location and is putting together changes to his proposal. Discussion ensued as to whether this is fair to other applicants as he now has an unfair advantage of having more time to prepare and does the CLEC want this candidate to proceed. A revised location is a substantial change and is the most challenging piece of the process. Should an applicant be allowed to submit an application without a location to hold as a placeholder? In the interest of transparency is this fair? This is something to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

- c. After the interview on April 14th, the CLEC will discuss the candidate interviews along with the rolling basis for manufacturing and cultivation.

5. Next meeting: April 14, 2021

Motion to adjourn at 7 PM by Ron Hogan and seconded by Nelson Miller. All in favor, meeting adjourned.