



CANNABIS LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
 Board Room #105, Pleasant Street, Malden, MA
 Community to watch Via Zoom Webinar
 Wednesday, August 25, 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>

MINUTES

- 1. Roll Call of Committee members.** Meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM and there was a quorum sufficient to conduct business.
- 2. Review and approval of May 26, 2021 Minutes.** *Motion by Nelson Miller to approve the minutes of May 26; seconded by Ron Hogan. All in favor, Motion passes unanimously.*
- 3. Review and approval of June 2, 2021 Minutes.** *Motion by Diana Jeong to approve the minutes of June 2; seconded by Nelson Miller. All in favor, Motion passes unanimously.*
- 4. DMS Trinity - Status Update.** DMS held community meeting on June 9th, Jenelle spoke to Rob DiMarco who is planning to file for the special permit this week. Discussion about whether Rob missed the deadline from public meeting to special permit filing. Update: The timeline for filing for special permit after the public meeting is 60 days, if Rob didn't submit by August 9th, he must hold another public meeting. Nelson will reach out to Rob DiMarco.
- 5. Benevolent Botanicals Communication.** The CLEC received a communication from them on July 29th – they were getting their operating memorandum and now have \$2 million in financing. They are past the 90-day window should have documents in order by now. The CLEC would like to review the documents before having them in to present. Kathleen will reach out to Warren and Mike to request documents to review a week before we set the meeting date to have them in.

- 6. Ordinance Changes – adopted.** City Council passed the ordinance change that one of the social equity applicants and minority owned businesses to be priority for retail licenses:
- a. For at least one of the licenses, preference shall be given to an applicant where at least 51% of the business is owned by a resident of Malden for the past five years; or
 - b. Applicant who would qualify for the CCC Economic Empowerment Priority Review; or
 - c. Applicant who would qualify for the Social Equity Program; or
 - d. Minority owned business as designated by Commonwealth.

7. Timeline for accepting new retail license applications. Discussion about reopening the process and how many retail licenses remain. Question about whether census results increase the City’s number of available licenses and that is not the case. We had communications from previous applicant Chris Fevry who wants to come before the CLEC with a new location. The CLEC determined that he needs to present a new application but factoring in that he has presented already. Discussion regarding the benefit of determining a period of time to reopen. A 60-day time period was decided, and by then the CLEC will have an idea of where Benevolent Botanicals stands thereby helping to determine how many licenses remain. Kathleen will issue a press release announcing the reopening period and update the website. *Motion by Ron Hogan to reopen the application process from September 1st to November 1st and seconded by Nelson Miller. All in favor, Motion passes unanimously.* Include in press release that all applicants will need to provide electronic copy in press release with CORI information redacted. Electronic copy as well as hard copy to be provided. Kathleen to ask Kate how we should handle the request for PDF version and how we handle the CORI piece of it.

8. New Business.

- a. Jenelle circulated a legal opinion from Kate Fallon about a Salem lawsuit. The case supported exactly what we do.
- b. Chief will circulate copies of information he receives about laws pertinent to marijuana.
- c. Work has begun at both locations that have received Special Permits. They are still not licensed by MA CCC but are able to work on the construction on the buildings. MA CCC is backlogged.

9. Next Meeting: Next meeting will be after receipt of documents from Benevolent Botanicals.

Motion to adjourn at 5:30 by Nelson Miller, seconded by Ron Hogan, all in favor.