



# MEETING OF THE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION

North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Street  
Multipurpose Room

Thursday, January 28, 2016  
6:00 PM

## SPECIAL MEETING APPROVED ACTION MINUTES

### I. Call to Order – 6:05

#### A. Roll Call

Commissioners present: Cooper, Ferguson-Riffe, Jones (arrived at 6:10), Pappas, Rice, Tims.

Absent: Lampach (recused due to conflict of interest/excused by councilmember) and Rush.

#### Ex Parte Communications:

- Commissioner Ferguson-Riffe spoke to a representative of Berkeley Compassionate Care Center regarding their operations.
- Chair Pappas provided contact information for Commissioners to Berkeley Compassionate Care Center.

Staff present: Secretary Elizabeth Greene, Principal Planner Alex Amoroso, Assistant Planner Kelly Cha, and Planning Intern Annelise Dohrer.

#### B. Changes to Order of Agenda

None.

### II. Consideration of Medical Cannabis Dispensary Applicants

#### A. Staff Introduction

Secretary Greene explained the format of the meeting and gave some background regarding the selection process to date and next steps.

#### B. Presentations by Dispensary Applicants (10 minutes each)

Presentations were given in the following order, based on a random drawing:

- The Apothecarium – 2578 Shattuck Avenue
- Berkeley Women's Cannabis Alliance, dba Blum Boutique – 2067 University Avenue
- The Cannabis Center – 1436 University Avenue
- iCANN Health Center – 3243 Sacramento Avenue
- Berkeley Compassionate Care Center – 2465 Telegraph Avenue
- Berkeley Innovative Health – 1229 San Pablo Avenue

**C. Questions from the MCC (1 hour)**

The MCC asked questions related to:

- Compatibility with neighbors
- Affordability of product
- Availability of free services
- Operations
- Experience in the cannabis industry
- Funding.

**8:05 – 8:15 - 10 minute break**

**D. Public Comment**

Twenty-seven members of the public spoke. Most spoke in support of a dispensary. Two expressed concern regarding parking and other neighborhood impacts.

**III. Information Items**

None.

**IV. Correspondence**

None.

**V. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Nineteen late items were distributed at the meeting:

1. E-mail from Nina Taylor supporting Berkeley Compassionate Care Center (2 pages)
2. Cease and Desist order from Burke Hansen (Hallinan and Hallinan) regarding public comments related to Berkeley Compassionate Care Center (12 pages)
3. Letter from Zach Cowan to Burke Hansen in response to Cease and Desist order (2 pages)
4. E-mail from Kathy Olival supporting BCCC proposal (1 page)
5. E-mail from Ken Vanosky, Katherine Bierce and Jules Winters opposing iCANN proposal (3 pages)
6. E-mail from Caryn Pelegrino opposing iCANN proposal (2 pages)
7. E-mail from Ray Pelegrino opposing iCANN proposal (3 pages)
8. On-line petition supporting iCANN proposal (55 pages)
9. Flyer from 8-24-96 People's Park event supporting Proposition 215 (Medical Use of Marijuana)
10. Information from Apothecarium regarding proposal (3 pages)
11. Information from Berkeley Compassionate Care Center regarding proposal (6 pages)
12. Information from Berkeley Innovative Health regarding proposal (2 pages)
13. Information from iCANN regarding proposal (15 pages)

14. Lease between owner of 3243 Sacramento Avenue and iCANN dated 1-27-16
15. Letter from Holda Novelo updating the status of the Apothecarium's proposed location
16. Letter from Pasquale Pellegrino updating the status of Berkeley Compassionate Care Center 's proposed location
17. Letter from Shareef El-Sissi and purchase agreement updating status of the Berkeley Innovative Health's proposed location
18. Letter from Cecile Isaacs updating status of the Cannabis Center's proposed location
19. Letter from Trevor Pratte updating status of iCANN's proposed location

Commissioners in attendance: 6

Members of the public in attendance: Approximately 100

Public speakers: 27

Length of meeting: 2 hours, 55 minutes

APPROVED:



Elizabeth Greene

Medical Cannabis Commission Secretary