

February 28, 2022

Voting Members

Present: [Ana Albuquerque, Scott Ananian, Ranch Kimball, John Kleschinsky, Vaughan Rees, Alok Somani (Chair)]

Regrets: []

Others Present: []

Pre-Read

1. 20220214 (Draft) Meeting Notes (word file)
2. 20220228 (Draft) Proposed Agenda

Agenda

1. Public comment
2. Review committee charge and agreed output
3. Discuss and agree proposed content for report
 - a. Three phases: gather evidence, analysis, draft recommendations
4. Agenda for next meeting
5. Any other business

Committee Charge:

- Consider and recommend measures to ensure that licensing of Marijuana Establishments in Brookline genuinely provides disadvantaged minority equity applicants and employees with on-going access to economic opportunity;
- Consider and recommend whether there are other measures that might better provide disadvantaged minority equity applicants and employees with access to economic opportunity; and
- Consider and recommend zoning, caps and other restrictions that may deliver the desired equity outcome and best serve the public good when licensing Marijuana Establishments in Brookline.

Agreed Output:

- Evidence based recommendations and a Brookline policy framework to guide the Select Board when considering the licensing and operation of Marijuana Establishments.

Proposed Content (What):

A. Gather evidence

- What is the current approach to licensing in Brookline – goals, policy and effectiveness.
- What is the current legal framework in MA and how does that frame the topic?
- What new laws or amendments is the State legislature currently considering?
- What regulations is the CCC currently considering – shape of current, changes to existing, shape of new and timeline?
- What has the public input been State-wide?
- What are interest groups – both pro / con – promoting for policy and restrictions?
- Input from the Brookline community – ensure different points of view are heard, ensure that those who led the effort to legalize, craft existing bylaws and implement are heard.
- What are the policy proposals that have been (i) tried, (2) proposed in MA and other States to ensure economic access – inside and outside of marijuana industry participation – and results?
- How is economic value generated and shared across the full value chain of the marijuana industry both in MA and other States?
 - Value chain economics might be different State to State and dependent upon State specific regulations.
- What are the generally accepted elements of public good associated with legalization of marijuana?
 - Preventing under-age access
 - Role of medical marijuana cards
 - Community health impacts
 - Emerging medical research
 - Policing approach
 - Impact of quantity and location of outlets in geographic areas on business economics
 - Zoning restrictions
 - Advertising restrictions (on-line, mailers, billboards, kiosks, store fronts, etc)
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- What restrictions have other communities put in place with respect to marijuana licensing and the identified basis for the restriction.
- What are the analogous products / industries and how are these regulated?

B. Analysis

- Policies and effectiveness

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- Restrictions and effectiveness
- Implications of public input
- Direction of the State legislature and CCC

C. Draft Recommendations

Decisions – n/a

Actions

Meeting Notes

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