



# Town of Brookline

## CANNABIS MITIGATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nancy Heller  
Chair

### Cannabis Mitigation Advisory Committee

MINUTES – Tuesday, March 2, 2021

12 – 1 pm

#### Attendees

Committee Members: Nancy Heller, Matt Hyatt, Bruce Levin, Ana Otero, Alison Plante, Michael Zoorob ,  
Danny Stone

Staff: Erin Gallentine, Lt. Det Paul Cullinane, Lesley Craft, Maria Morelli, Monique Baldwin, Kevin  
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The CMAC meeting was held virtually via Zoom and was recorded. Although members of the public attended, there was no public comment.

Chair Nancy Heller introduced the Danny Stone, a new Committee Member.

Chair Nancy Heller moved on to the second agenda item; the vote of the committee's priorities regarding mitigation budget items. Committee Member Matthew Hyatt provided an overview of the updated excel sheet indicating the average of each line item. Mr. Hyatt stated the lower the number provided signifies the higher the priority ranking of each line item.

Committee Member Danny Stone inquired as to how the Committee arrived at their chosen priorities.

Chair Heller provided an overview of the process and suggested that Mr. Stone view the recordings of the previous CMAC meetings. There was discussion regarding racial equity and beautification and why those line items were outliers.

Mr. Hyatt inquired regarding the contingent line items, one of which included equipment and uniforms in the police budget. Lt. Paul Cullinane clarified that the equipment (bikes) and uniforms are needed now,

and are for personnel (positions that are already filled). The equipment and uniforms are not contingent on new hires; it is a line item that is needed now.

Committee Member Alison Plante made a motion to accept the priorities with the averages listed. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the prioritized mitigation budget items with the averages as listed:

1	Item	Dept	\$	New/Increase?	Notes	AO	AP	BL	MH	MZ	NH	Average
2	2 x Parking	BPD	\$100,414			1	1	1	1	1	1	1.0
3	Inspections	BPD	\$30,000			1	1	1	1	1	1	1.0
4	3 x PT Substance Abuse Counselors	DPH	\$25,000			1	1	1	1	1	1	1.0
5	Sanitation Services	DPW	\$164,197	Increase		1	1	1	1	1	1	1.0
6	Park Patrols & Sanitation Services	DPW	\$105,000			1	1	1	1	1	1	1.0
7	1 x FT Substance Abuse Counselor	DPH	\$63,000			1	1	3	1	1	1	1.3
8	Community Health Specialist	DPH	\$65,000			1	1	3	1	1	1	1.3
9	Comm Education	DPH	\$30,000	New		1	1	1	1	3	1	1.3
10	Research software	DPH	\$20,000	New		2	1	1	1	2	2	1.5
11	Transportation Division Staff Support	DPW	\$107,000	New		2	2	1	2	1	1	1.5
12	Education Training & Conf	DPH	\$5,000			2	1	1	2	2	2	1.7
13	Epidemiologist	DPH	\$65,000	New	Position already approved	2	1	3	2	2	1	1.8
14	Education	BPD	\$50,000	New	Consider combining w DPH?	2	1	2	2	3	2	2.0
15	Env Health Policy Analyst	DPH	\$65,000	New		3	2	3	2	2	2	2.3
16	Climate Mitigation Offset	DPW	\$75,000	New	Legal use of funds?	3	3	2	3	2	1	2.3
17	Benefits BPD	BPD	\$75,000		N/A - Contingent				N/A	N/A		N/A
18	Equipment/Uniforms	BPD	\$19,000		N/A - Contingent?				N/A	N/A		N/A
19	3 x Police Officers	BPD	\$193,946		Will be reallocated in FY22	1	N/A	1	1	N/A		N/A
20	Benefits DPH	DPH	\$77,400		N/A - Contingent				N/A	N/A		N/A
21												
22	Racial Equity					3	3	3	3	1	3	Duplicative of state program
23	Public Art / Beautification					1	3	1	3	1	3	nexus problem -BL

Senior Planner Maria Morelli, on behalf of the Planning Department, provided an overview of the marijuana retail establishment caps. Ms. Morelli stated there are two marijuana retail establishments currently in operation; NETA and Sanctuary. The Zoning Board of Appeals has just granted two special permits to two additional marijuana retailers; Mission Inc. at 1024 Commonwealth Avenue and Comm Ave Canna at 1030 Commonwealth Avenue.

Additionally, Ms. Morelli noted that NETA currently provides adult-use and medical marijuana at 160 Washington St. She stated that NETA has applied to move the medical portion to 1280 Boylston St and will need to go through the site plan review and special permit processes. Ms. Morelli added that though NETA is not required to enter another Host Community Agreement (HCA), they have voluntarily offered to enter a new agreement.

Finally, Ms. Morelli provided an update regarding the Cannabis Control Commission's new Delivery Operator and Courier license types. She stated she is working alongside Patty Correa and that Delivery Operators are to be allowed in the I and O Districts with a maximum of 5,000 sf. Couriers are to be allowed in L, G, I & O Districts.

Monique Baldwin, Cannabis Licensing & Mitigation Coordinator, provided an update regarding the Racial Equity Home Rule Bill that the Town Administrator is proposing. Ms. Baldwin stated the Home Rule Bill would be filed before the warrant closes, and that she will provide the Committee all materials to discuss at their next meeting in April.

Lieutenant Cullinane provided an update on public smoking. He stated that in February he received 7 calls, and 5 of them were related to dispensaries. Mr. Cullinane stated that those individuals were educated on the By-Law. To put in perspective, Mr. Cullinane noted that last February, 23 calls were received. He attributed the low number of calls in February to the fact that there are more dispensaries available today than a year ago, and also because of COVID.

Chair Heller moved on to the next agenda item; the approval of the meeting minutes from January 26, 2021. Mr. Hyatt made a motion. Committee Member Michael Zoorob seconded. It was a unanimous vote of the Committee to approve the meeting minutes from January 26, 2021.

The final agenda item included the discussion regarding an alternate time to meet. It was decided that Ms. Baldwin would poll the Board regarding which dates and times were most agreeable.

Meeting adjourned.

*CMAC meetings are the fourth Tuesday of every month at 12 pm.*

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