CANNABIS LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
Malden Police Station, 800 Eastern Ave., Malden, MA
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 5 PM

Committee Members in Attendance

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<td>Ron Hogan, Chair</td>
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<td>Kevin Molis</td>
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Also in attendance: Councillor Ryan O’Malley; Resident Warren Lynch and other residents; several applicants.

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call of Committee Members**: Meeting began at 5:07 PM. A quorum of the members was present to conduct business.

2. **Review and approval of August 28, 2019 and September 4 Minutes.** Motion by Nelson Miller to approve minutes of August 28, 2019 and September 4, 2019 and seconded by Chief Molis; all in favor, Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Applicant Approval – next steps:**
   - Chair Hogan reiterated that last week the CLEC voted to move two applications forward: MassMedicum and Standard Naturals. The candidates were notified this week. Ron clarified for the public that there are several checks and balances factored in before an applicant may apply to the state for their license including:
     
     a. Candidate must work with the Ward Councillor to hold a community meeting;
     
     b. A special permit must be issued by City Council; and
     
     c. The Mayor must execute a Host Community Agreement.

   - The CLEC is working hard to be transparent by videotaping meetings, minutes are available as soon as approved. CLEC members only discuss CLEC matters at
scheduled public meetings. The CLEC asked applicants for clarity when they had questions and gave a deadline as to when no more information would be accepted.

- Since it has come to the attention of CLEC members that there has been dialog on social media regarding applicants moved forward, Nelson Miller addressed questions regarding “principal use.” Rules that govern cannabis enforce that certain zoning areas, buffer zones, parking, etc. are in place. Amendments to Section 300 of Malden’s zoning regulations prohibit any use of a proposed location except by the “principal” use. This means that a parcel being used for a cannabis establishment must be the sole use of the building. No other uses are permitted. Several candidates had other uses of their proposed building. Dimensional controls (setbacks, buffer zones, etc.) is a separate issue and something an applicant may apply for variances from.

- Ron Hogan opened discussion. Chief Molis was impressed by Keltic Green (75 Broadway) and their presentation and would like to motion to move them forward. Jenelle DeVits asked why the CLEC was discussing other applicants as her understanding was that the CLEC was done accepting candidates. Misty Mountain Shop was the one candidate that was left open for discussion. There was confusion at last week’s meeting - Chief Molis said he had candidates that he liked, however it was getting very late. The discussion on Keltic Green will be tabled until the next meeting when others are more prepared.

- *Motion by Nelson Miller to move candidate Misty Mountain Shop forward.* Nelson motioned to move them forward twice before and feels like they have presented the best application, funding, likes the location, have no parking issues, and will have a positive buildout. They had a comprehensive approach and articulated a clear vision. They took a lot of time to put together a thoughtful application and clearly care about doing business in the City. *Seconded by Chief Molis. Roll call vote on the Motion to move candidate Misty Mountain Shop forward:* Ron Hogan-yes; Nelson Miller-yes; Kevin Molis-yes; Jenelle DeVits-yes; Diana Jeong-yes. *Motion to move Misty Mountain Shop forward passes unanimously.*

- Any follow up questions that CLEC members have about candidates who have moved onto the next step should be submitted to Kathleen. Jenelle had some questions on Mass Medicum’s letter of intent.

4. **Ongoing Dialog on Retail Application process:** CLEC will hold off on further discussions on this item until the next meeting when there is clarity about not moving anyone else forward. At some point there will be a motion to end deliberations on this round of candidates.
5. **Ongoing Dialog for other license types:**
   a. There is no limit on manufacturing and cultivation licenses. One applicant who applied for three licenses may have interest in reapplying without the retail component.
   b. Nelson Miller feels that we could accept applications for other license types on a rolling basis as the properties for these uses are limited.
   c. At this time the CLEC will continue to meet weekly and then will eventually meet monthly to consider applications on a monthly basis for cultivation and manufacturing, once retail licenses become full. One retail applicant must be a Malden resident/economic empowerment candidate.
   d. Diana Jeong brought up debriefing with applicants who did not move forward to let them know why and where they stand. This will be discussed next week.

6. **New Business.**
   a. Jenelle announced that the Fall River Mayor was arrested for extorting marijuana licenses. If any applicant or anyone hears about inappropriate activity, they should let the CLEC members know immediately.
   b. Kathleen will circulate agendas before posted to get everyone’s input.

7. **Next meeting:** Wednesday, September 18th in the Malden Police Department Community Room.

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 PM by Nelson Miller and seconded by Chief Molis. All in favor, meeting adjourned.