



Venice Neighborhood Council

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VNC Cannabis Committee

August 7, 2018, Tuesday, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Extra Space Storage Community Room, 658 Venice Blvd.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – Roll Call (7:00–7:03 pm)

	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
Cindy Chambers, Chair			Michael Jensen		
Roseann Boffa			Sailene Ossman		
Justin Brezhnev			Shep Stern		

2. Approval of this agenda as presented or amended (7:03–7:05 pm)
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS (7:05–7:10 pm)
4. PUBLIC COMMENT on items not on the agenda (7:10–7:15 pm)
5. Approval of minutes of June 26, 2018, meeting (7:15–7:18 pm)
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Provide an update on Outreach Committee meeting regarding a VNC Cannabis Townhall (7:18 –7:40 pm)
 - B. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Remaining open seat on the Cannabis Committee (7:40 –7:45 pm)
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Phase II (LAMC Section 104.08) application filing period opened August 1, 2018 and continues until September 13, 2018 (7:45 –7:50 pm)

The Department of Cannabis Regulation began accepting applications for non-retailer commercial cannabis activities. Applications will be accepted until 4 P.M. on Thursday, September 13, 2018. Applicants applying for a License for Non-Retailer Commercial Cannabis Activity pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 104.08 must demonstrate that they meet certain eligibility requirements. Among other requirements, Applicants must establish that (1) they were engaged prior to January 1, 2016, in the same type of Non-Retailer Commercial Cannabis Activity for which they now seek a License; (2)

they supplied an Existing Medical Marijuana Dispensary (EMMD) prior to January 1, 2017; and (3) they qualify under the Social Equity Program.

It seems unlikely that non-retail applicants will establish a business within the Venice community. However, this is an opportunity to briefly review Phase II rollout information and discuss and propose any further action, if necessary.

For more information, please refer to the [Phase II Quick Reference Manual](#) posted by City of Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation.

- B. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Identify criteria and discuss the VNC Cannabis Committee's role in the annual licensing process (7:50 –8:20 pm)

The mission of the VNC Cannabis Committee is to:

- Support our community's stakeholders, organizations, and local businesses in the transition out of an unregulated industry and into a new regulatory framework; and,
- Liaise with local government and public agencies to access resources and share community-based education and best practices.

Through our demonstrated commitment to our mission, the Cannabis Committee will work closely with the VNC Board and other committees to inform and make recommendations regarding licensing applications for Venice. The Cannabis Committee must begin to define and propose a process by which both stakeholders and the VNC Board and its applicable committees can refer to and access.

- C. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Propose that the Los Angeles City Council expand its current definition of Disproportionately Impacted Areas to include Venice (8:20 –8:40 pm)

Venice's history suggests that the community falls within the scope of those who have been disproportionately impacted by cannabis criminalization. Venice narrowly missed the standards set by the consulting group that calculated the numbers. Further, the City Council has instructed the consulting group to conduct a similar analysis for the Valley.

- D. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Discuss and propose possible action regarding dispensary saturation (8:40 –8:55 pm)

8. COMMITTEE COMMENTS – Comments by committee members on subject matters within the jurisdiction of the Cannabis Committee but not on the agenda (8:55 –9:00 pm)

9. ADJOURN

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