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MARIJUANA REGULATORY AGENCY

June 25, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Marijuana Regulatory Agency held a virtual agency meeting on June 25, 2020, via Zoom: Video Conference.

CALL TO ORDER

Executive Director, Andrew Brisbo, called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

Staff Present: Andrew Brisbo, Executive Director
Derek Edwards, Departmental Analyst
Kelly Kronner, Departmental Analyst

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Brisbo thanked the public for attending the MRA's first ever virtual public meeting. He cited the agency's mission of establishing Michigan as the national model for a regulatory program that stimulates business growth while preserving safe consumer access to marijuana. Brisbo gave the public an update on MRA's transition to working from home and stated that the agency continues to emphasize transparency during today's current climate. The agency has met all metrics throughout the course of the work from home transition and continues to provide high level service to the marijuana industry. Brisbo informed the public that the MRA has issued several bulletins pertaining to COVID-19. All MRA bulletins as well as executive orders pertaining to the industry are posted and available on the MRA website at www.michigan.gov/MRA. Brisbo concluded the directors report by providing an update on the issuance of the MRA combined administrative rule set, stating that the adult-use emergency rules, as well as the medical rules were due to expire. The new MRA combined administrative rules have been issued and do not have an end date. The Marijuana Facility/ Establishment Administrative Rules are available on the MRA website at www.michigan.gov/MRA.

LICENSING REPORT

Executive Director, Andrew Brisbo, gave a report on the licensing division, on behalf of Licensing Division Director, Desmond Mitchell.

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ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Executive Director, Andrew Brisbo, gave a report on the enforcement division, on behalf of Enforcement Division Director, Kavita Kale.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Executive Director, Andrew Brisbo, reminded the public that they may submit a written testimony via email at MRA-Legal@michigan.gov. Brisbo then explained how the public comment portion will be conducted via Zoom, for clarity and efficiency.

Rick Thomson – Representing Michigan Cannabis Business Development Group discussed remediation and the agency’s plan to track future requests.

Jelani Karamoko – Discussed MRA’s social equity program. Karamoko expressed concerns regarding the prohibition of purchasing flower from a third party. Karamoko feels that the restrictions cause issue and cost barriers for those participating in the industry.

John Liskey – Attorney, discussed adult-use applications and access to marijuana in rural areas. Liskey discussed rule requirements for motion sensor surveillance/video recording.

Connie Maxi – Thanked the MRA staff for their help throughout quarantine. Maxi appreciates the assistance received from department analysts.

Travis Copenhaver – Attorney, representing Cannabis Legal Group. Copenhaver stated that operations will be moving into a more permanent business plan once the pandemic comes to an end.

Danny Amory – Discussed COVID-19 and its effect on license renewals.

Matthew Abel – Attorney, discussed political pressures pertaining to municipal authorization. Abel encourages the agency to assist communities that have opted out.

Joey Kejbou – Discussed issues regarding renewal for prequalified licensees. Kejbou currently has two facilities completing build out that cannot operate due to municipal authorization.

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Cristin – Discussed time requirements pertaining to application submission for facility inspections. Cristin expressed concerns regarding plan review during the process of construction.

John Liskey – Attorney, discussed restrictions concerning microbusinesses. Liskey supports Cristin’s comments pertaining to facility inspection requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

Executive Director, Andrew Brisbo, adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2020

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Location: City Hall – City Commission Chambers

Address: 241 W. South Street Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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