



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 5, 2018

5:30 PM

SULLIVAN CHAMBER

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MEETING Monday, April 5, 2018
TIME 3:05 PM
PRESIDING OFFICER Mayor Marc C. McGovern

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Dennis J. Carlone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Jan Devereux	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Craig A. Kelley	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Alanna Mallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marc C. McGovern	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sumbul Siddiqui	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
E. Denise Simmons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Timothy J. Toomey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Quinton Zondervan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

PRESENTATIONS None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF MEDITATION

CALL OF THE MEETING (INSERT CALL OF THE MEETING HERE)

Also present at the meeting were Lisa Peterson, Deputy City Manager, Arthur Goldberg, Deputy City Solicitor, Jeff Roberts, Senior Manager for Zoning and Development, Community Development Department (CDD), Ranjit Singanayagam, Commissioner, Inspectional Services Department, James Cassidy, Weights and Measures, and Sam Lipson, Director of Environmental Health, Cambridge Health Alliance.

Mayor McGovern read the call of the meeting and noted that the meeting was being recorded with audio and visual devices.

Mayor McGovern gave an overview of agenda (**ATTACHMENT A**) and introduced Commissioner Kay Doyle, and David Lakeman, Director of Government Affairs, Cannabis Control Commission. Ms. Doyle gave an overview of the PowerPoint presentation regarding the Regulations for the Adult Use of Marijuana (**ATTACHMENT B**). She also supplied the City Council with the Cannabis Control Commission Municipal Guidance document updated in March 2018 (**ATTACHMENT C**).

Mayor McGovern thanked Ms. Doyle for her presentation and opened the floor for comments or questions from the City Council.

Councillor Carlone stated that what is being proposed through zoning is a Special Permit process of sorts. He said that as it relates to a Special Permit, the city can add conditions that they feel are relevant. He said that he has been told that providers are not certain that they will maintain medicinal marijuana; this is counterproductive to the goal of helping people. He asked if location could be a condition in order to get a spread across the city instead of a focal point in locations. Ms. Doyle responded that it would be up to the municipality regarding whether they would allow adult use by right or by Special Permit. She said that the granting authority for Special Permits can add conditions to the Special Permit. She said that she is unable to say whether or not it is appropriate for a Special Permit condition to include requiring the business to keep on with their existing medical marijuana opportunity. She said that would be a question for the City Solicitor. Ms. Doyle said that under the adult use licenses, they will have to identify their locations and typically with a Special Permit application you have to identify where you are going to be able to get the Special Permit for that particular location.

Councillor Zondervan requested all the participants to avoid using the word marijuana in deference to the racial origins of that term. He said that there has been a question regarding if the City signs a Host Community Agreement today so that a vendor can apply with the state and then we promulgate zoning regulations in the meantime, are we then grandfathering in the vendor because we have already signed a Host Community Agreement. He said that he does not believe so. Ms. Doyle said that grandfathering for land use purposes is dictated by the zoning act but she deferred to the City Solicitor on this issue. She said that she does not believe that the Host Community Agreement would have the effect of grandfathering a particular applicant from the application of zoning ordinances.

As it relates to the 3% fee and having it reasonably related to the cost, Councillor Zondervan asked Ms. Doyle if she could give any guidance on what that means. He asked what are reasonable costs that we could ascribe to allowing retail cannabis in the city. Ms. Doyle stated that she cannot give any particular ideas because the cost may be different for different municipalities. She said that she would not want to presume what the impacts to Cambridge would be. She said that the City's land use department could be helpful in that regard. She said that there are different opportunities to determine whether or not there are particular impacts. Councillor Zondervan said that there is interest on his part as it relates to social justice aspects. He asked if the City can use proceeds from the fee to fund education or training programs to help

people participate in the business or would that not be considered appropriate use of those fees. Ms. Doyle stated that it is up to the municipality as to how they use the fees that they receive from the Host Community Agreement. She added that one of the issues in the pending legislation is authorizing the creation of a separate account for the receipt of Host Community Agreement fees but that legislation must be approved.

As it relates to the social justice question, Councillor Zondervan asked for clarification of the \$5,000 bond. He asked if this is at the time of the application or occupancy. He said that it was not clear to him. Ms. Doyle said that this would be required at the time of licensure. She said that a provider would have to put that cash or bond in place. Councillor Zondervan said that could be a significant impediment, especially for microbusinesses. Ms. Doyle said that they would have the ability to request a waiver from that provision but they would have to demonstrate how they would be able to safeguard public health and safety without the bond in place.

As it relates to buffer zones, Councillor Zondervan said that it is clear that it can be reduced. He asked if that can be extended. Ms. Doyle said that different people have different interpretations so she referred the question to the City Solicitor.

Councillor Zondervan asked if there are any restrictions on stores locations being close to each other. Ms. Doyle responded that there is not anything expressed in the statute or regulations addressing this issue.

Councillor Siddiqui stated that even if Cambridge is not listed as a community of disproportionate impact, would Cambridge residents still be allowed to benefit from the social equity program as long as they meet those two criteria. Ms. Doyle clarified that there are three criteria. She said that if there are Cambridge residents who otherwise qualify for that social equity program, they would be able to go forward.

Regarding the Host Community Agreement, Councillor Mallon stated that she knows that the state is not dictating what should be included but she asked if there are any must haves that we should think about. Ms. Doyle said that it is unique to each municipality. She said that they will send out a municipal survey to all of the cities and towns in the Commonwealth to take everyone's temperature about where they are in their implementation of adult use marijuana and they will be repeating the survey in November/December. She said that they are asking the communities that have executed Host Community Agreements if they will send them into the Cannabis Control Commission with the plan of posting them on the website to provide people with an idea of what is being done in other communities. Councillor Mallon asked if is required that a community meeting must take place before Cambridge could sign a Host Community Agreement. Ms. Doyle responded that each community decides for itself how the process will roll out.

Vice Mayor Devereux asked if the business can have a website. Ms. Doyle responded in the affirmative. Ms. Doyle said that they have to ensure that people entering the website are 21 years or older. She said that typically what is done is a pop-up screen asking if the user is 21.

Ms. Doyle said that it important to make sure that as the process rolls out that they are being reasonable while trying to ensure that there is not inadvertent or deliberate marketing to minors.

Mayor McGovern asked if the city is allowed to include requirements about what the community engagement standard should look like. Ms. Doyle responded that if the city wishes to put in place its own licensing process with its own community outreach requirements it can but they would not be able to be added to the Cannabis Control Commission's process in terms of their license.

Mayor McGovern asked that if the City of Cambridge entered a Host Community Agreement tomorrow and the zoning comes out three months from now and there are things in the Host Community Agreement that are now no longer allowed by zoning, could the Host Community Agreement be changed to meet the current zoning. Ms. Doyle said that there are two very different things. She said that the zoning ordinance regulates the use of land and the Host Community Agreement is a contract between the city and the applicant regarding the agreement of the municipality to engage with the applicant. She said that it is difficult to say how the two relate to each other and whether one should change. She said that the city could certainly amend a Host Community Agreement as long as both parties agree. Ms. Doyle said that the idea would be that the municipality gets the appropriate zoning in place so that the applicant will be able to be determine compliant at the time they receive that notice. She said that it is something that they hope the applicants and host communities work cooperatively to achieve. She said that it is one of the reasons that the packet process was put in place. She said that an applicant could proceed in a parallel way at the state level by filing their background check packet and filing their management and operations profile while working with the city or town to get the municipal pieces in place such as zoning amendments done so that they can get location. She said that the city does not have to amend the zoning ordinances and can determine amendments so that they can choose a location. She said that the city does not necessarily have to amend the zoning ordinances. She said that the city can determine what is being proposed already fits into something that exists. She said that a lot of communities are specifically zoning for adult use marijuana because many ordinances have a provision that states unless the use is listed it is deemed prohibited. She said that it will be up to the land use officials in coordination with the City Solicitor and the agreement of the City Council how the city will proceed. She said that the goal is to have everything in place by the time that notification comes to the city that they have completed their application on the state level.

Mayor McGovern stated that it is unrealistic to think that the city will be able to stop those under the age of 18 from visiting a website. He said that he supports the ballot question and the direction in which the city is moving. As it relates to signage, he said that the City does not want to be overly restricted because of fear. He said that this is a new era.

Ms. Peterson stated that there are a number of staff present to answer any questions. She gave an overview on some things that the city leadership will need from the City Council as it relates to policy guidance. She noted that Mr. Roberts has done a remarkable job of shepherding everyone through this process and putting together a good list of considerations, both zoning and non-zoning. She said that at the end of February, the City Manager sent a letter to the City Council and that letter addressed some of the issues that the city expects that they will need to work with

the City Council on addressing. She said that the first issue is clearly zoning. She said that currently there is no zoning provision that specifically governs cultivation, manufacturer retail sale or onsite usage of cannabis that is not medically prescribed. She said that we will need to address the zoning. She said that taxation is another issue that must be discussed. She said that one of the state laws was amended as part of the use of adult use of cannabis which has a local option that allows the city or town that accepts the law to impose a local sales tax. She said that the city could do nothing or could accept this local option and impose a sales tax. She said that the city will want input from the City Council about the Host Community Agreement. She said that there are other possible local prohibitions that could be possible. For example, the city is able to impose reasonable safeguards on the operation of these establishments provided that they are not unreasonably impractical and not in conflict with state statute or regulations. She said that the city could prohibit the operation or one or more types of cannabis establishments within the city or the city can limit the number of cannabis retailers to fewer than the 20% of the licenses issued within the city for the retail sale of alcohol beverages or the city could limit the number or type of establishments to fewer than the number of medical marijuana treatment centers registered to engage in the same type of activity. She said that we need to think about the proper forum to continue discussions.

Jeff Roberts, Senior Manager for Zoning and Development, CDD, noted that the chart titled Zoning Considerations-Medical and Non-Medical (Adult Use) Cannabis (**ATTACHMENT D**) summarizes the issues with zoning considerations on the first page and non-zoning considerations on the second page. He said that they framed these in relation to the current policies having to do with what is called in the zoning Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and one of the important things that we need to consider in the broader sense as well as looking at Adult Use Cannabis establishments is how that relates back to the policies that the city currently has in place and how those policies might need to be aligned. He gave a summary of the chart. He also noted that he would refer to a map that was provided because it does relate to the first few items on the list. (**ATTACHMENT E**) He said that the starting point for issues having to do with zoning is the question of zoning districts and where cannabis establishments would be allowed.

Mayor McGovern said that one of the goals of the meeting is for the city to walk away with some sense of where the City Council stands on particular issues. He said that it would be helpful for City Councillors to share what they like about the possibility and options and what they do not.

Councillor Carlone said that the presentation has been very helpful. He said that assuming the majority of the City Council wants to ensure that medicinal cannabis distribution does not get overwhelmed, is he correct in saying that the strongest way to make sure that happens is through the Special Permit process and establishing criteria or are there other ways. He asked if there is another way to be sure that whatever recreational cannabis facility there is will also supply medicinal marijuana. Mr. Roberts said that the city could attempt to require it either through zoning or the Special Permit process but it is not clear how that would be interpreted by the Cannabis Control Commission and how that would align with the laws and rules. He said that the other piece is the Host Community Agreement process by which the city and the operator of the establishment could come to a mutual agreement on what the relationship would be between the medical cannabis and the non-medical cannabis of that particular establishment. Arthur

Goldberg noted that the eight locations is not a maximum, it is a minimum. He said that we can only go under the minimal if we put it to a vote of the city to go under that number. He said that it is not a maximum. Councillor Carlone said that the point is that distribution is important across the city and not a focused center for people who need to walk, take a bus or ride a bike there. He said that it would be a shame to lose the medicinal piece and that is his biggest concern.

Councillor Zondervan said that we are really looking at two medical establishments that could have priority under the current process and they are eager to sign a Host Community Agreement with the city. He said that this could be an opportunity for the city to include in the agreement that they would continue to provide a medical service. He said that his question is if we need additional zoning. He asked if it would be legally allowed under current zoning to operate a cannabis retail establishment. Mr. Goldberg said that he believed that the City Solicitor did mention at a previous City Council meeting that under current zoning, adult use cannabis establishments are not allowed because there is no use category for them in current zoning. Councillor Zondervan asked if the zoning could be amended to specifically allow that use and then proceed. Mr. Goldberg answered in the affirmative.

Councillor Zondervan asked what the process would be for signing the Host Community Agreement. He said that we are thinking mostly about the registered medical facilities that we already have. He said that there are provisions in the regulations for microbusinesses that could be comingled with other retail uses in theory. He said that there could be a comic book store with a smaller microbusiness in the back. He asked if the City Council should think about the kinds of regulations for microbusinesses which might be more broadly distributed as opposed to a focused retail use. Mr. Goldberg said that it is up to the City Council. He noted that these businesses are heavily regulated by the state. He said that any microbusiness would have to get state licensure and comply with all of the state requirements. He said that the city is permitted to impose additional local requirements.

Councillor Mallon said that Mr. Roberts has suggested not to have both the limit to less than 20% of the number of alcohol package licenses and the 1800-foot separation. Mr. Roberts replied that he is not suggesting one way or another. He said that there is a bit of a balance. He said that the City Council has the option to look at a location-based requirement that would limit the number of places in the city where a use could be established or the City Council could look at the limitation on the number within the city as a whole. He said that if both are applied, he advised being careful that one is not getting in the way of the other. He said that by layering on many location-based requirements as well a number limitation, it would not have unintended impact of being overly restrictive. He said that they could both be done but it is a matter of looking at the geography of it.

Mayor McGovern said that when he looks at the map, he sees that there are 44 licenses which would be 8.8 which would be rounded to 9. Ms. Peterson said that the city is able to have up to 44 but there are currently 39 that exist. Mayor McGovern said that if you take the zones where they are allowed and all the different buffers including the 1800-foot buffer, he does not know how we get to 8 in the city. He said that the other buffers such as schools and daycare are at the state level. Councillor Zondervan said that the other restrictions are for registered medical

marijuana for adult use. He said that the only state mandated buffer zones is for schools at 500 feet. Mayor McGovern said that it would be difficult to have all of the buffers and get to the number of 8 assuming that is what the City Council. Mayor McGovern said that he thinks that with the medical, the city did not decide that we are only going to have 5. He said that through zoning, there were things put in place that limited that number.

As it relates to design standards, Mayor McGovern said that the state regulations are pretty extensive in terms of what they do not allow and some are a little bit of an overreach in his opinion. He does not feel that we need to add more restrictions on design standards. He said that if anything, there may be a few that he would like to take out.

As it relates to cultivation, Mayor McGovern said that medical cultivation facilities are huge and he does not know how we would do that in Cambridge. He asked if the city is allowed to say that it will not allow cultivation facilities. Mr. Goldberg said that to prohibit one of these uses would have to be put to a vote of the City Council because Cambridge is a city that voted in favor. Mayor McGovern said that he would like to create zoning in terms of locations and districts to allow for citywide coverage. He stated that he likes Councillor Zondervan's question about the microbusinesses because there may be opportunities for people who do not have the funding of a large corporation.

Vice Mayor Devereux said that the map is great but it is difficult to sort out. She said that it would be helpful to have two maps that show what the impact would be if the city subtracted out the more residential districts. She said that she did not hear anyone talk about the public consumption. She said that at a prior meeting, the City Solicitor said that the city would have to amend the ordinance as related to smoking as it only includes smoking tobacco and that the city had the choice to make cannabis have the same rules about where you can smoke tobacco in public or the city could choose to be slightly more restrictive. She asked if alcohol is allowed to be consumed in any public park. Ms. Petereson responded in the negative. Vice Mayor Devereux said that her preference would be to have the same restrictions as to where someone could consume as relates to cannabis. She asked if the city would want to include playgrounds as a buffer. Mr. Goldberg said that there is a state law that prohibits smoking in workplaces, restaurants, and many public buildings, that is similar to the tobacco ordinance. He said that the state law was amended to include cannabis smoking so that that is now prohibited under state law in all those places. He explained that the complicating thing about trying to allow cannabis smoking in a public park or public way is that the state law prohibits the public smoking of cannabis outdoors so he is unsure if we could do that locally. Vice Mayor Devereux said that if the state law covers for both categories, someone could not go into a public park and consume cannabis.

Mr. Lipson said that there is one nuance to Vice Mayor Devereux's question. He said that it is true that for indoor workplaces, the state law does not extend to prohibit cannabis consumption. He said that there is already a state provision prohibiting public use on public property including parks, sidewalks, and streets. He said that the one category that does not get addressed is outdoor places shared by the public such as patios.

Councillor Zondervan said that his preference is that the city impose the least amount of restrictions possible because the state regulations are comprehensive. He said that as it relates to cultivation, it is his belief that the medical cultivation requirements are restrictive and that may have caused there to be no applications in Cambridge. He said that if we do microbusinesses, we may see more.

Councillor Carlone said that he does not agree with limiting design standards. He said that almost all of the locations will be part of a larger district. He said that this is something new and to speed this through or make the process so easy could make for the city missing something in the beginning. He hopes that we piggyback this with medicinal so there is a benefit to the general public.

Mayor McGovern asked Ms. Peterson and Mr. Roberts if they feel that they have been given enough feedback around zoning in order to allow them to move to the next phase.

Councillor Siddiqui said that the administration has not been given complete information. She said that questions have been posed and it is important that the City Council goes through each of these issues. Mayor McGovern said that the City Council would give feedback and the city would take the feedback and draft something that would come before the Ordinance Committee for further discussion and action. He said that this this is only one opportunity of many to discuss this issue. Councillor Siddiqui asked if she could submit written comments. Mr. Roberts stated that he looks forward to written comments from the City Council.

Councillor Carlone noted that as past Co-Chairs of the Ordinance Committee, he and former City Councillor Leland Cheung met with MIT quite a bit throughout the Volpe process. He said that this is an issue that needs to be fleshed out as well as the medicinal marijuana was and he does not feel obligated to whatever a draft will say. He noted that this is a beginning step.

Councillor Zondervan said that there could be a hearing in the Neighborhood and Long Term Planning, Public Facilities, Arts and Celebrations Committee to further unpack some of this. He said that there is a ton of information and regulations from the state that should be sorted through. He said that Cambridge has two existing medical establishments that are eager to begin the application process with the state. He said that we need to be ready for June 1st when the general applications start to open up.

Vice Mayor Devereux asked if the two existing dispensaries are allowed to start their application. Ms. Peterson responded that the city's zoning does not allow the use of adult-use cannabis so the zoning, in terms of use, needs to be amended. She said that in terms of expediency, she hears that the city wants to get a zoning ordinance that is put to the City Council but the city will be able to move in a quicker fashion if they are able to have more discussion to go through the questions.

Mayor McGovern asked if there needs to be a decision about whether or not the city is going to delay this. He asked if the City Council has to vote on the matter. Mr. Goldberg stated his understanding is that in some communities if there is a use in the zoning that would currently allow one of these cannabis establishments, those communities would have to vote a moratorium

to delay applications under that use category. He said that in the City of Cambridge, the fact that the zoning does not allow for this use operates as a moratorium in effect.

Mayor McGovern stated that it is incumbent on the City Council to provide feedback to staff.

Councillor Zondervan said that the city could amend the zoning to allow the use which would allow the existing RMDs to proceed with their application. Mr. Roberts said that the process would be a zoning petition and would have to specify in what zoning districts and under what requirements or regulations. He said that City Council could opt to allow it under base zoning in specific districts without any other restriction as an as-of-right use. He said that it could be a zoning petition from the City Council to do that and then it would be an allowed use in those districts and would still be subject to a Host Community Agreement but not to other zoning requirements.

Mr. Roberts gave overview of non-zoning considerations.

Councillor Siddiqui said that she is in favor of the tax and impact fee. She said that she is in support for the Host Community Agreement as she thinks about the issue of social equity. She said that the Cannabis Control Commission clearly cares about this as well. She said that any Host Community Agreement has to take into account equity plans.

Councillor Zondervan said that as it relates to the community impact fee, he understands that there is no separate sales tax proceeds to the city Mr. Goldberg said that they are two separate things. He explained that the state sales tax at the local level can be up to 3% of sales. He said that the tax is only applicable to retail establishments. He said that the community impact fee is separate and that can also be up to 3%. He noted that it has to be justified to some extent by actual impacts on the community from the establishment.

Councillor Zondervan said that he is concerned about the social equity piece. He said that one consideration is if we could have separate fees based on the business. He said that he would like to think about some sort of preference or quotas for minority and women-owned businesses that meet some other requirements so they would be able to have an advantage to get a license to operate in the city or would encourage more of those businesses to apply to operate.

Councillor Zondervan asked about the process for the Community Host Agreement. He asked about the negotiation process. Ms. Peterson said that she feels that the city would like guidance from the City Council and that ultimately when entering into a contract it is with the City Manager and the operator of the establishment.

As it relates to the Community Host Agreement, Vice Mayor Devereux asked if it is only the community impact fee that can be effective for five years or is it the whole agreement. Mr. Goldberg responded that it is the whole agreement that is effective for five years. Councillor Zondervan asked if the Host Community Agreement is subject to renewal after the expiration of five years. Mr. Goldberg said that it is unclear but he will look into this matter.

In terms of the Host Community Agreement, Mayor McGovern said that the city can put almost anything in it. He said that there is a lot of flexibility. He said that the city wants a standard agreement but we need room to negotiate. Councillor Zondervan said that his interpretation of the 3% cap is that we cannot ask for other things in terms of community impact. Mayor McGovern said that where the 3% goes can be negotiated. Ms. Peterson said that it is important to look at Host Community Agreements that have already been drafted to provide guidance to the City Council. She said that we should be looking at the models on the web site to come up with recommendations.

Mayor McGovern noted that he likes the idea of an additional tax. He said that this was going to take everything off the street and into a legal business. He said that the taxes got raised and then if the city adds additional taxes, the cost will go up to meet taxes and are we then creating an equitable system where some customers can pay a higher amount for marijuana that has been tested and clean and legal while people of lower incomes will be priced out. He said that the City Manager said that the City Council passed a Policy Order saying that we should get materials in advance of a presentation. He noted that moving forward, he would like to receive materials a few days ahead of time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kimani Jefferson, President, Massachusetts Recreation Consumer Council, stated that educated consumers make strong industries. He stated that there was an instance of contamination that took place at the dispensary in Harvard Square. He said that this is a huge issue. He said that the only one person showed up at the community outreach meeting. He said that education is very important and is a huge part of their platform. He said that the city could have a cannabis board. He said that social consumption was pushed back until February 2019.

Eric Schwartz, Somerville, is applying for a license for a craft marijuana cultivator cooperative. He said that having studied cooperatives, there is nothing that prevents a retail shop from forming a worker cooperative that owns the retail shop. He encouraged this as a dismantling on the war on drugs. He said that in a lot of his work, what does not seem to discriminate is the fear of coming out of the shadows as it relates to law enforcement. We have a response to the most vulnerable communities and he urged the City Council to work with advocates.

Sonia Espinosa said that the word marijuana is not offensive and it should not be forgotten now that legalization is here. She said that it is important not to limit access to recreational facilities. She said that many people do not have the money to put up front for a medical card. She said that it should not be compared to alcohol even though we are regulating it like alcohol. She said that people who live in public housing will not be able to consume so there is a need for social consumption in some places.

Peter Valentine said that Cambridge has done okay with its way of thought. He said that the City Councillors are not allowed to use marijuana while in the City Council Chamber so they can think clearly. He said that the use of marijuana is putting us on the way to destruction.

Adam Aly said that he is a concerned citizen and hopeful licensee. He said that there is a lot of talk about adult use dispensaries but a lot of the other license are B to B. He said that as part of equity, the design for the spaces are just as stringent as adult use. He said that having factories or cultivation spaces could be viable. He said that he works in Cambridge and next to his place of business is a brewery. As it relates to Host Community Agreements, he said that these need to be executed. Instead of making guidelines, he suggested a case by case basis. He noted that a smaller business may not be able to take 3% from their bottom line in the first year or two.

Hillary King, Rindge Avenue, said that she is a medical patient and activist. She said that on the medical side of the industry there have been provisional licensees that are yet to open their doors. She encouraged the City Council to include a reasonable time period that a licensee must open their door for business. She said that in general, she encouraged the City Council not to make their Special Permit conditions impractical. She said that when the cost of compliance is burdened so much, a reasonable person would not operate a business in the first place.

Joseph Gilmore suggested that it would be beneficial to have these meetings later in the day. He stated that the community needs to be educated on this topic to address concerns. He said that his organization travels to many places to provide education. He said that he leads student organization at UMASS Boston. He said that marijuana is available and the longer that we prolong the process from moratorium, the longer it is available to minors. He commended the idea of equity quotas. He stated his support for tiered Host Community Agreements.

David O'Brien talked about his company Weed Maps that is a tech company that serves the industry when it is up and running. He said that he looks forward to being a resource to the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Councillor Carlone the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.