



Cannabis Advisory Task Force (CATF)

September 9, 2025; 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Department of Economic Development
4525 Main Street, Suite 700
Boardroom B

Minutes

Attendance

Members Present

Jason Blanchette, Michael Clark, Brandon Hackney, John Katsias, Letitia Langaster, Andrew Lock, Michael Mauch, Tamara Netzel, Jairo Padilla, Stacey Smith, Ryan Suit, Mark Stevens, LaTonya Warren

Members Absent

All members present

City Staff Present

City Council Member Michael Berlucchi, Vicki Kelley, Natacia James, Vivian Alibah, Kayla Dotson, Dominique DeBose

City Staff Present Virtually

Jessica Koepf, City Attorney

Guests

Mike Hashmi

I. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Andrew Lock called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

II. Introductions

Vicki Kelley introduced Natacia James as the new Clerk for CATF and asked that all members introduce themselves.

III. Approval of Minutes

The July 14, 2025, CATF meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Membership Reappointments

- Updated membership lists were provided to participants, and all were informed that if a member's term is expiring and they wish to be reappointed, the reappointment request should be submitted by the end of October 2025 to the City Clerk.

- The reappointment discussion raised the question, asked by Deputy Planning Administrator, Brandon Hackney, of why City staff were appointed as voting members rather than the more traditional staff liaison role. Council Member Berlucchi responded by saying that original intent may not have been to specifically create a distinction between other task force structures and that some adjustments can be considered going forward. Discussions included the potential for a restructuring of the committee versus City Staff abstaining during votes and/or amending the bylaws. All agreed to move forward with the abstention option and if there were further concerns/issues raised then additional discussions can be had to explore other options.

V. City Council Presentation

Chair Andrew Lock reviewed the draft City Council presentation, to be presented on a future date. Chair Lock asked for any comments, feedback, or legal opinion. This presentation is an ongoing project, and information is being added based on discussions held during the CATF meeting, so if any additional edits are needed, they can be included.

1. Members further discussed the length of the presentation and how best to present it to City Council when the time comes; Since many items are presented to them during a traditional meeting, other options should be considered
2. Strategies for collecting and including a public opinion component were debated, members acknowledged that this has been a challenge in the past. Topics included public outreach meetings and surveys, what the content being posed to the public should be, and whether the timing is right given that the upcoming election and pending legislation might change the relevancy of this task force and content entirely. Members were encouraged to bring ideas of potential questions for the public to the next meeting so that all members can weigh in and brainstorm before next steps.
3. Vice Chair Jason Blanchett had some questions regarding the zoning grid and how to properly classify some of the districts. Brandon Hackney provided clarification on the distinction between the different categories of permits.

VI. Committee Member Comments

Michael Mauch shared that his term on CATF is coming to an end as of December 31, 2025 and since he is appointed by the Resort Advisory Council, he will offer any other members of the organization the chance to be a part of the task force, should they wish. If there are no other members interested, he will request reappointment. There are also vacant citizen positions available on the Task Force that he may be able to join if not reappointed as a representative through RAC. 13 of the 17 total positions are currently filled.

VII. Public Comment

Mike Hashmi, Citizen, provided comment and ideas on several topics discussed, including getting data from Health Services to compare care for tobacco-use related issues to cannabis-use related issues.

VIII. Announcements – Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2025.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm.