
CITY OF KALAMAZOO
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 17, 2019 • Community Room Conference Room, City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nathan Bolton; Fritz Brown; James Escamilla; Mayor Bobby J. Hopewell; Kyle Gulau; Jason Novotny; Patti Owens; Doug Phillips; Jasmine Vedua

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Hess; Tom Schlueter

CITY COMMISSIONERS/CITY STAFF PRESENT: Scott Borling (City Clerk); John Kneas (City Attorney); Jamie McCarthy (Development Coordinator); Antonio Mitchell (Development Project Coordinator)

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM by Chair Doug Phillips

MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: Mr. Escamilla moved to excuse the absent members; supported by Mr. Brown. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ms. Owens moved the approval of the agenda; supported by Mr. Brown. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2019: Mr. Bolton moved the approval of the minutes; supported by Mr. Escamilla. Motion approved by voice vote unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Consideration of a recommendation the EDC adopts the attached Resolution which recognizes Compassionate Care by Design, Inc. (the applicant) has met all requirements under Sec. 20B-12 of the ordinance and recommends the City Clerk renew the Medical Marihuana Facility Operating Permit to the applicant for its facility at 401 N. Sage Street.**

Kristen Bearup, the President of Compassionate Care by Design, noted that the business has been open for about a year and business is going well with no legal or other issues.

Ms. Owens expressed her appreciation for how well organized and put together the materials were for the meeting. Mr. Bolton asked about staffing at that location, and Ms. Bearup responded that they do not anticipate significant additional growth at this location in the near future, but they would like to grow within the state. Compassionate Care by Design received approval from the state for a delivery service that would potentially add 5 jobs.

Mr. Borling noted that changes were made to the state Medical Marihuana Act allowing for delivery service, and in July, the City of Kalamazoo responded accordingly and changed their Act to mirror that of the state.

Mayor Hopewell arrives at 7:36AM

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO RENEW THE MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITY OPERATNG PERMIT (COMPASSION CARE BY DESIGN; 401 N. SAGE STREET): Mr. Bolton moved to adopt the motion; supported by Mr. Brown. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

City staff plans to begin retention calls for the medical marihuana industry starting in 2021.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Board members noted that this is the first renewal of a medical marihuana permit and extended appreciation to Mr. Borling for creating a nice structure for how this procedure takes place.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:38AM



Signature

NATHAN BOLTON - Vice Chair

Name/Title



Signature

Jamie McCarthy, recording secretary

Name/Title