



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

Regular Meeting

March 15, 2018

5:00pm

42 Cross Street, Somerville, MA 02145

Present: Douglas Kress, Director
Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Robert Ciccio, Board Member
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)

Absent: None

Staff Members in Attendance: Bonny Carroll, Tobacco Control Director, Nancy Bacci, Human Services Director

Guests: None

Meeting Called to Order: On a motion made by Ms. Machado, the meeting was called to order at 5:07pm. It was seconded by Dr. Green.

Previous Minutes: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the February 15, 2018 minutes were approved. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Cannabis Control Commission Draft Regulations: The city has adopted a study period approved by the board of aldermen. Two (2) aldermen voted against it. The state has sent out the final recommendations. Most comments and terminology were addressed. Economic development areas are being looked at. Social consumption and what it is going to mean was discussed and what the challenges will be. The state has pulled the delivery, as well as the social clubs and the single serve on-site consumptions. Edibles were address, with neutral shape and flavoring it should not appeal to younger adults and teenagers. All adult use products are going to have big red warning labels saying not safe for teenagers. Food safety was address. Advertisement looks to be in order. As a city, we want to make sure the issues are address for ex; consumption, what marijuana can do to the development minds, just inhaling can have impairment issues, using marijuana can have an effect on your health down the road. The food component on the reqs does state it is not food. It is legal to grow and consume but no purchasing yet. Five Hundred (500) feet distance from k12 schools. The study period has delayed the timeline to December 21, 2018. The city will be conducting community meetings starting in April/May.

HHS Updates: The booklet 2018 Summer Somerville Guide was shown to the board. A joint collaborative with the city and CHA is conducting community conversations on healthcare in the next few weeks. A survey is being conducted too also get feedback from residents. There were no hearings this month. Inspections: 72 food services, 1 occupancy, 2 schools, 22 retails. The administration put forth an environmental health specialist position to be housed in Health & Human Services Department, which would be focused on rodent control. Rodents have been on the rise, due to increase in construction. The city is bringing back the rodent consultant from New York for another evaluation of the city's rodent

activities. Bonny presented a juul to the board for review. Each juul has a charger and pods – each pod is equivalent to a full pack of cigarettes.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2018 – 42 Cross Street

Adjournment: On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

List of Documents: Agenda, February 15, 2018 Minutes, Sign-In-Sheet

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Teixeira (Recording Secretary)
March 22, 2018