



City of Westland

36300 Warren Road
Westland, MI 48185

Marijuana Review Board Meeting

February 24, 2021

The Westland Marijuana Review Board held a meeting February 24, 2021, electronically, via ZOOM. The City Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road Westland, Michigan, 48185 were not physically occupied by the Board.

Members present:

Devin Adams, City of Westland Controller and Chairman – Remotely from Wayne County, Westland, MI
Albert Phoenix, Marijuana Review Board Member– Remotely from Wayne County, Westland, MI
Danielle Strachan, Marijuana Review Board Member– Remotely from Wayne County, Livonia, MI

Every Board member announced their physical location in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, as amended.

Also present:

Brandon Grysko, City of Westland Attorney
Shannon Shepard, Finance Administration
Mohammed Ayoub, Planning Director

The meeting was called to order by Adams at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions were made by Adams and roll call was performed.

A motion was made by Strachan and supported by Phoenix to approve minutes from the meeting on February 17, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Adams opened oral appeals and informed applicants that they have been allocated a time frame not to exceed ten minutes to address the Marijuana Review Board; and that the Selection Committee, represented by Ayoub, will be given an opportunity to respond to each applicant and is also subject to a time frame not to exceed ten minutes.

Oral Appeals

Robert Ficano stated appeal on behalf of Green Genie. Ayoub summarized Selection Committee's response. A motion was made by Adams and supported by Strachan to uphold the Selection Committee's decision to disqualify. Motion carried unanimously.

Deliberations

Adams recapped the application and appeals process, explained the role and responsibility of the Marijuana Review Board and how they came to their decisions, and recognized the applicants for their efforts.



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A motion was made by Adams and supported by Strachan to recommend that the Selection Committee list be upheld and advance to City Council without changing the scores or ranks of applicants based on the reasoning that the written and oral appeals, responses, and documents indicate that the scoring criteria was consistently and correctly applied by the Selection Committee.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Phoenix, Strachan, Adams

Nays: None

Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments

Numerous comments made by various attendees.

A motion was made by Strachan and supported by Phoenix to adjourn at 12:03.

Motion carried unanimously.