

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MONTCLAIR
CODE ENFORCEMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019, AT 6:30 P.M. IN
THE CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 5111 BENITO
STREET, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Raft called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Raft, Council Member Johnson, City Manager Starr, Police Chief/Executive Director, Office of Public Safety Avels, Building Official/Code Enforcement Manager Westerlin, Code Enforcement Supervisor Fondario, City Attorney Robbins, and Senior Management Analyst Fuentes.

Also Present: Police Lt. Kumanski

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee Meeting of October 15, 2018.

It was the consensus of the Code Enforcement Committee to approve the minutes of the Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee meeting of October 15, 2018.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Code Enforcement Update on Appearance Violations and Various Projects.

Code Enforcement Supervisor Fondario presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the more than 25 illegal dispensaries discovered and shut down here in Montclair over the past nine years, noting how similar the shops look inside and how similar they operate, the repeated violations and multiple

locations by the same group of people. Mr. Fondario said they are getting craftier, they know how to delay court actions to remove them, they make a lot of money per day and they are a tightly-knit community where everybody knows everybody.

City Manager Starr synopsised how difficult it has been trying to get the illegal operations out. First of all there have been an overwhelming number of them, the City has shut down most of them, but they re-open somewhere else almost overnight. They fight us with litigation and the landlords stall on filing eviction notices to slow the process. We aim to regulate and the ones who are violating now will not be granted a permit under the new regulations. Under ordinance, the violators will be banned for three years and then, after the three years, only if we are accepting applications, may they apply.

VII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:54 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Raft adjourned the Code Enforcement/Public Safety Committee meeting.

Submitted for Code Enforcement/
Public Safety Committee approval,

Laura Embree
Recording Secretary