



Memorandum

TO: RULES AND OPEN
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Kim Walesh

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 24, 2021

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03/26/21

SUBJECT: UPDATE TO THE JANUARY 2021 – JUNE 2021 COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the following changes to the January 2021 – June 2021 Community and Economic Development (CED) Committee work plan.

- a) Drop the following item from the April 26, 2021 CED Committee meeting:

City Council Policy Priority # 8 (re-prioritized as City Roadmap Backlog #22): Cannabis Equity Application Program Status Report. (Economic Development)

Purpose: Provide a status report on City Council Policy Priority #8: Cannabis Equity Applicant Program. This priority concerns the creation of a Cannabis Equity Program, which would facilitate the inclusion and support of individuals and communities in the cannabis industry who are linked to populations or neighborhoods that were negatively or disproportionately impacted by cannabis criminalization.

- b) Drop the following item from the June 28, 2021 CED Committee meeting:

City Council Policy Priority #4 (now on the un-numbered City Roadmap Priorities): Soft Story Retrofit Program Status Report. (Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)

Purpose: Provide a status report on City Council Policy Priority #4: Soft Story Retrofit Program, provided receipt of FEMA grant award notification in Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

BACKGROUND

City Council Policy Priority # 8 (re-prioritized as City Roadmap Backlog #22): Cannabis Equity Application Program Status Report

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, staff has had to shift their work to pandemic response and immediate recovery needs. Moreover, the City has not received much interest in starting new businesses in the open categories of manufacturing, testing, and distribution; and COVID-19 has prevented the intended job fairs. The State of California extended the grant deadline to December 31, 2021, allowing more time to eventually do the required grant work. At recent City Council meetings, the Council moved this work item to the work plan backlog within the [newly formed City Roadmap](#).¹

City Council Policy Priority #4 (now on the non-numbered City Roadmap Priorities): Soft Story Retrofit Program Status Report

Staff submitted an application to the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMPG) for \$4.6 million to implement a soft story rebate program. The work plan for the grant includes developing a practical retrofit program, including various options for possible incentives. A portion of the grant will be used to procure a consultant to analyze and make detailed recommendations on the key elements and to develop the most effective way to implement a mandatory seismic retrofit program. In early 2019, the City of San José was informed that its application is among the projects forwarded by CalOES to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to receive funding. At that time, it was anticipated that the City would receive notification of approved funding in mid- to late-2019. However, due to FEMA's focus on wildfires throughout the State in 2019 and 2020, review of the grant applications and final awards were not made.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and FEMA's response to the crises, staff work on the Soft Story Program will be placed on hold until an update on the grant application is provided by FEMA.

/s/

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For questions on the Cannabis Equity Application Program Status Report, please contact Michelle McGurk, Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager's Office, at (408) 535-8254 or Michelle.McGurk@sanjoseca.gov. For questions on the Soft Story Retrofit Program Status Report, please contact Lisa Joiner, Deputy Director, Planning, Building and Code Enforcement at (408) 535-7757 or lisa.joiner@sanjoseca.gov.

¹ <https://sanjose.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=4855293&GUID=732C7D57-0F26-4F1C-A182-9E858513A3BE&Options=&Search=>