Meeting Minutes
Cannabis Sustainability Work Group
June 27, 2019, 1:30 PM
Webb Building - 201 W. Colfax Avenue - Conference Room 4.I.4
Teleconference: 605-472-5595, Access Code: 606381

Attendees:
Nick Hice, Brandon Rhea, Jerrod Mason, Courtney Cotton, Wes Thomas, Ambra Sutherlin, Janna West-Heiss, Kim Stuck, Mart Gacioch, Meg Collins, Neil Kolwey, Andrew Alfred, Andrew Bennett, Marc Ross, Jacob Policzer, Becky Migas, Sandra Elkin, Laura Levesque, Bia Campbell, Joey Peña, Anne Marie Doyle, Justin Walker, JJ Grzyb, Ron Basak-Smith

1. Introductions
2. OMP Announcement: Cannabis Process Navigator Joey Peña is on board to be a resource for the industry, help make improvements
3. Committee Report Outs
    a. Symposium:
        i. 28 speaker submissions - deadline extended until July 12th - please share
        ii. Awards application is now open - due August 1st - please share
            1. Kim can send on to media groups
    b. Events & Outreach
        i. Last week lunch n learn, 55 attendees, very successful
        ii. Next event - August 20th Happy hour
        iii. 2nd Happy Hour, September 12th
        iv. Community Project day before Symposium (October 3rd), have feelers out with VOC, DUG
    c. BMP & Data
        i. Need water recycling case study - Jacob might be able to help
        ii. Draft BMP out for workgroup comment mid-July
    d. Policy
        i. Drafting recommendations document, will send out to full group for review
4. Recycling discussion - now that language allowing packaging take back is official, what type of program do we want to see?
    a. People are more likely to do so with incentive
    b. Guidance needs to be developed for retailers
    c. Will the recycle facilities have an issue with residue? Would they need a license?
    d. Would like to see a closed loop system.
    e. How can we repurpose?
    f. We could donate plastic - eg Tony Hawk foundation
    g. Recycle facilities within the state that can sort
    h. Moving away from drams to flexible films, need to have recycling solutions beyond PP.
    i. Have a universal collector within Denver for multi stream cannabis packaging waste.

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      j.   What is the end market? Sana and STO (manufacturers) could use pelletized materials - TerraCycle or other intermediaries could sort waste and process to send to manufacturers.
          i.   Could sell at a very low rate.
      k.   Glass is the most valuable cannabis packaging material
      l.   Let's try to do one material, closed loop
          i.   Would like to do vape cartridges
             1.   Easy to carry back to point of sale
             2.   Bring O.pen Vape, Craft and EvoLab in
             3.   Has anyone actually figured out how to deconstruct the cartridges? 4 different types of material
                a.   Blue Star or Sustainability recycling might be candidates
      m.   Is the work group's role to get the interested players to the table?
      n.   Need city to help develop infrastructure - program.
          i.   Make it look like philanthropy with branded boxes at collection points, sticker
          ii.   Stakeholder engagement process (kush bottles)
      o.   Could RecycleColorado revive the roundtable? Hiring a new ED by October 1st. Stretched thin until new person is on board. Might be able to host in 2020.
      p.   There would be more clout coming from the state level. Connect w/ Ean.
      q.   Next Step: Form an exploratory committee / Roundtable october 3rd breakfast
          i.   Packaging: Crativ, Landmark, Kush Bottles, Green Lane, Sana, STO
          ii.   Dispensary owners:
          iii.   Recyclers: BlueStar, SustainAbility, Green for Green, Recology, Tin Canna
          iv.   Haulers: Alpine
          v.   Cartridge designer
          vi.   Packaging wisdom from outside industry: Otterbox, DuPont, PMI, TerraCycle
          vii.   Lobbyists
  5. Open discussion time
      a.   Institute for Justice taking on cases of IRS rejection of 501c6. If you know anyone that has had this issue, refer to

Next All Group Meeting: August 22 at 1:30 PM.