
Local Regulatory Authority Minutes

Monday, February 29, 2016 7:00pm

Sealing Cove Business Center

Committee Members:

**Levi Albertson, Andrew Hames, Joseph D'Arienzo,
Pamela Ash, Darrell Windsor, Steven Eisenbeisz,
Bob Potrzuski, Jay Stelzenmuller, Lindsay Evans**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Albertson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Levi Albertson, Joseph D'Arienzo, Andrew Hames, Pamela Ash, Darrell Windsor, Bob Potrzuski, Jay Stelzenmuller, Lindsay Evans.

Absent: Steven Eisenbeisz

Staff: Paralegal Reuben Yerkes

III. AGENDA CHANGES: None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: M - D'Arienzo / S - Windsor, motion to pass minutes as amended, motion passed unanimously.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE: None

VI. REPORTS: None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Review Final Report to Assembly

Windsor stated that he would like to see the first line reworded. The Committee agreed.

M - Stelzenmuller / S - Windsor, motion to include the title of resolutions 2016-01 and 2016-02 in the final report.

Public Comment: None

Discussion:

Chair Albertson inquired of Potrzuski what the Assembly would find most beneficial in a final report. Potrzuski stated that the document had changed into something of a historical document. He added that as a result he felt there was no harm in having the two resolutions mentioned in the final report. Albertson stated that he felt it should be in the second paragraph.

Potrzuski offered a friendly amendment to include the resolution information after the second paragraph. Hames felt that an additional paragraph seemed like the most logical location.

Motion passed unanimously.

D'Arienzo recommended including information about the vote count being 6 to 3 in favor in the zoning paragraph. Potrzuski stated that he felt that the existing language was good, and that he was concerned that the inclusion of the vote count would make this section the only place that vote information would be noted.

M – Hames / S - Evans, motion to include the vote count information in the zoning paragraph after the words “it was determined”.

Public Comment: None

Discussion:

Vote: 7 N, 1 Y. Motion fails.

Stelzenmuller stated that the issue of packaging was one that he had considered adding to the final report.

D'Arienzo stated that the Committee had at one point discussed having regulation that mandated only locally grown marijuana products would be allowed in Sitka.

Stelzenmuller stated that the final report should include any unresolved issues. He added that hemp was such an issue. D'Arienzo stated that based on his memory, the discussion the Committee had conducted determined that it was a federal prohibition, and that the issue had been dropped as a result.

M – Windsor / S - D'Arienzo, motion to accept the report with the changes previously made, and forward the report to the Assembly.

Public Comment: None

Discussion:

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: None

IX. PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Michelle Clever wanted to congratulate the panel for its work. She continued that the community is under a time crunch based on what the State requires licensees to do. She added that the City would need to get the Planning and Zoning committee to be able to issue CUPs for a state licensee to receive a license. She said that the first cultivation licenses would be issued in June, following 90 days of work. She reiterated that it was important that the LRA and the Assembly get itself organized to not add to the impediments already in front of licensees.

Pamela Ash stated that she was accosted after the previous meeting by a number of citizens who disagreed with statements she had made during her time on the Committee. She added that she had felt very intimidated and was struck with the inappropriateness and unprofessional conduct of these people. She also mentioned that these people seemed to be

emboldened by the fact that they were grouped together with others of like mind. She stated that she took great offense to their behavior and urged everyone to remember that all of the Committee members were volunteers, and that the purpose of the Committee process was to afford civilized discourse between individuals of divergent perspectives to come together, reconcile differences, and constructively devise a course forward for the community.

Potrzuski stated that he had begun to work with Eisenbeisz on what the Assembly would do toward the goal of designating a permanent regulatory authority.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

A. Agenda items for next meeting.

B. Set next meeting date.

M – Potrzuski / S – Ash, moved to adjourn at approximately 7:49pm. Motion carried unanimously.