
Marijuana Advisory Committee Minutes

Monday, November 2, 2015 7:00pm
Sealing Cove Business Center

Committee Members:

**Levi Albertson, Andrew Hames, Joseph D'Arienzo,
Dr. Myron Fribush, Kitty Sopow, Darrell Windsor,
Steven Eisenbeisz, Bob Potruzski**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Albertson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:12pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Levi Albertson, Joseph D'Arienzo, Kitty Sopow, Darrell Windsor, Bob Potruzski.

Absent: Dr. Myron Fribush (excused), Steven Eisenbeisz (excused), Andrew Hames (excused)

Staff: Municipal Attorney Robin Koutchak, Paralegal Reuben Yerkes

III. AGENDA CHANGES – None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – M - Windsor/S - Potruzski – Motion to approve minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE:

Aaron Bean distributed his comment that was submitted to the State Marijuana Control Board.

Jay Stelzenmuller stated that he had submitted an application to be on the MAC.

VI. REPORTS –

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Review of proposed ordinance: Chair Albertson asked if the Committee had decided to not include the reference to both “private and public” regarding section 20.050 A. The Committee recalled that this issue was covered in section C.

M- Potruzski/S-D'Arienzo - Motion to pass the proposed ordinance out of Committee and on to the Assembly. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Designation of Liaison to State Marijuana Board:

Windsor asked if the potential liaison would have to be a member of the Marijuana Advisory Committee. City Attorney Koutchak state that yes, it would make sense that the prospective liaison be on the Marijuana Advisory Committee.

Potruzski asked what the role of this liaison would be. Chair Alberstson said that it was someone to represent the Marijuana Advisory Committee on a more official level, and with

the State Marijuana Control Board.

Chair Alberston asked if the Marijuana Advisory Committee could draft a letter and then get Assembly approval to be submitted to the State Marijuana Board as an alternative to designating a liaison. City Attorney stated that would be a possibility. She stipulated that the Marijuana Advisory Committee would first have to reach agreement on the given issue themselves, then they would have to get the Assembly to agree on it before it could be submitted to the State Marijuana Control Board. City Attorney Koutchak stated that there would be value in asking the Assembly to allow them to select a liaison to stimulate discussion and awareness of the myriad issues facing the municipality given the passage of the citizens' initiative.

Sopow stated that submitting a letter to the Assembly would be the fastest way to learn where the Assembly stands on these issues. D'Arienzo stated that it may be more powerful for the letter to come from the Assembly, and faster than designating a liaison.

City Attorney Koutchak recommended that the Committee harness its energy and figure out what it wants with regard to the big issues and find agreement, then be in a position to engage the Assembly and the State.

M-Windsor/S-Potruzski – Motion to table the designation of a liaison. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss timeline for topics:

Windsor stated that first the Committee needed to figure out what the primary goals and objectives of the Committee are. Sopow stated that deciding what type of permits would be a good place to start. Sopow continued that one method by which the Committee could proceed would be to split the State regulations up into sections, with each Committee member taking a section to study to be able to then present to the body. Windsor stated he liked the idea of breaking the regulations up among the members to be presented to the Committee. Sopow also stated that a topic the Committee would likely need to consider is linking the total number of commercial permits to the population, in the form of an equation, such that the total number of commercial vendors could be fluid.

Potruzski stated that he felt it was in the Committees best interest to get its hands on the actual State regulations first, when they come out on November 24, before they invest a great amount of time to dissect the draft regulations as they stand today.

Break: 8:01pm

Back: 8:12pm

Chair Albertson called the meeting back to order. He asked what other issues the Committee should consider. Windsor stated that zoning would be fundamental. Chair Albertson said that he would like to see some City departments brought in, specifically the wastewater and electric departments. Windsor added the kinds of permits and how many permits would be important as well. Windsor added that the four basic types of permits are cultivation, labs, retail, and manufacture. Clubs would be a fifth type of permit. Chair Alberston added that the Committee would need to also discuss issues

associated around tax. Chair Albertson also mentioned that the Committee would need to discuss enforcement.

Chair Albertson stated that he had heard from members of the public regarding non-psychoactive cannabinoid alternatives as well. City Attorney Koutchak mentioned that this would be a really good topic for the Committee to discuss because the State is silent on that, and so they do not preempt the Municipality. D'Arienzo stated that cannabinoids would be a very good topic for the Committee to delve into at a later meeting.

The Committee specified some topics for future meetings:

- 1.) Permit types, number and zoning would be one meeting. (with Planning Department)
- 2.) Taxation (with Finance)
- 3.) Wastewater Treatment and Electric Departments, potential infrastructure challenges
- 4.) Medicinal Cannabinoids/Non-psychoactive Discussion
- 5.) Enforcement (with Planning Department)
- 6.) Testing Facilities

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

Aaron Bean stated that in his letter that he drafted to the State Marijuana Board he addressed specific provisions that he recommended the Marijuana Advisory Board read.

Eric Van Deen stated that CBD is cannabidiol and THC is tetrahydrocannabinol. He also stated that he felt that the Committee needs to continue to meet twice a week.

Jay Stelzenmuller suggested that the Committee choose one issue and pass it to the Assembly to see if they can move it to the State for consideration.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. Agenda items for next meeting.

Friday November 6, Zoning and Permitting discussion to include retail, limited marijuana cultivation, cultivation, cultivator's broker, manufacturing facility license, testing facility (cultivation/labs).

B. Set next meeting date.

Friday November 6 at 7pm

M - Albertson/S - Potrzuski moved to adjourn at approximately 9pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:
Reuben Yerkes, Paralegal