

City of Sacramento
Neighborhood and Business Association Cannabis Stakeholder Meeting
Meeting Summary Notes

July 7, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Historic City Hall Commission Hearing Room, 915 I Street, 2nd Floor

I. Updates

- Non-Medical Tax Measure
 - In November of 2016 the City is considering placing an up to 10% Business Tax on the ballot for non-medical marijuana which would apply to retail sales only.
- Registration Forms
 - The City received a total of 178 cultivation registration forms, however many of them did supply adequate evidence of cultivating as of February 2, 2016.
 - City staff has decided that at this time the registration forms will be for internal information and reference.
 - Submission of a registration form does not guarantee one will receive a cultivation permit in the future
- Ordinance Updates and Staff Recommendations
 - Title 17 Ordinance (Planning and Development Code)
 - Any changes to the Planning and Development Code require review by the Planning and Design Commission. The public hearing is scheduled for July 21, 2016 at 6 pm in Historic City Hall, 2nd Floor.
 - City Staff Recommendations (**NOTE** these are only the City staff recommendations that will be presented to Planning and Design Commission and City Council. These have NOT yet been approved or adopted):
 - **FOR ALL ZONES (A, C-2, C-4, M-1, M1S, M-2 and M-2S)**
 - Conditional Use Permits will be required and will be approved at the Planning and Design Commission level
 - Cultivation must be within a fully enclosed building and must not be visible from the public right-of-way
 - Cultivation must comply with all applicable state and local laws.
 - Only one sign is allowed. The sign can be attached or detached. The sign cannot be illuminated and cannot exceed six square feet in area.
 - The cultivation site may not be located within a 600 foot radius of a school.
 - **FOR C-2 ZONE ONLY**
 - Cultivation operation cannot exceed 6,400 square feet in area
 - The cultivation site may not be located within a 300 foot radius of a residential zone.
 - The cultivation site may not be located within a 600 foot radius of a school or a park.
 - The cultivation site may not be located within a 1,000 foot radius of another premise with a marijuana cultivation permit.

- Title 5 Ordinance (Operating Permit) Update
 - City staff is still working on the details of the operating permit regulations and application process and plan to propose recommendations to the Law and Legislation Committee during the August 9th meeting.
 - The concept of a Request For Proposal (RFP) process is being considered for selecting cultivators.
- Manufacture and Delivery
 - City staff is still working on regulations for manufacture and delivery with details to come as soon as more information becomes available. Staff is open to hearing input and recommendations.

II. Questions, Comments and Recommendations

- **RECOMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS from audience with staff responses (NOTE: all responses from staff are based on research and recommendations to City Council. Answers are subject to change depending upon City Council action)**

- Will the non-medical tax measure be on the State ballot or City?
 - The non-medical tax measure is being considered to be placed on the City ballot.
- Concern with having the address made public in the CUP process will put the cultivator at risk.
 - City will ensure there is a detailed security plan to address any concerns of safety. Notification will only be given to those who are within a 300 foot radius.
- What will the criteria be for the proposed RFP process? Concern that the more financially established people will be able to create a better, more well suited RFP than some of the smaller businesses.
 - City staff will keep this in mind and will work on a process that takes into consideration the size of the business.
- Will the cultivation sites be evenly spread?
 - The city will be looked at as a whole and zoning will be taken into account, not a particular number per zone or an overall cap.
- Recommendation to keep jobs in Sacramento, to have a requirement that the security camera monitoring companies be with local companies.
 - City staff feel it may be too restrictive to put that many restrictions in place. But we do want to ensure there is adequate security and are hopeful cultivation sites will provide many more local jobs.
- Recommendation to take into account that there is a list of the neighborhood associations on the City's website. Will that be used for cultivation businesses to reach out?
 - The City recommends that cultivation sites do reach out to local businesses and neighborhood associations in order to form alliances and relationships however City will leave this up to individual cultivation businesses.
- Will some of the funds from cultivation go to Code Enforcement?
 - The operating permit fees for dispensaries does have funds allocated to fund a zoning investigator. This will likely be the case for the cultivation permit fee as well.

III. Work plan and upcoming dates

- Planning and Design Commission public hearing – July 21, 2016
 - Will be hearing amendment to Title 17 (Planning and Development Code regarding land use only)
- Law and Legislation Meeting – August 9, 2016
- City Council – August 16, 2016