



Marijuana Work Group Meeting
Date: April 16, 2015
Location: Legislative Hearing Room
Draft Meeting Minutes
Minutes approved June 3, 2015

Committee Members in Attendance: Bill Myers, Joel Clark, Catherine Scott, Brent Snow, Peggy Bill, Jenny Rice
Staff in Attendance: DCD Staff: Elizabeth Anderson
Guests: Jack Corey, Anna Pierotti, Levi Clark

Purpose and schedule	The workgroup's goal is a draft that will go through public hearings before the Planning Commission and the County Council. This workgroup's task is to help produce a draft for review and to help identify the larger stakeholder group.	
Staff Overview	Several members of the workgroup have provided proposed additions/changes to the draft they reviewed at the March 31, 2015 meeting. A revised draft is provided for the workgroup to review on April 16 th . Sections not planned for review at this meeting have been taken out to provide focus on sections under discussion on this date. GOALS for April 16: Determine reasonable definitions, Land Use Table amendments, and performance standards for a draft ordinance for public review.	
Work group comments	<p>BS – Administrator Review creates a Sequencing – a tried and tested review of impacts on the natural environment and community. Full-on tiered approach is ok to address performance of lights and fans in an enclosed space with odor/noise impacts</p> <p>Bill – Uses are indoor only in Table 1. They can be outdoor in RFF</p> <p>PB – Greenhouses are used for any crop, not just marijuana</p> <p>Bill – Not a large scale use. You can fit all tiers inside one acre. Has been in business 8 years – no odor issues</p> <p>BS – Agrees that, with outdoor crops there – less regulation and mitigation</p> <p>Bill - Very few licenses so far in SJC. 20 medical growers on Orcas</p> <p>PB - Greenhouses have more impact on environment than outdoor growing does.</p> <p>Jim – Odor is the same with indoor and outdoor</p> <p>PB – It is a legal agricultural crop – marijuana should be consistent with other regulations, like those for lumber mills and slaughter houses</p> <p>BS – Compared with entire Land Use table, marijuana growing is unlike all other agricultural crops – no one under 21 can be on the premises. It is not seen at the farmer's market – It is fundamentally different</p> <p>Joel – This is too much administration – it creates a roadblock and is a potential killer to small business</p> <p>BS – The additional burden for increased volume is not unusual. With the tiers, the small square footage is permitted outright</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Tiers small sq ft = permitted outright Smallest = mom & pop operation Tier 3 = maybe 16 employees</p> <p>JR – Lavender has an odor some hate</p> <p>PB – Compare this w/Land Use tables for agriculture – Pigs require no CU permit and they create an odor</p> <p>Bill Expect an official from Liquor Control Board.</p> <p>EA – Local regs are expected by the state.</p> <p>Joel – Let neighbors handle it themselves</p> <p>Quantity is the difference between Medical/Recreational. Medical limit is 6 plants</p> <p>PB – Indoor use – no clarification from State</p> <p>BS – Some will be outdoor and indoor – combination for seedlings and field crops</p> <p>Joel – Not an issue</p> <p>BS – Is there any other Public comment from 1/22 presentation? Any Operation will be reviewed when/if you apply for permit exemption. Additional review is important</p> <p>Bill – all uses are small</p> <p>PB – Just rely on performance standards. They put more scrutiny on compliance</p> <p>CJ Questions Performance Standards – why 500 ft? Under the following sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Define cottage industry – does it apply? l. Drop it - (group consensus) n. Does State require sheriff notification? q. "Character of surrounding permitted uses" is vague. 	
Public comment		
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.	The next meeting Wednesday June 3, 2015, 12:00 -1:30 pm.

