Marijuana Work Group Meeting

Date: June 3, 2015
Location: Legislative Building large conference room
Draft Meeting Minutes
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Committee Members in Attendance: Joel Clark, Catherine Scott, Jim Sesby, Brent Snow, Peggy Bill, Kyle Dodd,
Jenny Rice (attending by telephone)
Staff in Attendance: CD&P Staff: Elizabeth Anderson, Sam Gibboney
Guests: Jack Cory, Sandy Strehlou, Aarikka Tuss, Beth Kroft

Introduction
The group worked to identify the core issue and the viewpoints and recommendations of different members of the group.
Sam Gibboney: We know the comments of the group are not going to be a consensus. We will report and try to use the breadth of what we have heard.

ISSUES
Brent Snow - Scale relative to: permitting, lighting, Access and easements
Peggy Bill
- Scale: indoors, outdoor, Greenhouses, Temporary Growing Structures
- Definitions - Concerns, especially with greenhouses
- NON-ISSUES: Odor, lighting, or noise
Jim Sesby - #1 issue is agriculture use vs. NIMBY-ism of neighbors. Differing views: NO regulations? What should regulations be?
Peggy - Right to farm only applies to Rural Farm Forest and Agriculture resource lands.
Jenny Rice - Can we grow other crops with Marijuana? Companion plantings can be good against insects, pests.

Scale
- Acreage- less permissive on smaller properties
- Operations – use state tiers or not
- Do size constraints apply to processing? NO.
- Is Marijuana different than agricultural? The scale will be larger. Should marijuana growing and processing be treated the same as other agricultural activity?

Setback – buildings Setbacks should be consistent with Skagit regulations at 250 ft.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
- Use quantifiable amounts of odor, light, noise
- Odor is dependent on personal preferences
- Odor reduction will = noise increase, hard to mitigate both
- Hard to quantify odor and noise. But is a real concern for some.
- Use reasonable BMPS: Carbon filters would need regulations.
- The county does have odor regulations on lumber mills, feed lots, fiberglass.
- Catherine Scott - Odor control is important - see handout for recommendations
- Potentially Add exemptions or scale to SJCC noise ordinance, which applies “at the boundary”.

Lighting is intensity higher?
- Yes. The length of time lighted is longer. But it is easy to mitigate with blackout cloths.
- Security lights are unlikely to be intrusive. The security cameras are infrared.

Access
- Traffic – again a scale issue. Agreed. Some workers carpool, should that affect parking requirements? Suggestion: put carpooling agreement in writing to ensure it will endure as traffic increase mitigation.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm.