

SUMMARY
MARIJUANA REGULATORY WORKING GROUP
AUGUST 5, 2020
9:00 A.M.

NOTE: The public may provide written comments prior to the meeting by emailing those comments by 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, to planning@pueblounty.us. Only comments relating to the neighborhood impact of expanding licensed premises in Pueblo County will be considered. The meeting may be viewed live on the County's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/PuebloCounty/> however comments will not be taken through Facebook during the meeting.

The following are summarized statements from the Working Group members and County Staff. Please refer to the Pueblo County Facebook page to watch the full video of the meeting. Times from the video are listed below for your convenience.

Ms. Howard called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Vanessa Cruz, Rob Ganger, Brad Lisac, Jim Parco, George Schleining, Scott Smith

Members Absent: Matt Bernal, Tommy Giadone

Staff Present: Carmen Howard, Director of Planning and Development, Sarah Long, Assistant County Attorney; Gail Wallingford-Ingo, Deputy Director of Planning and Development; Dani Cernoia, Recording Secretary

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION

2:25

Ms. Long summarized the changes she made to the Updated Proposed Draft Language on Neighborhood Impact.

Ms. Cruz joined the meeting at 9:05.

7:53

Mr. Parco stated that he sees benefits with both options. He asked if the group could send them both to Commissioners and let them decide what the language should be based on the recommendations. Ms. Long responded yes and gave additional details.

9:30

Mr. Lisac agreed with Mr. Parco.

10:10

Mr. Ganger asked if it could be clarified, in option 2, conforming vs non-conforming properties. Ms. Long responded that it would be possible and provided advice regarding Mr. Ganger's question.

Discussion occurred.

14:35

Mr. Parco motioned to send language option 1 and language option 2 for outdoor cultivation forward, on behalf of the committee, to the Commissioners for them to consider both. Mr. Lisac seconded the motion.

The group voted as follows:

Mr. Smith - yes
Mr. Schleining - yes
Mr. Parco - yes
Mr. Ganger - no
Mr. Lisac - yes
Ms. Cruz - yes

The motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

16:00

Ms. Long asked if the members of the work group continues and they get direction to consider other issues, would anyone not be able to continue? All members indicated that they could continue.

17:54

Mr. Parco stated that he would like to recommend restoring the modification of premises process back to the way it was before the moratorium (specifically for modifications of premises that would expand said licensed premises) was put in place and allow the industry to continue submitting those applications. Ms. Long responded that the group could vote on that.

Discussion occurred.

20:19

Ms. Long clarified with Mr. Parco that he is not talking about the moratorium on new applications, that he is discussing modification of premise. The temporary hold that was put in place this summer. Mr. Parco confirmed that was correct, the hold that was put in place for acceptance of applications of modifications of premises.

Discussion occurred. Ms. Long confirmed the resolution in which Mr. Parco is referring to.

25:45

Ms. Long: "Make a recommendation that the moratorium on modification of premises applications be lifted once the work group recommendations are considered by the Board of County Commissioners and any changes are implemented regarding how to address neighborhood impact."

Mr. Parco motioned to accept Ms. Long's verbiage. Mr. Schleining seconded the motion.

The group voted as follows:

Mr. Smith - yes
Mr. Schleining - yes
Mr. Parco - yes
Mr. Ganger - yes
Mr. Lisac - yes
Ms. Cruz - yes

The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM

Respectfully submitted,



Dani Cernoia, Recording Secretary
Department of Planning and Development

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