

**MEETING SUMMARY
MARIJUANA REGULATORY WORKING GROUP
JUNE 24, 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, June 23, 2020, to planning@pueblounty.us. 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.

3:45

Since there were four members absent, there was not a quorum and an official meeting could not be held. Mr. Parco asked if Mr. Lisac could still share his story with the group and public since there are many community members watching the meeting and wanting that information as well. Ms. Long said this was fine, the group just can't vote on anything without a quorum.

The meeting began at 9:05 AM

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Vanessa Cruz, Brad Lisac, Jim Parco, Scott Smith

Members Absent: Matt Bernal, Tommy Giadone, Michael Sample, George Schleining

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments sent prior to the meeting.

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION

6:40

Mr. Bernal joined the meeting briefly to inform the group he would not be able to attend.

8:02

Ms. Howard shared her screen to show the group how to access information on the County website.

12:22

Mr. Parco informed the group that he went to Mr. Lisac's house and would like to hear from him regarding his concerns.

13:24

Mr. Lisac summarized his concerns by giving the group a history of what has happened near his property regarding marijuana grows.

32:46

Ms. Howard informed the group that Mr. Lisac's text amendment is 2019-001 and can be found on the website.

35:02

Ms. Long informed the group that they shouldn't have a too in-depth conversation with so few members. She suggested that the members think about where they would like to see the recommendation going and if they have any ideas already, they could jot them down and bring them to the next meeting.

36:43

Mr. Parco summarized his thoughts regarding Mr. Lisac's concerns and expressed that he is an advocate for him.

44:57

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Lisac if the regulation had changed to have a larger buffer, would his situation have changed? He also asked if the grow could move their activity farther from his home. Mr. Lisac responded that he had talked with the business owner and was told that his (the business owner) grow was legal and grandfathered in. He continued that in 2013 the regulation was changed from 1000 feet from property line to property line to 250 feet from structure to structure. He added that the text amendment only affected the grow on 38th Lane and was passed in two months. He has been trying for two years to pass another text amendment and is still on the BOCC agenda.

47:52

Ms. Howard added that, although she may not be 100% accurate, she believed the 1000 feet was from schools. What she thought was changed was the way it was measured. It used to be property line to property line and changed to licensed premise to building. Mr. Lisac agreed that it was changed from 500 to 250 feet, not 1000 to 250 feet.

Mr. Parco commented as well.

54:28

Ms. Long added that this group is focused on measuring neighborhood impact for expansion of licensed premise. It might look different dependent on license type, but at the end they need to make sure they have a comprehensive recommendation to present to the commissioners that does address the scope.

There were no public comments sent to planning@pueblounty.us.

ADJOURN

Ms. Howard adjourned the meeting at 10:04 AM.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dani Cernoia, Recording Secretary
Department of Planning and Development

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