

SUMMARY
MARIJUANA REGULATORY WORKING GROUP
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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, September 29, 2020, to planning@pueblounty.us. Only comments relating to the Marijuana Regulatory Working Group 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.

Ms. Howard began the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Matt Bernal, Rob Ganger, Tom Gordon, Brad Lisac, David Lytle, Jim Parco, George Schleining, Scott Smith

Members Absent: Vanessa Cruz

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

III. GENERAL DISCUSSION

6:10

Mr. Lytle stated that he thinks the focus should be on what the County needs from the industry to address public issues and what the industry needs from the County to streamline practices and make them more efficient. How can both sides work together to reduce the overall cost structure? He added that he thinks the workgroup's primary focus should be streamlining for the longevity of the industry in Pueblo County.

9:20

Mr. Lisac suggested finding a topic and discussing it rather than jumping around. Mr. Lytle responded by starting a discussion regarding feminized seed.

Discussion occurred regarding cross-pollination and regulations for marijuana vs hemp.

27:50

Mr. Bernal asked Mr. Smith what he would like to see regarding cross-pollination. Mr. Smith responded by mentioning a 5-mile buffer, but the problem is that hemp will be everywhere,

and he doesn't know what can be done about it.

29:50

Mr. Parco asked if this is a real issue causing problems or just a theoretical concern. He asked Ms. Wallingford-Ingo if there have been complaints received, to which she responded yes. Mr. Parco added additional comments including that he would like to find a good policy to move forward with.

32:00

Mr. Parco asked Ms. Howard and Ms. Wallingford-Ingo what the status is of the work the group has done up until now. Ms. Long responded that the Commissioners are working through the process and provided additional details.

Discussion occurred regarding the recommendations that were previously provided to the Commissioners.

50:00

Ms. Long summarized some of the other topics regarding hemp that were brought up at the last meeting and asked if anyone from the group had any topics to add. Mr. Smith suggested specific enforcement.

52:15

Mr. Parco recommended the normalization of how business is conducted in the cannabis industry. He provided additional details and added that he would like to see a conversation about normalizing the rules between cannabis dispensaries and liquor stores/pharmacies. Ms. Long responded that Mr. Parco's concerns regarding normalization of businesses was on the list of topics sent to the Commissioners, and they chose hemp as the topic for now.

IV. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dani Cernoia, Recording Secretary
Department of Planning and Development