

City of Madras
Recreational Marijuana Advisory Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2016

I. Call to Order

The Recreational Marijuana Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Royce Embanks at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, 2016 in the Madras City Council Chambers.

Members in Attendance:

Michelle Hallas, Shawn Winsor, Janet Brown, Mike Boynton, Sam Stapleton, Ali Alire, Joe Krenowicz, Tom Brown, Richard Ladeby, Royce Embanks, Jocelyn Anderson.

Members Absent Were:

Staff Members in Attendance:

Nicholas Snead, Community Development Director
Jeremy Green, City Attorney
Alan Dale, City Attorney
Michele Quinn, Administrative Assistant
Rob Dehnert, Assistant Planner

II. Introductions

III. Appointment of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

A. Chair

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE KRENOWICZ TO APPROVE JANET BROWN AS CHAIR PERSON FOR THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ALI ALIRE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. 11/0

B. Vice Chair

A MOTION WAS MADE BY JOE KRENOWICZ TO APPROVE MIKE BOYNTON AS VICE CHAIR PERSON FOR THE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER RICHARD LADEBY AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. 11/0

IV. Overview of City of Madras Resolution No. 09-2016

Community Development Director Nicholas Snead went over Resolution No. 09-2016 and explained that City Council passed this resolution to adopt zoning and reasonable, time, place, and manner regulations prior to the general election. This Committee has eleven members appointed by City Council and each member will serve on the RMAC commencing the adoption of this resolution and ending on November 8, 2016. The RMAC will act as an advisory body to the City of Madras Planning Commission and City Council.

V. Discussion of Committee Meeting Schedule and Procedures

Community Development Director Nicholas Snead told the Committee that he took a leap of faith and scheduled the four meeting dates. Nick asked the Committee if the dates scheduled will work for everyone. The scheduled dates are as follows:

June 9, 2016 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
June 23, 2016 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
July 7, 2016 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
July 21, 2016 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Community Development Director Nicholas Snead explained that minutes will be taken at each meeting and that all the materials will be available on the City's website. We will need to have a quorum for each meeting and a quorum is six members. We will work through consensus or a majority of the vote if there is not a consensus. Staff will offer all materials for the meetings we would like to be paperless so if you are in need of a hard copy please let us know.

VI. Review of Legal Framework

Jeremy Green, City Attorney introduced himself and Alan Dale and explained to the Committee how they have been advising the City. Jeremy read through the memorandum.

This memorandum concerns various legal matters surrounding the development of time, place, and manner restrictions (TPMs) for Recreational Marijuana (RMJ) establishments in the City of Madras. As a reminder, Medical Marijuana (MMJ) and RMJ are generally regulated by two different state agencies MMH by Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and RMJ by Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC). Recent legislative trends suggest that the state is moving towards a consolidated system of marijuana regulation. However, at the moment, MMJ and RMJ are treated separately. The focus of the RMAC is to provide recommended regulations concerning RMJ operations in City. To this end, the RMAC will develop and recommend reasonable time, place, and manner land use regulations intend to mitigate the impacts of RMJ uses. These regulations may address, among other things, sight, sound, smell, size/scale, location, access, and other impacts associated with marijuana land uses.

VII. Review and Discussion Results of Community Survey

Community Development Director Nicholas Snead went through the Recreational Marijuana Community Survey and explained the results to the Committee.

Question 1: Where do you live?
51.64% lived in City Limits
48.36% lived outside of the City limits

Question 2: What concerns do you have about the manner in which the existing dispensaries operate?
68% said I don't have any concerns

Question 4: The City currently requires Medical Marijuana dispensaries to be at least 1,000 feet from another Medical Marijuana dispensary. Should Recreational Marijuana dispensaries have the same spacing standard?

66.12 % said yes

Question 5: In which zoning districts should growing and processing of Recreational Marijuana be limited?

Industrial Zone 25.20 %

Commercial Zone 17.89%

Residential Zone 21.95%

None 34.96 %

Question 6: Should businesses that produce recreational marijuana be prohibited in residential zones?

69.67 % Yes

30.33 % No

Question 7: What impacts of recreational marijuana growing and processing are you concerned about?

42.62 % I do not have any concerns

Questions 9: in which zoning districts should recreational marijuana wholesalers be permitted to operate?

Industrial Zone 33.33%

Commercial Zone 43.09%

None 23.58%

Question 10: In which zoning districts should retail sales of recreational marijuana be permitted to operate?

Industrial Zone 7.44%

Commercial Zone 74.38%

None 18.18%

Conclusions:

- Both City and County residents participated in the survey
- Not much concern about existing Medical Dispensaries location or signage
- Recreational dispensaries should have same 1,000 foot spacing from other dispensaries.
- Location where growing & processing recreational marijuana unclear.
- Recreational marijuana shouldn't be sold in residential areas.

Shawn Winsor asked about the spacing between the dispensaries and Joe Krenowicz added is that from property line to property line?

The Committee had questions about land use and does everybody understand the City's land use codes, and the difference between the three different commercial zones and the industrial zone.

Community Development Director Nicholas Snead explained to the Committee the difference between the commercial and industrial zones.

IV. Discussion of Zoning Districts where Processing and Retail Sales of Recreation Marijuana will be permitted.

Chair Janet Brown went around the room and asked each member where they felt processing and retail sales of recreational marijuana be permitted.

The Committee's discussion and consensus on whole sale of recreational marijuana is to keep it in the industrial zone.

The Committee's consensus on processing marijuana is to keep it in the industrial zone.

The Committees consensus on retail sales of recreational marijuana is commercial zones C-1, C-2, and C-3

The Committee decided to research labs and come back to this discussion.

X. Discussion of Needed Regulations for Processing and Retail Sales of Recreational Marijuana.

Due to time constraints this item was not discussed at this time.

XI. Public Comments

There were no comments offered by the public.

XII. Discussion of June 23, 2016 Meeting Agenda and Expectations

Community Development Director Nicholas Snead confirmed with the RMAC that the upcoming June 23, 2016 meeting will work with everyones schedule. Nick also told the Committee that we are trying to be paperless so if you want a copy of the packet please let us know.

Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.