



Meeting Minutes Local Marijuana Regulation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Jeigh Stanton Gregor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present 8 - Committee Member Charles Rose, Committee Member David Burleigh, Committee Member Elizabeth Bacom, Chairperson Jeigh Stanton-Gregor, Committee Member Kathy Holtzinger, Committee Member Kelly P. Swihart, Committee Member Nancy C. Strand, and Committee Member Rick Dormer

Absent 9 - Committee Member Anthony Taiber, Committee Member Brian Richards, Committee Member Elizabeth Amanecer, Committee Member Jim Demko, Committee Member Kevin Clark, Committee Member Kurt L. Wohlhueter, Committee Member Mitch Eide, Committee Member Pamela Van Houten, and Committee Member Thomas Kojima

2. Approval of the Minutes

A. Minutes of March 5, 2015 Meeting

Attachments: [LMRA Committee Minutes 3-5-15](#)

The minutes were approved, as submitted.

3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved, as submitted.

4. Visitors Views Unrelated to Agenda

None.

5. Visitors Views Related to Agenda

None.

6. Committee Reports

Elizabeth Bacom reported for the Public Safety subcommittee that the items discussed were as follows: what areas the committee would like to see restricted; marijuana businesses no closer than one mile from the downtown core; concerns about the safety of products such as edibles and oils; whether to treat marijuana restrictions the same as alcohol; drug education; and security requirements for store fronts.

Rick Dormer reported for the Zoning subcommittee that the items discussed were as follows: land use (where it can be sold, grown, or smoked); hours of operation; possible problem areas around town; and seeking community input on decisionmaking.

Elizabeth Bacom then reported for the Permitting and Taxation subcommittee that the items discussed were as follows: the possible process in permitting; different types of permits; who would qualify for a permit; and how many permits would be issued.

7. Unfinished Business

Jeigh Stanton Gregor set the next meeting for September 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in hopes that all information would be in from the State by that date.

8. New Business

A. Presentation by James Baker Regarding Municipal Marijuana Sales

Dr. James Baker gave a presentation about his desire for the Petersburg Borough to develop a Public Development Authority ("PDA") to grow, process, and sell recreational marijuana. Dr. Baker shared his experience visiting Don Stevens, Mayor of North Bonneville, Washington, and touring their marijuana dispensary. He laid out his proposed plan for how Petersburg could profit from this process. He explained that at "Phase I" of the plan, the PDA would have very minimal start-up costs, utilizing current Borough staff and facilities. Dr. Baker also recommended hiring a project director at 10% of the proceeds and a project manager at 5% of the proceeds. He went on to suggest ways to utilize volunteer workforce paid with product. He compared the benefits of a Borough organized PDA versus private industry. Dr. Baker then explained how the transition to "Phase II" would work, ideas for using the profit earned, and his desire to bring Mayor Stevens to Petersburg to speak to the Assembly. He also briefly discussed his idea to sell water to communities in the lower 48.

Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Rick Dormer each asked about some hurdles that might come up in getting an operation started, including federal laws.

9. Communication

None.

10. Discussion Items

None.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.