

MC Vice Chairman Agenda Facilitation Considerations

Some brief thoughts on agenda items perhaps to facilitate meeting discussion:

A. Information session: I would imagine city staff having many questions and desirous of our opinions

B. Discussion: Determine MCC interest in permitting for-profit medical cannabis businesses.

Permitting for profit medical cannabis businesses in Berkeley, MCC interests? Begs a few questions...

(MCC purpose- ensure that medical cannabis provision in Berkeley is conducted in a safe and orderly manner to protect the welfare of Qualified Patients and the community... & commission recommend to the City operational and safety standards for Medical Cannabis Collectives and Dispensaries, & consult with any individual, organization, affiliation, collective, cooperative or other entity which seeks to open a new Medical Cannabis Collective or dispensary in Berkeley or to relocate an existing Medical Cannabis Collective or dispensary. Commission- advise the City whether proposed Medical Cannabis Collective or dispensary has a strategy for compliance with published safety & operational standards before the new Medical Cannabis Collective or dispensary commences lawful operation... & Commission- monitor compliance of Medical Cannabis Collectives and dispensaries in Berkeley for correcting any violations of safety & operational standards).

1. Input from existing non-for-profit business for info, opinion

2. Study/survey new upcoming state regs (BMCR- suggest subcommittee review

3. Staff, city manager, city attorney input and questions

C. Delivery-only dispensaries: Discussion and possible vote on BMC language and selection process. Four attachments:

1. Memo: Points of discussion

2. Draft Sections 12.23.020 and 12.27.115;

3. Subcommittee memo regarding Delivery-only dispensaries; and

4. MCRSA language related to Delivery-only dispensaries.

I hope we can study the attachments and arrive at ordinance/selection process approval at this meeting so that this important regulation will be approved by the Mayor and BCC sooner than later.

D. Discussion: Review/develop information to forward to Council regarding cultivation location limits.

One attachment: Important Points, part VI

1. Review important points from Karen- especially limited number 5,000 sq ft locations

2. Continuing Planning Dept interaction

3. Status- Karen/Charley meeting with Sophie Hahn- Karen away most of April, Sophie recovering from accident & only meeting with BCC.

4. Draft letter to council emphasizing cultivation ordinance/licensing delay, state asking for local regs, Measure T 2010!

Way overdue for BCC approval/Commission/Subcommittee efforts- so far, so much lip service!

E. Review of Cultivation and Delivery-Only Dispensaries Subcommittee, with vote on continuation and membership. One attachment: Chapter II.C.5 of the Commissioners' Manual (Temp Subcommittees)
Seems to me Subcommittee facilitates greatly our Commission endeavors and should continue...

F. Vote on representative(s) to attend the April 19th Planning Commission meeting (delivery-only dispensaries) and the April 25th City Council meeting (MCC name and mission change).

Great showing at last Planning Dept meeting- Commissioners and cultivators

Comments from CA AG Xavier Becerra

CA AG Xavier Becerra on KQED on March 17

Q. “Another area of conflict with the Federal Government marijuana and possible Trump administration enforcement of federal drug laws what does that mean to you?”

A. *“We are in the 21st century, we can criminalize marijuana or we can regulate marijuana. From my perspective it's a lot smarter to regulate it, and make it so if you decide to violate those rules then you pay the price. You are punished by our laws.”*

Q. “Are you concerned that there might raids by the federal government as there were in the past?”

A. *“The federal government may decide this is one of the more important things they want to deal with. I suspect there are many people in America would say there are a whole bunch of folks that want to do us harm already why aren't we going after them first. Let's let our local state's law enforcement decide how to go after those who are maybe not doing the right thing with marijuana, but we made a decision. The people of the state of California voted to allow the people of the state to use small quantities of marijuana and so therefore let's move on, let's regulate it and not criminalize it.”*