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Community Development Director

COUNTY OF LAKE
CANNABIS TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
Conference Room B
Meeting Held Remotely through Zoom
March 13, 2023
1:00 PM

STAFF PRESENT

Mireya G. Turner, CDD Director
Andrew Amelung, Cannabis Program Manager
Katherine Schaefer, Assistant Planner
Mary Claybon, Assistant Planner
William Collins, Chief Building Official

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

William Weiss – North Lake County
Rebecca Harper – Farm Bureau
Jennifer Smith – Lake County Cannabis Alliance
Nara Dahlbacka – Cannabis Industry
Robert Geary – Tribal Representative
Fire Marshalls Paul Bleuss and William Sapeta – Lake County Fire Chief Association
Representative
Jan Coppinger – South Lake County
Katherine Vanderwall – Agricultural Commissioner

TASK FORCE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

N/A

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Bart Levenson
Angela Amoral
Margaux Kambara

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner at 1:04 p.m.

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2. Roll Call of Task Force Members

Roll Call was taken by Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner. Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner, Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung, Assistant Planner Katherine Schaefer, Assistant Planner Mary Claybon, and Chief Building Official William Collins were present along with the following Task Force members:

Present: Jennifer Smith, Nara Dahlbacka, Paul Bleuss, William Sapeta, Robert Geary, William Weiss, Robert Geary

Absent: Task Force member Coppinger

3. Consideration of Minutes from the February 27, 2023 Task Force Meeting

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened the February 27, 2023 minutes for review.

Task Force member Harper moved to approve the February 27, 2023 minutes, seconded by Task Force member Weiss, and approved unanimously by the Task Force.

Absent: Task Force member Coppinger

4. Consideration of Recommendations on Cannabis Retail Sales Limitations on Concentrations or Locations of Cannabis Retail Sales

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung reviewed the zoning districts where Cannabis retail is allowed, presented the Lake County Cannabis Alliance recommendations, and opened discussion to Task Force members.

Discussion of consumption lounges was postponed to a future meeting.

Task Force member Jan Coppinger joined the meeting at 1:15pm.

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened Public Comment on this item at 1:23pm: Bart Levenson and Angela Amoral spoke. No further people wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 1:27pm.

Task Force member Smith moved to recommend the Lake County Cannabis Alliance zoning chart as written, with the correction of C3, M1, M2 and MP to include incidental



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retail sales, seconded by Task Force member Weiss and approved unanimously by the Task Force.

5. Review and Determination of Cannabis Control Definitions

Item tabled until the next meeting for Staff to prepare a redline version of recent Department of Cannabis Control regulation changes.

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened a discussion on whether the size of a Cannabis permit would relate to a Minor vs. a Major Use Permit, similar to how the County of Lake relates Minor and Major Use Permits to winery size.

Public Comment on cannabis retail size was opened at 1:55pm: Bart Levenson and Margaux Kambarra spoke. No further people wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 2:14p.m.

Task Force member Weiss moved to recommend that all Cannabis retail applications, whose retail area is under 750 square feet, would qualify for a Minor Use Permit, while applications over 750 square feet would qualify for a Major Use Permit, seconded by Task Force member Coppinger, and approved unanimously by the Task Force.

Task Force member Sapeta moved to recommend that Cannabis retail applications would maintain a 1,000-foot setback from all sensitive receptors as identified in Article 27 (at)1.ii.v. of the Lake County Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Task Force member Weiss and approved by the Task Force.

Ayes: Task Force members Harper, Geary, Coppinger, Vanderwall, and Sapeta

Nays: Task Force members Smith and Dahlbacka

6. Public Comments

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Cannabis Task Force adjourned at 2:26pm.