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Community Development Director

COUNTY OF LAKE
CANNABIS TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
Conference Room B
Meeting Held Remotely through Zoom
January 23, 2023
1:00 PM

STAFF PRESENT

Mireya Turner, CDD Director
Andrew Amelung, Cannabis Program Manager
Katherine Schaefer, Assistant Planner

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

William Weiss – North Lake County
Jan Coppinger – South Lake County
Katherine Vanderwall – Agricultural Commissioner
Jennifer Smith – Lake County Cannabis Alliance
Nara Dahlbacka – Cannabis Industry
Robert Geary – Tribal Representative
Chiefs Paul Bleuss and Willie Sapeta – Lake County Fire Chief Association Representatives

TASK FORCE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Rebecca Harper – Farm Bureau

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Angela Amoral
Brad Chatten
Bart Levenson
Damian Ramirez
Sara Bodnar
Trey Sherrell

1. Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner at 1:03 p.m.

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2. Roll Call of Task Force Members

Roll Call was taken by Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner. Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung, and Assistant Planner Katherine Schaefer were present along with the Following Task Force members:

Present: Jan Coppinger, Jennifer Smith, Katherine Vanderwall, Nara Dahlbacka, Paul Bleuss, Robert Geary, William Weiss

Absent: Rebecca Harper

3. Consideration of Minutes for the Task Force Meetings of October 24, 2022, November 14, 2022 and November 28, 2022

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened the December 12, 2022 minutes for review.

Task Force members unanimously approved the minutes from the December 12, 2022 meeting.

Absent: Rebecca Harper

4. Presentation of Recommendations on Ag Exempt and Temporary Ag Structures for Cannabis Activities by the Ad Hoc Committee

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner gave an overview of the Ad Hoc Committee recommendations and opened discussion to Task Force members.

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened public comment at 2:27 p.m: Angela Amoral, Brad Chatten, Bart Levenson, Damian Ramirez, Sara Bodnar, and Trey Sherrell spoke. No further people wished to speak and public comment was closed at 2:39 p.m.

5. Consideration of Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on Ag Exempt and Temporary Ag Structures for Cannabis Activities

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner and Task Force members codified recommendations from Item 4.

Cannabis Task Force Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for inclusion into the Lake County Code are as follows:

Section 5-6.24 of Chapter 5 *Ag. Exempt Structures*



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1. Propose no change to the definition of Ag. Exempt structures. Electrical would only be allowed with a building permit. Cannabis permittees would qualify to use these structures within the already established “Ag. Exempt Structure” definitions.

Section 5-6.25 of Chapter 5 *Temporary Ag Structures*

2. Change title to “Temporary Hoops for Cultivation” for these structures.
3. Add wording that these Temporary Hoops for Cultivation would be exempted from the building permit process if the structures met the listed criteria.
4. Specify the method of anchoring the Temporary Hoops for Cultivation into the ground and include a section on the Use Permit application for this information.
5. Require conformance to California Public Resources Code Section 4290 and 4291, as pertaining to Agricultural Standards, for temporary drying structures (per RES 2019-124).
6. Require that generator rules be consistent for all cannabis-related permits in the Lake County Code, and with the version of the Fire Code in effect at the time of submission of permit application.
7. Require that adherence to Department of Cannabis Control (DCC) guidelines for Temporary Hoops for Cultivation be apparent at application submission.
8. Section 3: Change title to “Temporary Structures for Cannabis Drying”.
9. No comment regarding Hoop Houses.
10. In Tents: Clarify that loads are not to be added to the actual hoop or tent structure, but rather are located on an internal load-bearing frame, or on a separate structure within the hoop or tent structure.
11. Allow shipping containers as an accessory agricultural use coupled with a temporary drying use, sunsetting the drying use to three years after the permit’s issuance.
12. Size: Limit the total square footage of the Temporary Cannabis Drying Structures to 10% of the project’s total canopy area.
- 13.

Additional Cannabis Task Force Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors include:

14. Require the conveyance of the project site plan to the responsible fire district before commencement of project operations. Physically locate the site plans on site in a Knox Box or other area where they may be easily accessed/viewed, and advise the Fire Districts of the on-site Site Plan’s location.
15. Clarify that responsibility for issuance of permits remains with the Community Development Department.

6. Status of Existing Cannabis Permits

This item to be discussed at a future meeting due to time constraints.

7. Discussion on Concentrations of Cannabis Retail Sales

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner proposed to continue the item to a future meeting and previewed that a Board of Supervisors Memo will request the Task



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Force to consider two items: The appropriate level of permitting for Cannabis retail, and direction regarding the regulation of density.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Cannabis Task force adjourned at 2:53pm.