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COUNTY OF LAKE
CANNABIS TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES
CONFERENCE ROOM B
Meeting Held Remotely through Zoom
August 1, 2022
2:00 PM

STAFF PRESENT

Mireya Turner, CDD Deputy Director
Andrew Amelung, Cannabis Program Manager
Nicole Johnson, Deputy County Counsel

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

Katherine Vanderwall
Will Weiss
Jan Coppinger
Rebecca Harper
Jennifer Smith
Nara Dahlbacka

TASK FORCE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Robert Geary

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Ariel from the Record Bee
Bart Levenson
Angela Amoral

1. Call to Order
The Cannabis Program Manager called the meeting to order at 2:01pm and presented the meeting agenda.
2. Introductions and Welcome
Staff and Task Force Members introduced themselves at 2:02pm.
3. Consideration of Request from Board of Supervisors for Recommendations of Amendments to the Cannabis Early Activation Regulations
At 2:04pm Staff introduced the item and Deputy County Counsel presented the specifications of the request, the processes of Early Activation of Use, and some of the



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issues surrounding Early Activation of Use related to grading, construction, and environmental impacts.

The Cannabis Program Manager expanded upon issues associated with Early Activation of Use at 2:20pm.

Task Force Member Katherine Vanderwall inquired upon uses that Early Activation of Use could be applied for other than Cannabis at 2:21pm. Staff explained other situations that Early Activation of Use could be applied to.

At 2:22pm Deputy County Counsel explained further the application of Early Activation and addressed risks of Early Activation of Use.

At 2:26pm Task Force Member Jan Cappinger brought up removing Early Activation of Use for cannabis only.

Task Force Member Jennifer Smith explained the need for a mechanism that would allow applicants to pursue state licenses and county permits at the same time at 2:28pm.

Deputy County Counsel inquired upon how other counties address this issue at 2:29pm.

At 2:30pm Task Force Member Jennifer Smith explained the application of a Conditional Letter of Authorization that would allow applicants to pursue both state licenses.

At 2:31pm public comments were made on the agenda, Early Activation Permits affects on county staff shortage, support for having a letter for the state, and the lack of public notice and comments on Early Activation of Use permits.

Task Force Member Nara Dahlbaka expressed support for having a mechanism such as a letter to the state would allow parallel processing of licenses and permits at 2:35pm.

At 2:37pm staff summarized the discussion and the need for a recommendation on Early Activation of Use.

Task Force Member Jan Cappinger recommended removing Early Activation of Use for cannabis activities at 2:38pm.

At 2:40pm Task Force Member Will Weiss inquired about an alternative to Early Activation of Use such as a Minor Use Permit. Staff explained the differences between Early Activation of Use, a Minor Use Permit, and a Conditional Letter of Authorization.



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At 2:42pm public comments were made inquiring on the number of pending and approved projects. Staff addressed the question.

Task Force Member Katherine Vanderwall discussed and clarified the difference between Use Permits and Early Activation of Use Permits at 2:43pm.

At 2:44pm Task Force Member Rebecca Harper inquired further on the option of pursuing Minor Use Permits as an alternative and questioned its viability. Staff addressed this concern.

Task Force Member Will Weiss pointed out that this option would not address the issue at 2:46pm.

At 2:47pm public comment inquired on public commenting in future meetings as well as the concern of exclusion zones. Staff addressed these comments.

Task Force Member Nara Dahlbaka brought the conversation back to the Early Activation of Use and dual licensing between state and county level at 2:48pm.

At 2:50pm public comments were made on the possibility of cannabis receiving special treatment for use permits. Staff addressed the comments. The discussion continued into cannabis and its potential for recognition as an agricultural use.

At 2:53pm staff requested final comments from each Task Force Member on recommendations on Early Activation. Recommendations were made and a consensus was made to recommend the removal of Early Activation of Use for Cannabis Activities and to request a mechanism such as a Conditional Letter of Authorization to allow for dual processing of state licenses and county permits.

4. Housekeeping Details and Organizational Norms

At 2:55pm staff raised the item and suggested it be discussed at along with ground rules at the next meeting. Staff covered what to expect in future meetings. The Task Force and Staff discussed some issues that may be addressed in the future.

At 3:01pm public comments raised concerns about the compatibility of cannabis and residential communities. Staff addressed concerns and raised suggestions for future meetings.

5. Set Next Meeting Date



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At 3:02pm staff discussed with the Task Force times and dates to meet. The Task Force determined that 1pm on every other Monday, with the next meeting set for Monday, August 15, 2022 at 1pm. Staff and the Task Force discussed meeting length and the lifetime of the Task Force.

6. Adjournment

At 3:06pm the meeting adjourned.