

Cannabis State Legalization Task Force
April 13, 2016 – Meeting Minutes
25 Van Ness Avenue, Rm. 610 | 1PM – 4PM | San Francisco, CA 94102

Meeting Start Time: 1:12pm.

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair/Seat 19, welcomed all Members and reviewed the agenda.
- Mr. Alan noted one vacancy, Seat 15 (tourism/hospitality), and stated that discussions on tourism/hospitality policy considerations will be held at a future meeting after a new representative is identified.

2. Task Force Administration Discussion

Mavis Asiedu-Frimpong, Assistant Director of Policy and Planning for the San Francisco Department of Public Health and Task Force Coordinator, presented the below Task Force administrative items.

- Evaluation Forms
 - The evaluation forms are an important tool to obtain Task Force member feedback and to continually improve the Task Force meeting structure. Feedback from the evaluation forms are reviewed and incorporated into the design of future meetings. Examples include designating time for breaks, allowing more time for questions, and designing the meeting format to be more interactive (e.g. spotlight panel and workshops). To aid in this process, Task Force members should aim to complete the evaluations after each meeting.
- Meeting Structure – Subcommittee and Full Meeting
 - The Task Force’s purpose is to serve as an advisory body for the City’s policymakers should adult cannabis use become legalized in the future. The Subcommittee and Full Task Force meetings are therefore designed to complement each other and lead the Task Force towards the development of recommendations on important cannabis policy issues. Subcommittee meetings will allow for in-depth discussions of policy considerations in each major topic – (1) public safety and social environment, (2) land use, and (3) regulation and city agency framework. The key issues and themes identified from these discussions will form the basis of the policy development process. During the full meetings, Task Force members will develop policy recommendations that address these issues.

3. Framing Presentation: Legal and Regulatory Landscape

Ms. Asiedu-Frimpong gave an introductory presentation summarizing the issue brief provided with the meeting materials.

4. Task Force Member Spotlight Panel

Sara Payan, Seat 12 and Task Force Co-Chair, introduced the panel and facilitated a moderated panel discussion. Each Task Force member on the Spotlight Panel discussed the following topics relevant to their area of expertise.

- Dave Falzon (Seat 3) – public safety
- Jocelyn Kane (Seat 6), Duncan Ley (Seat 13) – entertainment and nightlife
- Quarry Pak (Seat 8) and Daisy Ozim (Seat 22) – youth access and exposure
- Barbara Fugate (Seat 16), Tom McElroy (Seat 17) – neighborhood perspective

5. Guided Group Discussion: The Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA) and San Francisco

Using (i) personal knowledge and experience, (ii) the information provided in the issue brief and (iii) discussions from the meeting Spotlight Panel, the Task Force identified specific priority issues and considerations related to public safety and social environment.

Discussion themes were as follows:

- **Public Safety**
 - Ensure safety of employees, patrons, and neighborhoods through more specific safety and security provisions
 - Ensure availability of tools, resources, and educational materials to prevent driving under the influence of cannabis
- **Public Consumption**
 - Ensure that users are safely able to consume and monitor impacts on the public and neighborhoods
 - **Task Force area of consensus:** secondhand smoke exposure protections are important
 - Potential standards for cannabis retailers and on-site consumption
 - Interpretations of “public” within the context of public consumption and how this would affect San Francisco
- **Youth Access and Exposure**
 - **Task Force area of consensus:** design policy recommendations that protect youth
 - Minimize harm to youth to protect health and from a criminal justice perspective by ensuring robust education campaigns, criminal diversion and counseling programs
 - Limiting illicit sales to youth
 - Educational campaigns that involve family and parents
 - Advertising

- **Neighborhood Perspective**
 - Design policy recommendations and regulatory framework to ensure that cannabis retailers are compliant businesses that neighborhoods feel are good neighborhood additions
- “Parking Lot” – Parking lot items refer to points raised that would better fit the land use and/or city agency framework conversations and will be discussed at a future Task Force meeting. Topics were as follows:
 - City agency enforcement
 - Licensing
 - Zoning
 - Comparison of AUMA and California Alcohol Beverage Control Act

6. Public Comment

- Nina Parks noted that organizations already exist that address many of the youth and drug access issues that the Task Force has discussed.
- Luna Stower stated that it is good to see different city agencies and community/business leaders working together. She also noted that Oakland has a burgeoning medical cannabis industry and inquired whether the Task Force would reach out to Oakland with respect to adult use legalization.

7. Closing Comments and Next Steps

- Task Force Chair Terrance Alan provided closing comments and encouraged Task Force members to continue community outreach efforts.

Meeting End Time: 4:02 pm.

Upcoming Task Force Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
May 11, 2016 Full Meeting – Public Safety and Social Environment	1PM – 4PM	Metta Fund Community Room 850 Battery Street, Suite 100 San Francisco, CA 94111

Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Issue Brief #3: Public Safety and Social Environment
- Powerpoint framing presentation

Members Present

Janine Young (alternate for
Tomas Aragon)

Mary Tse (alternate for
Lourdes Russell)

Dave Falzon

Jocelyn Kane

Quarry Pak

Jesse Stout

Erich Pearson

Michelle Aldrich

Sara Payan

Duncan Ley

Thea Selby

Barbara Fugate

Tom McElroy

Laura Thomas

Terrance Alan

Jennifer Garcia

Sarah Shrader

Daisy Ozim