

Cannabis State Legalization Task Force

June 8, 2016 –Meeting Minutes

Full Meeting – Finalize Recommendations and Discuss Land Use and Equity

25 Van Ness Avenue, Rm. 610 | 1PM – 4PM | San Francisco, CA 94102

Task Force Goal

Development of practical policy options for possible implementation should nonmedical cannabis use be legalized

Meeting Objectives

- Understand the impacts of adult use legalization on urban planning, workforce development, equity, and business interests
- Discuss issues within the aforementioned contexts that the Task Force should consider for recommendation development

Meeting Start Time: 1:12pm

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair/Seat 19, welcomed Task Force members and reviewed meeting agenda.
- Mr. Alan noted that Jon Ballesteros (former Seat 15) has returned to SF Travel and will be featured on the meeting spotlight panel to provide the tourism and hospitality perspective. Task Force Coordinators will work with the city clerk on the process by which to fill Seat 15 – Tourism/Hospitality (currently vacant).

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, discussed the Task Force recommendation finalization process and how the topics – (1) public safety and social environment; (2) land use and equity; and (3) regulation and city agency framework – build upon each other and follow a logical transition.
- Ms. Asiedu-Frimpong also discussed the change from subcommittee to full meeting to finalize the draft public safety and social environment recommendations prior to beginning the land use and equity discussion.

3. Group Discussion: Finalize Public Safety and Social Environment Recommendations

- Task Force members used the consensus model to finalize recommendations in three key areas:

1. Public Safety

- Driving Under the Influence
- Neighborhood Safety
- San Francisco Police Department Enforcement and Training Priorities

2. Public Consumption

- Meaning of the word “public” as it relates to cannabis consumption
- On-site consumption per the Adult Use of Marijuana Act (AUMA)
- Overconsumption and encouraging safe and responsible use across the City

3. Youth Access and Exposure

- Education
- Preventing Sales to Minors
- Advertising
- Criminal diversion and decriminalization options for youth

4. Framing Presentation: Land Use and Equity

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

5. 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.
 1. AnMarie Rodgers (Seat 5 alternate for Daniel Sider) – land use and zoning policies
 2. Jennifer Garcia (Seat 20) – workforce development
 3. Laura Thomas (Seat 18) – cannabis legalization and equity
 4. John Ballesteros (SF Travel) – tourism and hospitality

6. Guided Group Discussion: AUMA and San Francisco

Using (i) personal knowledge and experience, (ii) the information provided in the issue brief and (iii) discussions from the Spotlight Panel, the Task Force identified specific priority issues and considerations related to land use and equity. Discussion themes were as follows:

- Two possible land use perspectives for adult use: 1) “outward,” i.e. the way in which cannabis industry is seen and how the public interacts with cannabis (e.g. at a retail or public consumption location), and 2) “inward,” i.e. production, manufacturing, where cannabis is packaged, labeled and tested, etc.
- How existing zoning policies relate to the AUMA, what an adult use zoning expansion may look like in San Francisco

- How to possibly recommend policies to address cannabis workforce and business ownership inequities

7. Public Comment

- Tikisha Ong, Green Gods Compassion, spoke of expanding the “Green Zone” and noted there is a need to meet the cannabis demand in San Francisco if adult use is legalized.
- Chris Emerson, Opus Blends, spoke from his perspective as a cannabis manufacturer and scientist and discussed the need for a clear permitting process for manufacturing companies to operate successfully.
- Joshua Seims, Metta Medical, spoke from his perspective as a cannabis manufacturer and encouraged the Task Force to provide a more streamlined process for delivery licenses.
- Luke Bruner, Canna Group and cannabis organizer from Humboldt, encouraged the Task Force to push for collaboration across race and class in the legalization process, and noted that rural areas do not have the same local control opportunities as cities like San Francisco.

8. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- Task Force Chair Terrence Alan thanked the Task Force and public for their participation, and encouraged Task Force Members to make suggestions for future meetings through the evaluation forms.

Meeting End Time: 4:01pm.

Meeting Materials

- Agenda
- Issue Brief
- Powerpoint presentation
- Draft of Public Safety and Social Environment Policy Recommendations

Upcoming Task Force Meetings

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
July 13, 2016 Full Meeting – Land Use and Equity	1PM – 4PM	1 South Van Ness Avenue Atrium Conference Room San Francisco, CA 94102

Members Present

Janine Young & Israel
Nieves (alternates for
Tomas Aragon)

Mary Tse (alternate for
Lourdes Russell)

Dave Falzon

Liam McCarthy

AnMarie Rodgers
(alternate for Daniel Sider)

Jocelyn Kane

Tim Morland

Quarry Pak

Jesse Stout

Erich Pearson

Sara Payan

Duncan Ley

Jon Ballesteros (observing
for Vacant Seat 15)

Barbara Fugate

Tom McElroy

Laura Thomas

Terrance Alan

Jennifer Garcia

Sarah Shrader

Daisy Ozim