

Cannabis State Legalization Task Force

March 22, 2017 –Meeting Minutes

Land Use

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

Task Force Proposed Goal

Using Year I recommendations as a foundation, development of specific regulatory recommendations focused on implementation of a local adult use legalization framework for Proposition 64

Meeting Objectives

- Finalize non-retail licensing recommendations pertaining to community engagement
- Develop Land Use recommendations in the areas of Technical and Community Engagement

Start time: 1:12pm

1. Welcome, Agenda Review and Announcements

- Task Force Members appointed Jennifer Garcia as Task Force Co-Chair by consensus.
- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, invited Task Force Members interested in serving as a community liaison to contact the Task Force Coordinators for further discussion at a subsequent meeting.
- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, noted that Daisy Ozim stepped down from her seat (Seat 22), and informed Task Force Members that her replacement would be discussed at the Board of Supervisors Rules Committee that day.
- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, noted that the placement of public comment during each meeting would maximize the ability for public input to inform the decisions of Task Force Members before they are made.
- Mavis Asiedu-Frimpong, Task Force Coordinator, San Francisco Department of Public Health, requested that, for planning purposes, Task Force Members notify Task Force Coordinators by the Friday prior the meeting if they are unable to attend a meeting.

2. Finalize Non Retail Community Engagement Recommendations

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, led the Task Force Members in a discussion to finalize the non-retail community engagement recommendations.

3. Spotlight Panel

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, introduced Henry Karnilowicz, President, San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations as spotlight panelist. Mr.

Karnilowicz provided a business engagement perspective regarding cannabis Land Use, and answered questions regarding business and community engagement considerations within that context.

4. Land Use Recommendation Drafting Session

- Task Force Members worked in groups to draft recommendations in two main Land Use areas: Technical and Community Engagement. These recommendations will be finalized at a future meeting.

5. Recommendation Presentation

- Task Force Members presented and discussed draft land use recommendations.

6. Public Comment

- Aaron Flynn, San Francisco Cannabis Licensing Group, noted that operators and cultivators, particularly those located near high-crime neighborhoods, are concerned about theft, and these safety concerns should be considered when drafting recommendations for resident engagement. He suggested that sharing a statement of use with residents would be a safer form of engagement for businesses than sharing floor plans, which may heighten the risk of burglary and crime.
- Allie Butler, founder of Hepburns, reiterated the security concerns of cannabis business operators, especially all-women owned and operated businesses. She noted that in Oakland, cannabis business plans were kept private from the public for that reason.
- Yoav Seroni, resident, asked about the engagement opportunities apart from the Task Force that exist for members of the public interested in obtaining retail permits.
- Alice Lin, Elevated Systems Dispensary, noted that it is important to differentiate between storefronts that are solely retail, and stores that permit onsite consumption.
- Scott Watkins noted that in regards to the discussion about proximity, “shortest path analysis” is more conducive to human oriented design than buffer zones. Mr. Watkins stated that he will write a follow up letter with more extensive comments for Task Force consideration.
- Luke Brunner, a community organizer in Humboldt, noted that he is tracking cannabis policy conversations in Sacramento and has noticed contradictory requirements. For example, one bill in Sacramento will require all dispensaries to have visible store fronts (i.e., glass windows), while another jurisdiction forbids it for safety.

7. Wrap-Up and Next Steps

- Terrance Alan, Task Force Chair, Seat 19, noted that the next meeting is April 19th, which is the third Wednesday of the month.

End time: 3:55pm

Upcoming Task Force Meeting

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
April 19, 2017 Land Use – Draft Recommendations Part II	1PM – 4PM	25 Van Ness, Room 610, San Francisco, CA

Members Present

Janine Young (alternate for Israel Nieves)

Sofia Mathews

Liam McCarthy

Daniel Sider

Jocelyn Kane

Tim Morland

Quarry Pak

Jesse Stout

Erich Pearson

Duncan Talento Ley

Thea Selby

Jon Ballesteros

Barbara Fugate

Laura Thomas

Terrance Alan

Jennifer Garcia

Sarah Shrader