

City of Sacramento

Cannabis Cultivation Meeting

Meeting Notes

March 18, 2016
10:00 – 12:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers – 915 I Street, 1st Floor

I. Announcements

- City has currently not made decisions on cultivation operation requirements and has not yet established an application process or operating permit.
- Has decided that cultivation will be allowed in some commercial, industrial and agricultural zones and that there will be a conditional use permit required.
- City asked current cultivators to register and show proof of cultivation and having an established business before February 2, 2016. The original deadline was Thursday March 3, 2016 and City received 62 however received feedback that there were more that did not know of the registration process. City Council agreed on March 15th to extend the deadline to April 14, 2016.
- City Council extended the moratorium on cultivation for another six months to allow time making decisions on regulation of cultivation and a permit process.
- Information we're seeking feedback on:
 - How much grow space do we need? How many permits issued? Should there be a cap and if so what should that be?
 - Should cultivators only be tied to a dispensary?
 - Should we allow product to be sold outside City of Sacramento?
 - Concerns about infrastructure?
 - Odor control and how to regulate?

II. Questions, Comments and Recommendations

- **RECOMMENDATIONS and COMMENTS from AUDIENCE:**
 - Conditional Use Permits should be at the Planning Commission level, at least initially.
 - Concern with possible over-concentration of cultivation sites
 - Should be some cap on the number of cultivation sites
 - Canopy size should be smaller than currently allowed of 22,000 square feet.
 - Environmental concerned and odor abatement is needed.
 - Concern of proximity to parks and schools.
 - Concern of damage to infrastructure.
 - Should be a reasonable and rational roll-out of the permit process.
 - Ensure a policy is set up that has an eye on future changes.
 - Cap not necessarily needed but instead should be high barriers of entry, security, odor control, and visibility.
 - Regulation should be focused on high standard rather than other specific details.
 - Desert Hot Springs is subdividing large warehouses into 22,000 size space for cultivation.
 - Would like more roundtable discussions and stakeholder meetings.
 - Representatives can be sent in place of larger groups of stakeholders
 - Should have an advisory group for ongoing outreach and policy making.
 - A webpage specifically dedicated to medical marijuana should be created.
 - ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION/COMMENT submitted post meeting:
 - I am not opposed to cannabis cultivation. I would like for The River District's voice to be heard as this moves forward so we make sure we do what is right for the city of Sacramento.

- **QUESTIONS from AUDIENCE and CITY STAFF RESPONSES:**
 - Is there a plan to have a meeting with all stakeholders at once?
 - Yes, however the City has not yet scheduled this meeting.
 - What does 22,000 square feet look like? Is this under one building on one parcel?
 - The City adopted the 22,000 square feet from the State cap and the City has identified this per premise. We have not yet defined “premise”.