

## Jefferson County Marijuana Task Force

### July 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Ramey Johnson called the meeting to order. Ramey explained that she acts in two different capacities – one with Lakewood City Council, and one with the County’s task force. Ramey further noted that she did not weight in on the “voting” for guiding principles and the areas of agreement, nor does she plan to participate in subcommittees, if they are formed.

With some corrections, and a motion by Lin Browning and a second by Jim McCormick, the minutes of the July 7, 2014 task force meeting were approved.

Jeanie went over the guiding principles and areas of agreement that she had asked the task force members to “vote” on via e-mail prior to this meeting. The purpose of the “vote” was to see if the group could come to some agreement on at least some ideas. Charles Tingle questioned the wording of the goal that preceded the suggested guiding principles and areas of agreement. Specifically he did not think that the phrase “regulated vs. an unregulated market” was necessary. After a discussion regarding whether or not the guiding principles and areas of agreement should be adopted by consensus, a majority vote, or a unanimous vote, Ronn Nixon moved, and Brian Richardson seconded a motion to adopt these by a simple majority. The motion failed 3 to 5. Eric Butler reminded the group that any formal “voting” should take place at and actual meeting, rather than via e-mail.

The discussion moved on to forming two subcommittees to prepare reports to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). In defining the names of the subcommittees, it was suggested that instead of using majority and minority reports, an alternative name structure might be “existing market” and “regulated market.” Eric suggested that staff could assist the subcommittees by creating a first draft and then the subcommittees could comment from there. Pat Woodin suggested that the subcommittees keep in mind the four area of interest that were provided in the BCC direction: impact to public health, public safety, business and government. Jim suggested that each group structure their report as they see fit, considering allowing retail sales, opting out, a vote, and an extension on the ban. Lin referred the group to the back page of the April 28, 2014 handout that provides direction on what the BCC wants to see. For the purpose of creating subcommittees, Jim moved and Charles Tingle seconded to create two groups – one to opt in and out (of retail sales). A sign-up sheet was passed around and Jeanie committed to contact the task force members that were not in attendance. She will also set up the initial meetings of each group. Each group can create some guiding principles that should be based on BCC direction.

Jeanie summarized the survey that Brian conducted of the Union Corridor Professional Group. Jeanie will have Bryn review the summarized results, to make sure that the summary represents the information on the survey responses.

Lin presented the summary results of the chamber of commerce survey. Five hundred thirty five surveys were sent out to the Evergreen Chamber of Commerce. Lin did not know how many surveys were sent out by other chamber groups. Jeanie agreed to send out detailed survey results, as well as the list of comments provided by respondents.

Public Comment:

Jim Otton noted that marijuana operations consume massive quantities of water and power and that most red card are issued for pain.

Teri Robnett said that she is from the Cannabis Patients Alliance and a medical marijuana patient and was disappointed that no one on the task force is representing medical marijuana patients. She encouraged the task force to rethink including medical marijuana in the discussion. She also felt that the survey needed to be re-sent.

Barbara Barry of the Applewood Valley Homeowners Association encouraged the task force to listen to the most recent Lakewood City Council meeting at Lakewood.org. She is concerned that a decision is being made without enough information.

Sally Korff said that Jeffco is an island surrounded by cities and counties that allow retail sales and that there are lots of private grow operations that are not paying taxes and it is naïve that Jeffco does not want tax revenue now.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 4 2014 in the Lookout Mountain Room from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The subcommittees will also be able to meet at that time.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attendees: Patricia Woodin, Charles Tingle, John Wolforth, Mike Chadwick, Nate Emswiler, Eric Butler, Lin Browning, Robert Cantwell, Ramey Johnson, James McCormick, Ronn Nixon, Brian Richardson, Jeanie Rossillon, Max Raileanu.