

City of Columbia, Missouri

*701 E. Broadway
Columbia, Missouri*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

12:00 PM

Department of Public Health and Human Services, Community
Training Room, 1005 W. Worley St.

Substance Abuse Advisory Commission

I. CALL TO ORDER

Linder called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Grim moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mondloch, and passed with a unanimous vote.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Grim moved to approve the April 10, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Smith, and passed with a unanimous vote.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Alcohol Policy

Hollis stated staff was still working on the ordinance language.

B. Opioids

Due to time, no reporting.

C. Medical Marijuana

Hollis asked the guest presenters, Clardy, Caldera and Zenner, to provide an overview of the local implementation of Amendment 2 in place in Columbia. Zenner stated that the limited time frame between March and June was one of the shortest spans he had ever had to get an ordinance approved through City Council. He also stated that the City usually has more control, but in this instance the voters in the State forced the incorporation of this code. Zenner referenced the docs sent out prior and the GIS MAP inclusive of daycares, churches and schools in their database. He commented on the 1000 ft. restriction in the staff recommendation, and Caldera prefaced that with the fact it couldn't go beyond 1000ft., but it could be less if that is what Council decided. Zenner stated that zoning has to work with existing zoning regulations from a land use perspective. He stated the entities would also need to acquire a special city business license on top of a State license. Zenner explained that this zoning wasn't exactly like pharmacy zoning or retail zoning, one of the reasons being that this substance is still illegal federally. Zenner stated staff decided on unique land use zones for cultivation, testing, dispensaries, and manufacturing of medical marijuana. He referenced the documents sent prior to the meeting outlining the different zones for which each type of medical marijuana entity would be eligible. He said that conditional use wasn't debated in the planning and zoning commission due to time, but they may come back and look at conditional use permits. Caldera outlined the state's timeline in which applications open August 3rd, with a finite amount of time to render decision regarding state licensure. Once licensed by the state, businesses would have to go through the City's business license process. Caldera pointed out that a business entity of this kind must have an address for the State's application, and State approval prior to the City's application. He went on to say that if a church or daycare went into business within the restricted amount of space while a City license application was pending, the location would be ineligible and have to restart the process. Zenner stated it would be risky to buy/lease a property dealing with medical marijuana without a City business license. Smith asked a question about the County land use regulations. Zenner replied that the County is not a charter county so it is

simply using the guidelines set forth in the statutory language. He went on to explain that the staff recommendation was developed to accommodate Columbia's fair share, while not taking on all of the medical marijuana facilities in the county. He said the Planning and Zoning commission hasn't been able to weigh in on the staff recommended language with majority vote recommendations because of the short amount of time to get this approved. He said based on population, Columbia could have six dispensaries, two cultivation facilities, and two manufacturing facilities. The state statute only allows for two testing facilities for the entire state. Zenner elaborated on the City staff involved with the mandatory security plan, operation and management plan and emergency response plan. Zenner said there will be no mobile sights and all medical marijuana facilities would be enclosed. Caldera said that the City's utilities have said they can handle any related increases in utilities use. He also said the state is regulating how dispensaries are laid out. Each will need to have an open lobby with 1-2 staff people to verify permits and a separate room into which only those with permits will be allowed. Clardy stated the Dept. of Public Health and Human Services responsibility to inspect food establishments and the food code is generally guided by the FDA. To accommodate incorporate medical marijuana in the food code, cannabis or hemp will be added to the definition of food in the code. Inspectors will look at packaging/labeling and have the ability to investigate problems. Clardy also said he had recently talked to the State because the medical marijuana statute refers people to local health departments to discuss waste from medical marijuana sites, but the state hasn't given any guidance to local health departments. Zenner invited everyone to the public hearing on the proposed amendment on Thursday, May 9, 2019. He said feedback wouldn't impact the ordinance being put forward by staff, but the feedback would be shared with Council. He stated that once the ordinance is passed, there could be always be additional amendments. Hollis asked if the SAAC commissioners wanted to send any communication to City Council about the staff proposed medical marijuana amendment. Smith stated he didn't feel like the commission had enough time to make an intelligent decision. Grim stated that with the alcohol policy there had been a lot of discussion about how much of an extra load there would be on enforcement, and asked if there had been discussions on the extra enforcement resources needed for medical marijuana. Caldera said the team had spoken to other cities and based on their feedback, he anticipates there would be an impact on our resources and they have tried to anticipate what those will be. Smith asked if other communities were trying to lure medical marijuana businesses to their areas. Caldera said he thinks that is the case and shared that St. Louis City had no spacial requirements, as opposed to the that conservative policies staff is recommending for Columbia.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VI. REPORTS

A. Adapt/Fan Behavior Committee

Due to time, no reporting.

B. Youth Community Coalition (YC2)

Due to time, no reporting.

C. Columbia Public Schools

Due to time, no reporting.

D. Staff Report

Due to time, no reporting.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

None.

VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next commission meeting will be held at noon on June 12, 2019.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

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