

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
MEDICAL CANNABIS TASK
FORCE MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2015
101 E. 28TH STREET
VETERANS PARK
COMMUNITY ROOM, 6:00 PM**

Larry Bott, Member, District 1
Tony Rivera, Member, District 1
Adam Hijazi, Member, District 2
Jack Smith, Member, District 2
Sarah Sangmeister, Member, District 3
Denise Mester, Member, District 3
Joe Sopo, Member, District 4
Jan Ward, Member, District 4
Marc Greenberg, Member, District 5



Floyd Curry, Member, District 5
Nick Morrow, Member, District 6
Greg Lefian, Member, District 6
Larry King, Member, District 7
Aaron Herzberg, Member, District 7
Marc Rothenberg, Member, District 8
Charlyn Bender, Member, District 8
Kasia McDermott, Member, District 9
Aaron Blackburn, Member, District 9

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

The Medical Cannabis Task Force minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Medical Cannabis Task Force Agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting. Please consult the time stamps to determine the order in which business was addressed.

Agenda Items were considered in the order presented, except for Agenda Item No. 3 was considered following Agenda Item Nos. 1 and 2.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Chair Bender announced that she has to leave the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER (6:08 PM)

At 6:08 PM, Mary McCormick, Facilitator, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (6:09 PM)

Members Present: Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott, Blackburn and Greenberg

Members Absent: Rivera, Rothenberg and Bender

Also present: Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney; Jeff Winklepleck, Current Planning Officer; Mary McCormick, Facilitator; Monique DeLaGarza, Administrative Officer; Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist.

REGULAR AGENDA (6:10 PM)

1. [15-0322](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Medical Cannabis Task Force meeting held Wednesday, April 1, 2015.

Motion: Approve recommendation.

Moved by Denise Mester, seconded by Marc Greenberg.

Task Force Member Sangmeister joined the meeting.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Herzberg spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Hijazi, that the item be laid over to the next meeting to allow corrections and clarification. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott, Blackburn and Greenberg

Absent: 3 - Rivera, Rothenberg and Bender

2. [15-0323](#)

Recommendation to discuss and clarify the scope and purpose of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

David Zink spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Pycher spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mike Murchison spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Hijazi, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott, Blackburn and Greenberg

Absent: 3 - Rivera, Rothenberg and Bender

3. [15-0324](#) Recommendation to discuss the following proposed topics related to the Medical Cannabis Task Force:

1. Ordinance review
2. Public Safety: security guards, surveillance video, law enforcement, quick closure, appropriate buffers
3. Legal Concerns
4. Number and Location of Dispensaries: proper zoning, former operators, CUP conditions, wholesale purchases/sales, point system
5. Fiscal Impact: staffing costs, taxation, audits

6. Cultivation Requirements: in City cultivation, testing, size limitations, safety standards
7. Marijuana Products: edibles, edible production, concentrated cannabis
8. Advertising Restrictions
9. Implementation of the Ordinance: timeline to implement

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Morrow and Mary McCormick, Facilitator.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

A motion was made by Member Greenberg, seconded by Member Sopo, to request the City Attorney's Office review the list of topics submitted and categorize according to Agenda Item No. 3 for Brown Act purposes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott, Blackburn and Greenberg

Absent: 3 - Rivera, Rothenberg and Bender

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Mary McCormick, Facilitator, and Vice Chair Greenberg.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Mary McCormick, Facilitator, and Vice Chair

Greenberg.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Motion: That the Task Force Members exclude all legal concerns outside the scope of the ordinance which includes any consideration legally or illegally appropriate for the City of Long Beach to have a medical marijuana ordinance; and limit the legal discussion to issues to the parameters of the ordinance.

Moved by Aaron Herzberg, seconded by Larry King.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Hijazi and Vice Chair Greenberg.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Mchael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke; and withdrew his motion.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hajazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hajazi spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mike Murchison spoke.

Task Force Member Greenberg spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Michael Pycher spoke.

A substitute motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Hijazi, that future meetings be scheduled as follow addressing the following topics:

Tentative April 29, 2015 Meeting: (1) Ordinance Review; and (3) Legal Concerns;

Tentative May 13, 2015 Meeting: (4) Number and Location of Dispensaries: proper zoning, former operators, CUP conditions, wholesale purchases/sales, point system; and (8) Advertising Restrictions;

Tentative May 27, 2015 Meeting: (2) Public Safety: security guards, surveillance video, law enforcement, quick closure, appropriate buffers;

Tentative June 3, 2015 Meeting: (6) Cultivation Requirements: in City cultivation, testing, size limitations, safety standards; and (7) Marijuana Products: edibles, edible production, concentrated cannabis; and

Tentative June 17, 2015 Meeting: (5) Fiscal Impact: staffing costs, taxation, audits; and (9) Implementation of the Ordinance: timeline to implement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott, Blackburn and Greenberg

Absent: 3 - Rivera, Rothenberg and Bender

4. [15-0325](#)

Recommendation to discuss the following proposed speakers, if any, to invite to a future meeting of the Medical Cannabis Task Force:

1. LA County Sheriff Jim McDonnell (and generally the LBPD)
2. Julianna Carella - founder of a marijuana based edibles company
3. Kristin Nevedal - medical marijuana proponent to advance marijuana policy
4. Don Duncan - California Director for Americans for Safe Access

5. Andy Joseph - founder of a company that manufactures concentrates
6. Long Beach Fire Department

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Sangmeister and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Mary McCormick, Facilitator, and Task Force Member Smith.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Members Herzberg and Smith.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Sangmeister, that the item be laid over to the next Medical Cannabis Task Force meeting to allow inclusion of bios of the list of speakers to be invited be submitted by next Wednesday, April 22, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott, Blackburn and Greenberg

Absent: 3 - Rivera, Rothenberg and Bender

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Hijazi and Vice Chair

Greenberg.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Smith and Vice Chair Greenberg.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A motion was made by Member Hijazi, seconded by Member McDermott, to add an agenda item to discuss the scheduling of future meetings with particular dates. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Bott, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Curry, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott, Blackburn and Greenberg

No: 1 - Hijazi

Absent: 3 - Rivera, Rothenberg and Bender

PUBLIC COMMENT (8:42 PM)

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Smith and Diana Lejins.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (8:46 PM)

At 8:46 PM, there being no objection, Task Force Member Smith moved, seconded by Task Force Member Blackburn, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried by unanimous vote.

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