

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2015
241 CEDAR AVENUE
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SOCIAL HALL, 6:00 PM**

Charlyn Bender, Chair, District 8
Marc Greenberg, Vice Chair, District 5
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
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
Tunua Thrash-Ntuk, 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, with the exception of Agenda Item No. 7, which was considered following Roll Call; and Agenda Item Nos. 1 and 2, which were considered following Agenda Item No. 6.

CALL TO ORDER (6:09 PM)

At 6:09 PM, Chair Bender called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL (6:09 PM)

Members Present: Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

Members Absent: Curry, Herzberg and Blackburn

Also present: Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney; Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney; Mary McCormick, Facilitator; Matthew Ceballos, City Clerk Specialist; Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist.

REGULAR AGENDA (6:16 PM)

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

A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Sangmeister, that this item be laid over to the next Medical Cannabis Task Force meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Curry, Herzberg and Blackburn

2. [15-0380](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Medical Cannabis Task Force meeting held Wednesday, April 15, 2015

A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Sangmeister, that this item be laid over to the next Medical Cannabis Task Force meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Curry, Herzberg and Blackburn

SECOND ROLL CALL (6:29 PM)

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

Members Absent: Curry and Blackburn

3. [15-0381](#) Recommendation to review Proposed Title 21 Medical Marijuana Ordinance, prepared by the City Attorney's Office.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Kendra, Deputy City Attorney.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg joined the meeting.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Sangmeister and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Herzberg and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Ward and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

A dialogued ensued between Task Force Member Rivera and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Ward and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Herzberg and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke

Task Force Member Bott spoke

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Bott and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Task Force Member Hijaz spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Task Force Member Hertzberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Sangmeister and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Hljazi spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Morrow and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg left the meeting

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmiester spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

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

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Sangmeister and Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Judy Farris spoke.

Gary Shelton spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Roberta Smith spoke.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Hijazi, that this item be received and filed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Curry, Herzberg and Blackburn

4. [15-0383](#)

Recommendation to receive and file discussion regarding current medical marijuana case and statutory law in California.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Mike Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

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

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

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

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

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

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Sam Sabzehzar.

A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Chair Bender, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Curry, Herzberg and Blackburn

5. [15-0325](#) Recommendation to discuss proposed speakers, if any, to invite to a future meeting of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Sangmeister, that Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, be the only invited guest speaker for the next meeting to discuss the number and location of dispensaries: proper zoning, former operators, CUP conditions, wholesale purchases/sales, point system and advertising restrictions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Curry, Herzberg and Blackburn

NEW BUSINESS (6:10 PM)

6. [15-0389](#) Recommendation to discuss the scheduling of future meetings with particular dates.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Motion: To meet weekly after May 13, 2015.
Moved by Adam Hijazi, seconded by Larry King.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

A substitution motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Mester, that future meeting dates be set as: May 13, 2015; May 27, 2015; June 3, 2015; and June 17, 2015; and that the schedule be flexible meeting by meeting as seen fit. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Curry, Herzberg and Blackburn

7. [15-0392](#) Recommendation to review procedure for Task Force Members to address the Task Force and members of the public during agenda

item discussions.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Tunua Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

A motion was made by Member Ward, seconded by Chair Bender, to limit the amount of time for discussion for Task Force Members to two (2) minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Curry, Herzberg and Blackburn

PUBLIC COMMENT (9:37 PM)

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (9:41 PM)

At 9:41PM, there being no objection, Task Force Member Smith moved, seconded by Task Force Member Hijazi, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried by unanimous vote.