

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 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

CALL TO ORDER (6:08 PM)

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

ROLL CALL (6:08 PM)

Members Present: Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, Herzberg, Thrash-Ntuk, McDermott, Blackburn, Greenberg and Bender

Members Absent: Bott, Curry and King

Also present: Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney; Mary McCormick, Facilitator; Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services; David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, Long Beach Police Department; Matthew Ceballos, City Clerk Specialist; Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist.

REGULAR AGENDA (6:10 PM)

1. [15-0464](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Medical Cannabis Task Force meeting held Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Hijazi, to approve recommendation, as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, Herzberg, Thrash-Ntuk, McDermott, Blackburn, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Bott, Curry and King

2. [15-0465](#)

Recommendation to have a discussion regarding cultivation requirements: in City cultivation, testing, size limitations, safety standards; and Marijuana products such as edibles, edible production, and concentrated cannabis.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Morrow and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Chair Bender spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Herzberg and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Rivera and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Smith and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Chair Bender spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Lefian and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Herzberg and David Hendricks, Deputy Chief.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Ward.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Mike Murchison spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Dean Grey spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Greggory Moore spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Emma Haynes spoke.

David Hendricks, Deputy Chief, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Greggory Moore spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

Greggory Moore spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Greenberg, to close discussion and approve tentative recommendations to be added to the ongoing list. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 14 - Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, Thrash-Ntuk, McDermott, Blackburn, Greenberg and Bender

No: 1 - Herzberg

Absent: 3 - Bott, Curry and King

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (8:16 PM)

3. [15-0429](#) Recommendation to receive and file presentation and discussion regarding the number and location of dispensaries: proper zoning, former operators, CUP conditions, wholesale purchases/sales, point system and advertising restrictions.
- Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.
- Task Force Member Smith spoke.
- Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.
- A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Smith and Mary McCormick, Facilitator.
- Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.
- Task Force Member Smith spoke.
- Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.
- A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Smith and Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services.
- Task Force Member Ward spoke.
- Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Ward and Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Hijazi and Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

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

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

Task Force Member Trash-Ntuk spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Amy Bodek, Director of Development Services, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Hijazi and Amy Bodek,

Director of Development Services.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Members Smith and Herzberg.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Judy Farris spoke.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Ward, to close discussion and approve tentative recommendations to be added to the ongoing list. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, Herzberg, Thrash-Ntuk, McDermott, Blackburn, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Bott, Curry and King

NEW BUSINESS (8:57 PM)

4. [15-0466](#) Recommendation to discuss proposed speakers, if any, to invite to

a future meeting of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

A motion was made by Member Morrow, seconded by Member Lefian, that James Gray, retired Orange County Superior Court Judge, replace Stephen Downing, as guest speaker at the June 3, 2015 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, Herzberg, Thrash-Ntuk, McDermott, Blackburn, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Bott, Curry and King

A motion was made by Chair Bender, seconded by Vice Chair Greenberg, that Michael DuRee, Fire Chief, Long Beach Fire Department, be invited to speak at the June 3, 2015 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, Herzberg, Thrash-Ntuk, McDermott, Blackburn, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Bott, Curry and King

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Task Force Member Ward spoke.

Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

A motion was made by Member Hijazi, seconded by Member Smith, that Shawn Donaghue, be invited to speak at the June 17, 2015 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 15 - Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, Herzberg, Thrash-Ntuk, McDermott, Blackburn, Greenberg and Bender

Absent: 3 - Bott, Curry and King

PUBLIC COMMENT (9:11 PM)

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

ADJOURNMENT (9:22 PM)

At 9:22 PM, there being no objection, Task Force Member Smith moved, seconded by Chair Bender, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried by unanimous vote.