

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

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 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 & DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER (6:06 PM)**

At 6:06 PM, Chair Bender called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL (6:06 PM)**

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

**Members Absent:** Hijazi, Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

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

**REGULAR AGENDA (6:08 PM)**

1. [15-0588](#) Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Medical Cannabis Task Force meeting held Wednesday, June 17, 2015.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

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

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

**Absent:** 4 - Hijazi, Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

**SECOND ROLL CALL (6:31 PM)**

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

**Members Absent:** Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

2. [15-0589](#) Recommendation to receive and file a Medical Marijuana Information memo, submitted by Patrick West, City Manager.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager, spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Greenberg and Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Smith and Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi joined the meeting.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Sangmeister and Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Member Morrow and Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager, spoke.

A dialogue ensued Task Force Member Herzberg and Lea Eriksen, Budget Bureau Manager.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

**Motion:** To receive and file presentation.  
Moved by Jack Smith, seconded by Adam Hijazi.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Gary Shelton.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Judy Farris spoke.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Annie Greenfeld spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

**Substitute Motion:** To request City Manager to revise report to show actual cost of the Ordinance implementation.

Moved by Aaron Herzberg, seconded by Larry King.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

**A second substitute motion was made by Member Lefian, seconded by Member King, to receive and file presentation and request City Manager to revise report to show actual cost of the ordinance implementation. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 11 - Hijazi, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott and Greenberg

**No:** 4 - Bott, Rivera, Smith and Bender

**Absent:** 3 - Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

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

Gary Shelton spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Carolyn Hill, City Clerk Specialist, spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Vice Chair Greenberg, to add tentative recommendations to ongoing list. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 15 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

**Absent:** 3 - Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

3. [15-0590](#)

Recommendation to receive and file a handout, The Journal of Global Drug Policy and Practice dated May 9, 2014, submitted by Task Force Member Greenberg.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Mester, seconded by Member Sopo, approve recommendation to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Herzberg

**Absent:** 3 - Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

4. [15-0591](#)

Recommendation to add any additional tentative recommendations to ongoing list before approving and finalizing.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Annie Greenfeld spoke.

Sam Sabhrzer spoke.

John Taeleifi spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Mester, to add any remaining tentative recommendations to ongoing list. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 15 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

**Absent:** 3 - Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

5. [15-0592](#)

Recommendation to approve and finalize list of tentative recommendations to be submitted to City Council.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Task Force Member Mester spoke.

Task Force Member McDermont spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Gray Shelton spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.



**A motion was made by Vice Chair Greenberg, seconded by Member McDermott, that Task Force Member Thrash-Ntuk's tentative recommendation from the May 13, 2015 meeting be laid over to the next Medical Cannabis Task Force meeting of July 15, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**No:** 1 - Herzberg

**Absent:** 3 - Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

**Motion:** To allow create equal sites and cultivation in each district; and modified zoning to effectuate equality.  
Moved by Kasia McDermott, seconded by Jack Smith.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Members Smith and McDermott.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott 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 McDermott 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 McDermott spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member McDermott spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member King spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Task Force Members Smith and Herzberg.

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Sam Sabzehzar spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Annie Greenfeld spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

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

Task Force Member Lefian spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Sopo spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Sangmeister spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Morrow spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Task Force Member Herzberg spoke.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Hijazi, to approve recommendations by McDermott, Lefian and Smith of May 13, 2015, to review unequal cultivation sites throughout Long Beach and create equal sites in each district (McDermott); businesses (cultivating/sales) be allowed in any location except for residential zoned areas and not within specified buffers (Smith); and allow a maximum three (3) businesses per district (Lefian). The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sopo, Morrow, Lefian, King and Herzberg

**No:** 6 - Sangmeister, Mester, Ward, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

**Absent:** 3 - Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

Diana Lejins spoke.

Jeff Abrahms spoke.

Annie Greenfeld spoke.

Gary Shelton spoke.

Els McKelskie spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Chair Bender, that the remaining tentative recommendations be laid over until next meeting of July 15, 2015. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 15 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

**Absent:** 3 - Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (9:17 PM)**

6. [15-0559](#) Recommendation to discuss future Task Force meeting dates and topics.

Vice Chair Greenberg spoke.

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Greenberg, seconded by Member Herzberg, to group all recommendations with understanding that they will be able to be modified. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 15 - Bott, Rivera, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, Herzberg, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

**Absent:** 3 - Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Task Force Member Rivera left the meeting.

Kendra Carney, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Bender spoke.

Task Force Member Hijazi spoke.

Mary McCormick, Facilitator, spoke.

Task Force Member Smith spoke.

Annie Greenfeld spoke.

**A motion was made by Member Hijazi, seconded by Member Ward, to add an additional meeting date of July 29, 2015 to the schedule. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 13 - Bott, Hijazi, Smith, Sangmeister, Mester, Sopo, Ward, Morrow, Lefian, King, McDermott, Greenberg and Bender

**No:** 1 - Herzberg

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

**NEW BUSINESS (9:28 PM)**

7. [15-0593](#) Recommendation to discuss proposed speakers, if any, to invite to a future meeting of the Medical Cannabis Task Force.

**A motion was made by Member Smith, seconded by Member Herzberg, that this agenda item be closed and removed from future meeting agendas. The motion carried by the following vote:**

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

**Absent:** 4 - Rivera, Curry, Thrash-Ntuk and Blackburn

**PUBLIC COMMENT (9:29 PM)**

Diana Lejins spoke.

Task Force Member Bott left the meeting.

Jeff Abrams spoke.

Annie Greenfeld spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT (9:32 PM)**

At 9:32 PM, there being no objection, Vice Chair Greenberg moved, seconded by Task Force Member Sangmeister, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried by unanimous vote.

mc