

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.51
(ID # 11256)

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

FROM: SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT AND SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL:

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT AND SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL: CANNABIS AD HOC COMMITTEE; Receive and file report on the activity of the Cannabis Ad-Hoc Committee AND Authorize the Cannabis Ad-Hoc Committee to expand their scope. (Continued from November 5, 2019)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file this report on the activity of the Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee, and;
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ACTION:Policy


Supervisor Karen Spiegel 12/6/2019


Supervisor Jeff Hewitt, Supervisor 12/6/2019

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Washington and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved to receive and file the report on the activity of the Cannabis Ad-Hoc Committee and to dissolve the Committee at the end of the 2019 calendar year.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Perez
Nays: Hewitt
Absent: None
Date: December 10, 2019
xc: Supvr. Hewitt, Supvr. Spiegel

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board

By: 
Deputy

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C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: [CEO use]

BACKGROUND:

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The Committee reviewed the RFP scoring framework that had been developed by TLMA staff and approved by the Board (Item 2 above), and determined that there wasn't a need to recommend revisions to the scoring criteria for this initial 1st year of the program at this time. The Committee also reviewed if it would be appropriate to provide options for interested parties who missed the window of opportunity to apply (Item 3 above). Given the high number of proposals that were submitted within the RFP (119 submittals) and followed the rules of the process, and that just one RFP was received right after the window close, it was determined that a further extension of the RFP period was not appropriate in order to safeguard the integrity of the RFP process. It should be noted that the RFP submittal deadline, as well as the entire RFP submittal procedures, were well-publicized and directly provided to all applicants who submitted an Interested Parties Form to participate in the selection process.

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Providing an opportunity for Board members to review the ordinance and implementation process together will help identify opportunities for further refinement of our process moving forward, in order to protect residents, property owners, and businesses in Riverside County, and

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to provide opportunities for commercial cannabis business to successfully participate in our regulatory program.

Additional Fiscal Information

N/A

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Clerk's original

Lewis, Tammymae

From: COB
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 1:37 PM
To: 'raebarror'
Subject: commercial marijuana grows (RECEIVED)

Greetings,

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is in receipt of your email regarding Cannabis, and has included it in the record for December 10, 2019

*Respectfully,
Tammymae Lewis*

Board Assistant
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor, Room 127
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From: raebarror <raebarror@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 1:26 PM
To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>
Subject: commercial marijuana grows

Dearest Board of Supervisors,

Hello, I am a property owner and resident of Riverside county.
I had planned to be at today's meeting but I fell down a flight of stairs and I'm still dealing with the injuries.

I am fully against commercial grows in our rural towns for several reasons.

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Our water source relies on the water table , being we all have wells, and since California has voted to legalize marijuana smoking , it has turned our world into a mess. We have grows on most properties around me and my water is at a trickle .

Our right to quality of life has diminished with trespassers and thieves that go along with the grow lifestyle. I had squatters take over my home and 2 1/2 acres while i was away in Maine and I had no car to pursue taking them to court to evict them.

They have now left my property after harvesting the marijuana grow and left my home and property horribly trashed. The realtor said we will have to sell it as bare land because my home is destroyed.

I tried to sell the acre next to it but no one wanted to live next to a grow.

The lifestyle of those that grow bring illegal activity and violence.

Our area is a dry area. We do not get the rainfall to sustain marijuana grows and will leave our town a dustbowl eventually.

Also the Growers association run by Russell Kitchen , has been told by Russell to treat me as a Leper, to not help or aide if my home should burn down or I am stranded on the side of the road, to not speak to me , my crime ? Is being brave enough to speak out and use reason to discuss this issue on our town fb page.

Russell Kitchen is bullying me for having a difference in opinion and his group has threatened me at least twice on social media.

Marijuana grows bring a bad mentality with it that aren't safe.

Good people are leaving our town in droves over the Marijuana problem.

There has been a large increase in school kids smoking Pot in the bathrooms or hiding on campus.

Please do what you can to help our communities return to a healthy country life.

Please do not allow commercial grows in our communities where children ride horses and ride bikes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully, Rachelle Barror

951-238-9791

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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3.7
(MT 11064)

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the recommendation from Supervisor Jeff Hewitt and Supervisor Karen Spiegel regarding the report on the activity of the Cannabis Ad-Hoc Committee and authorizing the Cannabis Ad-Hoc Committee to expand their scope, is continued to Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt
Nays: None
Absent: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order made and entered on November 5, 2019 of Supervisors Minutes.

(seal) WITNESS my hand and the seal of the Board of Supervisors
Dated: November 5, 2019
Kecia R. Harper, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in
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By: Karen Spiegel Deputy

AGENDA NO.
3.7

xc: COB

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ITEM: 3.7
(ID # 11064)

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ACTION:Policy


Supervisor Jeff Hewitt, Supervisor

10/3/2019

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Additional Fiscal Information

N/A

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

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3.21
(MT 11064)

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Roll Call:

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Perez
Nays: None
Absent: Hewitt

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Dated: October 29, 2019
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By: Karen Spiegel Deputy

AGENDA NO.
3.21

xc: COB

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**ITEM: 3.21
(ID # 11064)**

MEETING DATE:

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

FROM : SUPERVISOR JEFF HEWITT AND SUPERVISOR KAREN SPIEGEL :

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ACTION:Policy


Supervisor Jeff Hewitt, Supervisor

10/3/2019

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Contract History and Price Reasonableness

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3.4
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AGENDA NO.
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xc: COB

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Although we do not currently have a formal social equity program, the competitive RFP process that our County has adopted included providing additional, voluntary points for local hiring, local ownership, labor provisions for paying above minimum wage, labor agreements, and other provisions that TLMA staff considers to be in keeping with other social equity programs. It should be noted that the County's requirements to provide Additional Public Benefits through a Development Agreement also provides a mechanism for direct reinvestment into the communities where the cannabis businesses are located. It should also be noted that TLMA staff did not receive any concerns from potential applicants, either in the public crafting of our RFP process or during the submittal period, identifying any barriers in the County's RFP process that would have been addressed through a formal social equity program. The recommendation from the Committee was that we continue to evaluate this issue over time as the regulatory program matures.

The Commercial Cannabis Ad Hoc Committee is now seeking the Board's approval to expand the role of the Ad Hoc Committee, to include reviewing and providing recommendations to the Board on:

1. Potentially expanding the zones where cannabis businesses are allowed in the R-A, R-R, and W-2 zones. This item was discussed by the Planning Commission and the Board during the adoption of the ordinance, and it was determined that this would be evaluated at a later time. This would require an Ordinance change that would involve opportunities for public input through hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, as well as the appropriate level of CEQA environmental review.
2. Work with TLMA staff to conduct an evaluation of the 1st year of the program implementation, and provide recommendations to the Board with how to proceed in 2020. The second year of the program is set to start in February 2020. This could include reviewing whether to continue with the Request for Proposal process for retail and cultivation uses, or other options.
3. Work with TLMA staff on other items that may require Board direction regarding the cannabis regulatory program and vet it through the Ad Hoc committee before recommendations are brought before the Board.
4. Obtain periodic updates on criminal and civil enforcement efforts of illegal cannabis operations.
5. Work with TLMA staff to develop regulations for industrial hemp.

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Impact on Citizens and Businesses

Providing an opportunity for Board members to review the ordinance and implementation process together will help identify opportunities for further refinement of our process moving forward, in order to protect residents, property owners, and businesses in Riverside County, and to provide opportunities for commercial cannabis business to successfully participate in our regulatory program.

Additional Fiscal Information

N/A

Contract History and Price Reasonableness

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

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Lewis, Tammymae

From: Lewis, Tammymae
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 11:58 AM
To: Leach, Charissa; Perez, Juan; Young, Alisa; District 4 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez; District2; District3; District5; Supervisor Jeffries - 1st District; Hildebrand, John; Johnson, George; Flores, Robert; COB-Agenda
Subject: December 10, 2019 Item 3.51- Public Comment Cannabis (MARTA SPENCER)

Greetings,

Please see email received via COB for December 10, 2019 Item No 3.51 (MinuteTraQ No 11256).

A printed copy will be filed with Agenda back-up.

*Respectfully,
Tammymae Lewis*

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From: COB
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 11:48 AM
To: 'Marta Spencer' <menspencer46@gmail.com>
Subject: No to commercial marijuana cultivation in RR & RA zoning (RECEIVED)

Greetings,

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is in receipt of your email regarding Cannabis, and has included it in the record for December 10, 2019

Respectfully,

12/10/2019
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From: Marta Spencer <menspencer46@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 11:25 AM

To: COB <COB@RIVCO.ORG>

Subject: No to commercial marijuana cultivation in RR & RA zoning

Dear County Board of Supervisors, PLEASE VOTE NO ON COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION IN RR & RA ZONING.

It has made so many people here sick and many have had to move because of this illegal growing.

Thank you, Marta Spencer

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Marijuana Cultivation Survey

At this time, marijuana cultivation in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County is *illegal*. The County Board of Supervisors is studying *whether or not* to change this.

Earlier this year a meeting was held at the Anza Community Hall. Many growers attended and voiced their opinions. The assistant to the Supervisor responded that it appeared the community was in support of legalizing cultivation.

The Anza Valley Municipal Advisory Council has formed the Cannabis Emergency Regulation Committee to make a recommendation to the Supervisors on how to regulate the estimated 200 – 2000 local marijuana cultivators. The problem with this is, that is not a foregone conclusion that cultivation will be legalized.

This survey will be delivered personally to the Board of Supervisors.

Please circle your choice or fill in the blanks

I am am not a property owner in the Anza Aguanga Sage Mtn Community

I have lived here for _____ years

I oppose support am undecided about commercial marijuana cultivation in my area.

Circle all that apply

I am concerned that marijuana cultivation in my area will negatively impact :

my family and animals' safety crime/inadequate police presence traffic accidents

consumption of water smell/allergies appeal to tourists property values

natural beauty of our environment not concerned about impact other _____

Any other comments _____

Name & address _____

Not to be made public, only to be used for validating survey

Or please write in 'Decline to state due to concerns' _____

Philip Canaday
12/10/2019 3.51

Marijuana Cultivation Survey Results

This independent survey was conducted over a 14 day period of 4/7/18 thru 4/20/18 due to the limited time left before the next Cannabis Emergency Regulation Committee meeting. During this time 272 surveys were collected.

Fourteen individuals living in Sage, Aguanga and Anza personally asked people to complete the survey. No surveys were left at public places unattended where people could fill out more than one.

The results show an overwhelmingly, 70% of the citizens of the rural communities are opposed to the commercial cultivation of marijuana. With 79% of the concern was the consumption of water, and the increase of crime. Sixty-six percent of the respondents were fearful for their families' and animals' safety and 35% declined to state their name or address due to fear. In fact, 33 people declined to even state the general area where they lived or if they were renters or owners. This fear for ones safety has kept many from voicing their opinion openly and they appreciated the opportunity to safely have their concerns heard.

Over half of the respondents are also concerned about the smell and allergies caused by outdoor grows, 56%, the drop in property values, 59%, and the destruction of the natural beauty of the environment, 47%.

Of the 10% that voiced support for marijuana cultivation, less than half of them stated that they had no concerns. The majority of them stated they had the same concerns as those opposed. Most of the undecided stipulated that while they agreed there was benefit in medicinal marijuana, they were opposed to the cultivation of it in our rural area.

This survey was conducted in the hopes that the County Board of Supervisors would take into considerations the voice of the people who are directly affected by any changes in this ordinance.