

Fairview Community Council Marijuana Application Review Committee Mar 23, 2016

Committee: Harry Need, SJ Klein, Sharon Chamard, Allen Kemplen, Christopher Constant, D. Duque
Guests: Kate Giard, Paul Adelman, Sherilyn Wyeth, Nick Miller, Tammy Miller

H. Need called to order at 7:02. C. Constant presiding as co-chair.

Welcome and introductions.

The intent of the Neighborhood Responsibility Plan is to have an open and good faith relationship between marijuana business entities and residents in the neighborhood. A secondary intent is to identify a dispute resolution process in the event issues of public safety or other concerns arise.

Copies of Resolution 2015-05 distributed. This document provides authority for committee to act on behalf of and in advance of general membership.

Phrasing on point D. of the NRP was amended by motion to read “we provide a method for the dispute resolution process”, not “a discussion of the dispute resolution process.” No objections to this change.

Applicant #10194

This applicant was not present but submitted a request with the Muni. The location indicated for this business is zoned R3. It is in a residential zone and it may be within 500 ft of a school. S. Chamard moves to approve a letter opposing this retail location. A. Kemplen seconds. No objections to the motion. C. Constant will submit letter to ABC office and the MOA.

We also noted that the date stamp on the Public Inquiry Parcel Details is blank. This is a necessary piece of information for local community councils going forward. C. Constant will inquire with ABC about adding that data to all future notices.

AlaskaBuds

Nick and Tammy Miller provided an outline identifying their business, hours, security, and intent to provide notice publicly. Nick and Tammy Miller intend to hold a public meeting at his business location in the next 3 weeks.

Discussion of complaint resolution satisfied the committee. It was suggested, however, that keeping a security log to document daily occurrences will be useful in tracking and resolving potential issues. Should complaints occur, this log should prove useful for community councils interested in hearing status of resolutions at general meetings.

Should a problem arise, AlaskaBuds will have three points of contact available by phone and email, and abide by their own policy to reply within five days. If this is an issue that cannot be resolved within five days, the issue can be brought to this ad hoc committee or the executive board, as the calendar allows. If the business owner cannot resolve the issue in ad hoc committee or executive meeting, the complaint(s), the Assembly could be the next body to hear the issue. Should the general meeting agree, a resolution opposing the business operation should be voted and moved on. The model of Spirits of Alaska not complying and rebuking good faith efforts to resolve the problems it created in the

neighborhood over the course of a year and a half will be used in the case we have another business unwilling to improve relations.

Nick and Tammy Miller discussed security protocol and included a floorplan to further address issues of security and appearance. They described a dedicated security anteroom with no product, a secured surveillance room, and professional signage with no sales advertising. A problem of straw purchasing was hypothetically posed and they committed to resolve it by denying service to individuals identified as a problems or straw purchasers.

The FVCC stated optimism in supporting businesses like AlaskaBuds that aim for transparency and good faith relations. They were encouraged to become members of the Fairview Business Association.

LAP Foundation

Kate Giard, Chip Brown (not present), and Paul Adelman represent a 501(c)3 that presented an outline of a plan, but it has have not yet submitted a license application. Their stated mission is to generate revenue they donate to charities. LAP holds money and invests in real estate, and currently own the warehouse they intend to convert into a cultivation and manufacturing facility. Tenants currently occupy the building with plans on vacating the premise no earlier than October. Should the grow business plan prove viable, LAP will apply for additional kitchen and manufacturing licenses. Their intent is to form a for-profit subsidiary to handle the grow, with LAP acting as landlord for the property and 51% shareholder. HerbAK is the name of the for-profit corporation that will handle the cultivation and manufacture of product, but with the provision that no retail sales be on site. Decision on how best to proceed will not happen until the LAP board meets in April. They offered a tour prior to renovations, and a draft NRP before the next ad hoc committee meeting. A request from the council to consider support Fairview Elementary School in educational portion of LAP's mission was well received.

On the hypothetical straw purchasing scenario, Kate Giard suggested a “one journey” policy that allows customers to buy once a day as a proactive method to avoid complications.

Comments

It will be useful to get advance notice of who applicants will be prior to ad hoc meetings. This will allow for research prior to the date, and avoid reacting to an unknown number of applicants. Request to be put on the agenda via email is the preferred method.

We need a policy to decide how long it will be before we act on a resolution to formally oppose at the Assembly level. This question is tabled until we have further discussion on the matter.

We will use the website and social media to make public request for applicants wanting to present before the ad hoc committee. We set 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month as the regular meeting.

H. Need moves to adjourn at 8:54pm. D. Duque seconds.