



Washington State Liquor Control Board

Washington State Liquor Control Board and Spokane City Council - Joint Special Meeting

August 8, 2013, 2:00 to 3:00

Spokane City Hall, City Conference Room 5A
808 W Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201

Meeting Minutes

LCB STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Member Chris Marr, Member Ruthann Kurose, Rick Garza, Karen McCall, Justin Nordhorn, Maureen Malahovsky,

SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Council President Ben Stuckart, Council Member Jon Snyder, Council Member Mike Fagan, Council Member Nancy McLaughlin, Council Member Steve Salvatori.

CALL TO ORDER

Member Chris Marr welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 2:05.

BOARD INTRODUCTIONS

Board members and Council members each introduced themselves as well as staff and the members of the press that were present.

I - 502 PRESENTATION

Member Marr began by addressing city and county concerns and then went over the current timeline but noted that it may change.

Rick Garza provided an overview of the proposed rules, agency objectives for implementing I-502, and timelines.

LCB Agency Objectives:

- Creating a tightly controlled and regulated marijuana market
- Including strict controls to prevent diversion, illegal sales and sale to minors
- Providing reasonable access to products to mitigate the illicit market

LCB Role & Responsibilities:

- Ensuring public safety is the top priority
- Creating an three-tier regulatory system for marijuana
- Creating licenses for producers, processors and retailers
- Enforcing laws and rules pertaining to licensees
- Collecting and distributing taxes

Timeline:

- December 6, 2012 Effective date of new law
- May 16, 2013 Draft rules sent to stakeholders for input and vetting
- July 03 2013 Proposed rules filed with Code Reviser (CR 102)
- August 6-8, 2013 Public hearings on proposed rules
- August 14, 2013 Rules adopted
- September 16, 2013 Rules become effective
- September 16, 2013 Begin accepting applications for all three licenses (30-day window)
- December 1, 2013 Rules are complete (as mandated by law)
- Dec. 2013 / Jan. 2014 Begin issuing producer, processor and retailer licenses

Justin Nordhorn urged local law enforcement to take a proactive role in monitoring. He also noted that the LCB is depending on a strong interaction with local law enforcement.

The group had a brief discussion regarding licensing and monitoring as well as the application process. They also discussed the "straight line" issue and clarified the definition.

Council Member Jon Snyder distributed a "White Paper" addressing *current concerns on marijuana*. The paper highlighted the following:

- Public use of marijuana
- Private clubs
- Age restrictions on working in recreational marijuana business
- Impacts on minority communities
- Banking and finance

Council noted additional concerns including:

- Medical vs. recreational debate
- Patient registries in the medical marijuana industry
- Cash businesses
- Ordinances
- Area definitions
- Limited areas leasable
- Retail outlets and concentration
- Tribal interest
- Cluster saturation - The Garland district was illustrated as a zoning concern
- Concerned with LCB approving a license when there is potential for a City to deny that same license - they want to avoid this occurring.
- Council also noted they intend to add AIA's to the proximity list

Q&A

Q: Council asked if LCB could expand the definition of “schools” to include music schools & art schools?

A: Unable - the initiative states “elementary” and “secondary” schools.

Q: Can the LCB add drug treatment centers to the 1000’ rule?

A: Unable - it is not in the initiative.

Q: When applying for a license would the LCB expect an applicant to come to the City first or the LCB.

A: The LCB directs applicants to their local jurisdiction first to determine where they can locate a facility.

ADJOURN

Special meeting was adjourned at 3:05.

Sharon Foster
Board Chair

Ruthann Kurose
Board Member

Chris Marr
Board Member