



Washington State Liquor Control Board

Washington State Liquor Control Board Spokane Special Meeting with Pacific NW Inlander

August 8, 2013, 3:30 to 4:30
The Pacific NW Inlander Building
1227 W Summit Parkway, Spokane, WA 99201

Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Member Chris Marr, Member Ruthann Kurose, Rick Garza, Karen McCall, Maureen Malahovsky, and Pacific NW Inlander staff.

CALL TO ORDER

Member Chris Marr called the special meeting to order and thanked Inlander staff for their time.

BOARD INTRODUCTIONS

Board Members and staff introduced themselves. Member Marr briefly noted known city concerns.

I - 502 PRESENTATION

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

Q&A

Q: How would you gage the organizational level of the people attending the hearings?

A: Some were against I-502 but most were interested business people especially small growers.

Q: Will Idaho and Oregon residents need an ID card to buy marijuana?

A: No - but they are limited to an ounce.

Q: Will people be able to obtain information regarding who is applying for applications?

A: Yes - it will all be made public.

Q: If property is owned by a school but does not have a school structure on it is it applicable in the 1000' rule or does a school need to be present?

A: If a school is not built then no.

Q: Is there a restriction on a producer having more than one license?

A: The rules say yes but this issue is being discussed.

Q: Do you expect input from the Federal Government soon?

A: Unsure. The Federal Government is *monitoring* the process.

Other topics discussed:

- Law enforcement costs - lack of interest in the smaller marijuana busts
- Traceability system
- Marijuana tourism, clubs and vapor bars
- Limited options for potential sites, especially in the downtown core
- City Council concerns
- Affordability - driving competition from the illicit market (LCB is very proactive in this effort)

ADJOURN Special meeting adjourned at 4:30.

Sharon Foster
Board Chair

Ruthann Kurose
Board Member

Chris Marr
Board Member

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