

**PLANNING  
COMMISSION MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 5, 2014  
6:30 p.m.**

**APPROVED MINUTES**



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**Location:** Justice & Municipal Center, 9002 Main Street East, Bonney Lake.

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

**II. Roll Call:** Planning Commissioners in attendance were Grant Sulham – Chair, Winona Jacobsen – Vice Chair, David Baus, Dennis Poulsen, Brad Doll, Debbie Strous-Boyd and Craig Sarver

Staff members in attendance were Senior Planner Jason Sullivan and Planning Commission Clerk Debbie McDonald

**III. Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion was made by Vice-Chair Jacobsen and seconded by Commissioner Sarver to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2014 meeting as written.**

**Motion approved 7-0**

**IV. Public Hearing:**

Senior Planner Sullivan asked for the Public Hearing on Ordinance D14-129 A/B be moved to after the Public Hearing on Ordinance D14-134 on the agenda. Traffic is delaying the public that wanted to provide comments.

Chair Sulham allowed for the Public Hearing order to be switched.

**A. Continue Public Hearing: Resolution 2421 Bonney Lake Comprehensive Plan Update – Cultural Arts and Heritage Element**

Chair Sulham continued the Public Hearing at 6:35 P.M.

Senior Planner Sullivan presented the Cultural Arts and Heritage Element to the Arts Commission. No changes came out of the presentation to the Arts Commission. Will take recommendations to the City Council Workshop on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Sulham opened the floor for public comments, having none closed the Public Hearing at 6:37 P.M.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Doll and seconded by Commissioner Sarver to recommend that the City Council adopt Resolution 2421 stating the City Council's intent to adopt the Cultural Arts and Heritage Element as part of the Comprehensive Plan update.**

**Motion approved 7-0**

**B. Public Hearing: Ordinance D14-134: 2014 Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Old City Hall Site Land use Designation and Zoning Classification Amendment.**

Chair Sulham opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 P.M.

Senior Planner Sullivan summarized the zoning changes.

Chair Sulham opened the floor for public comments, having none closed the Public Hearing at 6:38 P.M.

**Motion was made by Vice-Chair Jacobsen and seconded by Commissioner Doll to recommend that the City Council adopt Ordinance D14-134.**

**Motion approved 7-0**

**C. Public Hearing: Ordinance D14-129 A/B: Regulations of State Licensed Marijuana Businesses.**

Chair Sulham opened the Public Hearing at 6:41 P.M.

Senior Planner Sullivan presented the options City Council asked the Commissioners for recommendations on. Option A is for an all-out ban. Option B would allow only for retail, no processing production sites.

Chair Sulham opened the floor for Public Comments:

Kim Nygard, 1503 Valley Ave, Sumner: Thanked the Commissioners for their ongoing care and concern for planning a safe community. She works in drug prevention with the Sumner School District. Spoke of concerns with marijuana and students using. There is data that came out about the black market, no sure how accurate the information is since it is being collected from the black market.

Chris Crew, 210 W. Main Street, Elma: Is the attorney representing the owners of the license for the one retail spot in Bonney Lake. Is in favor of option number two that will allow retail. Retail tax the one store would bring in is about \$100,000 a year. Will not give more access to drug dealers, instead will put them out of business. The marijuana is already here the retail is no going to bring more marijuana to the area. The owners are not going to risk their license to sell to a minor. A majority of the population has already approved marijuana with the vote.

Commissioner Strous-Boyd commented that the data collected can be altered with other information that effects the outcome.

Tammra Robinson, 6108 21 Ave NE, Tacoma: Works with the Sumner School District to help youth make healthy choices. When medical marijuana resulted in an increase in use by youth how will a retail store affect the use among youths? With the quantity a person can buy from the retailers they can roll into joints and sell them. Marijuana has a devastating effect on tea child's brain. She also presented brochures with information on dabbing with oils and edibles.

Valdali Tashulki 12515 224 Ave E, Bonney Lake: Uses marijuana for pain relief. Supports the retail option.

Cakaria Hazrat, 2224 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Renton: Is one of the lottery winners for the retail location in Bonney Lake. He is college education and a commercial pilot. Very much a family man with his children being important to him and would not sell to anyone under 21.

Chair Sulham asked what precautions are there to make sure adults are not buying for children.

Mr. Hazrat responded he owns a convenience store where they have worked with the state to set up stings. They also have video cameras outside the store. Liquor control board has safety features in place.

Vice-Chair Jacobsen asked about the security monitoring.

Mr. Hazrat responded the store is being watched and recorded 24/7.

Mr. Crew also added the Liquor Control Board can watch the feed at any time. They also save recordings up to 45 days.

Saraujitt Bassi, 12519 224<sup>th</sup> Ave E, Bonney Lake: Is the other owner of the retail store for Bonney Lake. Is a family man with children and would not want children to have access to marijuana. The retail stores are already here, it is just down the road 4 miles in Buckley who are about to open their second store.

Samantha Yeun 4751 Silver Bow Rd NE, Tacoma: Works with the Coalition on Education Youth on marijuana use. Has distributed handouts and information to the Commissioners. Marijuana is finding a way into kid's hands.

Senior Planner Sullivan clarified the amount of sales tax the city receives and how the excise tax goes to the state. In Ordinance B there is one change to take out the signage verbiage since the state's regulations are more stringent.

Chair Sulham closed the Public Hearing at 7:55 P.M.

Vice-Chair Jacobsen asked for an explanation on the tier system.

Senior Planner Sullivan explained that it was his understanding that the first tier was the allocation of the stores. The next tier would be a redraw if the ones chosen were unable to complete their retail. It does not add any more sites to Bonney Lake.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Doll and seconded by Commissioner Sarver to take a 5 minute recess from 8:05-8:10.**

**Motion approved 7-0**

Senior Planner Sullivan reminded Commissioners not to discuss the public hearing amongst themselves while on break.

Chair Sulham reconvened the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Chair Sulham opened the discussion on Option A.

Commissioner Sarver is worried if the City approves Option A, it will open them up for a lawsuit.

Vice-Chair Jacobsen commented that the state had a vote that approved marijuana. Does not believe we should consider an outright ban.

Commissioner Strous-Boyd also agrees and with two retail stores just out in Buckley it is already here.

Commissioner Doll stands firm with an all-out ban. Does not see how a retail shop will benefit the community.

Chair Sulham opened the discussion for Option B.

Senior Planner Sullivan answered Commissioner questions.

Commissioner Baus would like to see a percentage of the tax collected from the retail shop go towards prevention.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sarver and seconded by Commissioner Doll to extend the Planning Commission meeting by 30 minutes.**

**Motion approved 7-0**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Sarver and seconded by Vice-Chair Jacobsen to recommend that the City Council not approve Ordinance D14-129A and adopt Ordinance D14-129B with stricken sign language.**

Commissioner Poulsen wanted to thank those for coming out to speak. Whether City Council approves or denies the ordinance they are still business owners.

**Motion approved 6-1**

**Commissioner Doll Voting No**

Senior Planner Sullivan asked if Commissioners would like to add language to the recommendation memo that the City Council should adopt an ordinance that would direct that a portion of the taxes collected from the marijuana retail shop go towards drug prevention or to programs that encourage your to live healthy lifestyles.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Baus and seconded by Commissioner Sarver to collect a portion of the taxes earned from the marijuana retail shop go towards youth education and healthy activities.**

**Motion approved 7-0**

Senior Planner Sullivan commented the recommendations will go to the Council workshop on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. If more than 4 Commissioners wish to attend please let him know so the proper notice can be distributed.

**V. Public Comments and Concerns: NONE**

**VI. New Business:**

**A. Planning Commission Futures:** Tabled till December meeting.

**VII. Old/Continuing Business: NONE**

**VIII. For the Good of the Order:**

**A. Correspondence: NONE**

**B. Staff Comments: NONE**

**C. Commissioner Comments: NONE**

**IX. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Commissioners Sarver and seconded by Commissioner Poulsen to adjourn.**

**Motion approved 7-0**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:49**

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Debbie McDonald Planning Commission Clerk