



Minutes Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel

Meeting #12: Monday, July 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Deschutes Services Building, Allen Room, 1300 NW Wall Street, Bend

This meeting was conducted in person and by video. It was video recorded and can be accessed at the Deschutes County Meeting Portal website www.deschutes.org/meetings.

I. Introductions / Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Cannabis Advisory Panel (CAP) Chair Liz Lotochinski. Present in person: Jen Patterson, Deschutes County Strategic Initiatives Manager; Angie Havniar, Deschutes County, Community Development Department (CDD); Jeff Williams, Deschutes County, CDD; Liz Lotochinski; Mary Fleischmann; Jeremy Giffin, Oregon Water Resources Department, Watermaster; Caroyne Sufit, Oregon Water Resources Department, Region Manager; Gary Bracelin; Detective Dustin Miller, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office; Hunter Neubauer; Present on Zoom: Matt Hurt; Andrew Aasen; Phil Keim, City of Portland, Cannabis Program Policy Coordinator.

II. Approval of April 22, 2024, Minutes

Mary Fleischmann moved to approve the minutes. Hunter Neubauer seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

III. Update on CAP Meeting Requirements and Agenda Topics

Jen Patterson provided an update on questions that arose during the April 22, 2024, meeting. Specifically, CAP members were interested in the possibility of engaging with the City of Redmond as they continue to deliberate amending Cannabis rules within city limits. Jen and legal counsel reviewed ORS 475B.759 and the CAP Charter on what business is allowable by County CAPs. Engaging with other local government entities is not within the scope of CAP business and discussion.

CAP business includes:

1. The use of moneys transferred to the county under ORS 475B.759;
2. Increases in public safety measures related to marijuana use and marijuana entities in the county; and
3. Issues presented by the production, processing, wholesaling and distribution of marijuana in the unincorporated area subject to the jurisdiction of the county.

Additionally, some CAP members wanted clarification on the required frequency of CAP meetings. Per Oregon Statute, County CAPs are required to meet on a quarterly basis.

IV. Presentation on CDD Code Compliance Summary

Angie Havniar, CDD, presented on the 2023 Code Compliance Report. The mission of CDD Code Enforcement Program is to protect the health and safety of residents and visitors and protect livability of the community by assuring compliance with building, land use, and onsite wastewater regulations. The Board of County Commissioners has established the code enforcement priorities which are as follows:

1. Violations that present an imminent threat to public health, life, and safety.
2. Violations which impact rivers, streams floodplains, and wetlands.
3. Solid Waste, Onsite Wastewater, and Building Code violations.
4. Land use violations.

The CAP recommended Marijuana Tax Revenue financial contributions of \$20,000 each year for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 which has allowed CDD to prioritize cannabis related cases and bolsters the partnership with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

CDD's total caseload is increasing, they are currently on track to have a 21% increase in caseloads for 2024.

Jeff Williams, CDD, presented on specific cannabis code violation cases throughout the County including the Alfalfa Property that had an illegal grow operated by a cartel.

VI. Public Comments

No public comments

VII. Next Steps

Next meeting topics will include a Presentation from Behavioral Health providing information on substance abuse trends in Deschutes County.

VIII. Wrap up and Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. The CAP agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Allen Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Jen Patterson, Strategic Initiatives Manager,
Deschutes County Administrative Services