



Minutes

Deschutes County Cannabis Advisory Panel

Meeting #8: Monday, July 17, 2023, 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 Chair Liz Lotochinski. Present via Zoom: Matt Hurt; Present in person: Daniel Smith, CDD; Jen Patterson, Deschutes County Strategic Initiatives Manager; Sgt. Kent Vander Kamp, Clear Alliance; Nicole McAda, Clear Alliance; Darla Engstrom, Clear Alliance; Liz Lotochinski; Mary Fleischmann; Gary Bracelin; Hunter Neubauer; Dr. Andrew Aasen; Jeremy Giffin; Detective Dustin Miller, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office; Detective Tony Ramos, Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

II. Approval of April 17, 2022 Minutes

Mary Fleischman moved to approve the minutes. Andrew Aasan seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

III. Presentation on Code Compliance Summary of the 2023 Annual Reporting Season

Daniel Smith, CDD, presented on the 2022 Code Compliance Report. Code enforcement has 4 staff to cover all code complaints ranging from building to solid waste to violation complaints. In 2022 there were a total of 823 complaints across 549 properties. There were 16 cannabis violations related to hemp or marijuana production across 6 properties. 10 of the 16 violations are still active cases. Cannabis violations include: solid waste, non-approved waste disposal, RV occupation, multiple dwellings, and work without permits. Sherriff's office invited CDD to come along on calls regarding illegal operations. CDD will ride along as staffing capacity allows. Det. Dustin Miller reported Sherriff's Office seeing less illegal outdoor grow operations, indoor illegal grow operations are still robust. If citizens want to report an anonymous complaint there is a questionnaire online that anyone can fill out and the Sherriff's Office will follow up.

IV. Presentation on Clear Alliance Program

Clear Alliance is focused on evidence based education that raises awareness and educates youth and adults in preventing substance misuse, impaired driving, and to promote mental health and wellness. Supporters include MADD, ODOT, School Districts, Health Care Workers, Case Workers, and other diverse members. Clear Alliance is not a politically driven organization rather it is focused on

providing facts in order to let parents and youth form their own conclusions. Clear Alliance is a free system for anyone to access and provides educational tools. There are currently 3 curriculums available: Counterfeit Pills; Impaired Driving; and Tobacco, Marijuana, and e-cigarette course (TMEC). The courses are targeted for middle and high school level students. The curriculum is designed to provide education to youth in bite-sized information. The parents that see the program are predominantly shocked at the data realizing it is not the same marijuana from the 80's. CAP members expressed interest in taking some of the classes, Clear Alliance shared cards with QR codes for members to explore the data and courses on their own time. Success means to save lives and save people from pain, which is hard to measure. Surveying participation before and after taking the courses serves as a temperature check on how much people are learning from the curriculum.

V. Cannabis Advisory Panel Member Terms and Appointments Update

Three positions terms are ending in October: Hunter Neubauer, Detective Dustin Miller, and Andrew Aasan. All three are interested in serving another 2-year term pending Board approval.

VI. Public Comments

No public comments

VII. Next Steps

Next meeting topics will include electing a Chair (Liz Lotochinski would serve another term if the Charter can be amended). The CAP would be interested in hearing a water usage presentation from Watermaster Jeremy Giffin. The CAP will discuss whether to adapt a copy of the Jackson County mailer for Deschutes County and present to Board as a recommendation.

An update to CAP on the recommended funds for FY '24 will be requested for the January 2024 meeting.

VIII. Wrap up and Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The Advisory Panel agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Allen Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
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