

City of Buckley
Planning Commission Minutes
June 18, 2018

Chairperson McPhail called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The following members were present: Harris, Rose and Griffin. Garland was absent and excused.

Harris moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2018 commission meeting. Griffin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Marijuana moratorium draft ordinance

Thompson stated there was a study session with the City Council, now from that study session we can improve the moratorium ordinance and move forward. McPhail who attended the study session, gave an overview of the session. Basic principal was to do things like limit the number of processing facilities by population, distance and/or just the number of facilities. Both he and Garland came away with the understanding that we could draft up something, some rules around those particular items. This is different we were under the idea that we couldn't use population. Thompson stated the City Attorney still says that is a bad idea. He reasoning was that as the City grows we would still have the capability of having more processing and producing facilities if the population grows, if the population goes down someone would be in violation. The other reason is that it has been untested, according to the City Attorney it has a greater possibility of failing in court than saying we want only three or we want them 5,000 feet apart. Discussion ensued. If you limit the number of facilities they can be wherever as long as they are allowed in that particular zone, there are no distance limitations.

Rose stated she is not seeing the evidence that the growing or processing causes any harm to safety, health or welfare of the City. She is not advocating for more she just hasn't seen any evidence that they are a problem. Her concern is that the wish to control processing is that it does not generate revenue income for the City; she doesn't want us to see a town full of factories growing marijuana. She concerned about the legislative action and whether or not it is legal. Thompson stated at any point the Council can ban it, they can permit it. At one point we treated it the same as liquor and liquor stores and we have allowed it as agricultural. But now the citizens have voiced that they don't want it in their neighborhoods.

Griffin stated the City Attorney doesn't want to link it to population but how about linking it to the square footage of the commercial zoning. Discussion ensued. Harris stated she would like some statistics on this idea.

Thompson stated there is a draft ordinance in your packets to give her direction on where you want to go with this. The Planning Commission went through the ordinance with Thompson and made changes.

New/Old Business

Title 20 – general review

Thompson has nothing to report on Title 20.

Shoreline Master Program update for 2019

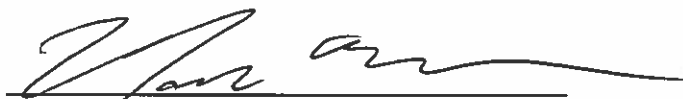
Thompson updated the Planning Commission on what she has been working on with the Shoreline Master Program. She will have the new updates ready for the Commission at the next meeting.

Thompson reported on the 2018 population projections from the Office of Financial Management, the projected number for 2018 is 4,765, we are still under 5,000.

The July 16th meeting will be changed to July 23rd.

The next meeting will be July 2, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

With nothing further the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.



Mark McPhail, Chairperson