

I. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Marijuana Advisory Committee was called to order at 6 p.m. by Chair Williams for the purpose of conducting a special meeting.

Board members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Sara Williams, Chair
Mr. Darryl Dreher
Ms. Crystal Nygard
Mr. Lance Ketterling
Ms. Savon Duchein
Ms. Lisa Albert-Konecky
Mr. John Norris
Mr. Link Fannon
Ms. Ronda Marcy
Ms. Delena Johnson
Ms. Alyssa Farrar
Mr. Joseph Schmidt

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Brenda J. Henry, CMC, Assistant Clerk
Mr. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Williams:

- advised that Ms. Henry was directed to add a presentation to the agenda regarding the Planning Commission's Recommendations for Ordinance Serial No. 16-003; and
- queried if there were any objections to approving the agenda as presented.

Ms. Marcy queried who provided that direction.

Ms. Henry advised that it was at the direction of her supervisor, the Borough Clerk.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Williams noted that there were no minutes to approve.

Ms. Marcy queried why that was.

Ms. Henry advised that she had not had time to do them.

IV. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to the benefits of medical marijuana: Dr. Lyn Mikelson.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the Assembly's proposed moratorium on marijuana and in support of taxation and regulation: Mr. Miles France and Ms. Peggy France.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke in support of moving forward with the conditional use permitting process and in opposition to a moratorium on marijuana: Ms. Amy Tuma.

The following persons spoke in support of waiting until after October 2016 to propose a tax: Mr. Timothy Hale and Mr. Don Hart.

The following persons spoke in support of commercial marijuana business: Mr. David Straub and Mr. Timothy Clark.

The following person spoke to the need for land use regulations for commercial marijuana in order to protect residential areas: Ms. Patricia Rosnel.

The following person spoke to a recent home invasion over marijuana that occurred and opined that type of incident occurs because there is no regulated commercial marijuana: Mr. Miles France.

The following person spoke regarding the *Ravin vs. State of Alaska*, Supreme Court decision: Mr. Don Hart.

The following person spoke in support of keeping marijuana out of the hands of kids: Mr. David Straub.

[Clerk's note: The Committee asked questions of those who provided testimony; some members of the audience also testified twice.]

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. Presentation Regarding Planning Commission's Recommendations For Ordinance Serial No. 16-003

Mr. Alex Strawn provided a presentation regarding the Planning Commission's recommendations to the Assembly regarding Ordinance Serial No. 16-003.

The Committee asked questions of Mr. Strawn.

VI. UNFINISHED ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. Possible Resolution to the Assembly Regarding a Marijuana Tax

MOTION: Ms. Marcy moved a primary amendment to strike the first and second whereas clauses on page two of three of the resolution.

The motion was seconded.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Ms. Marcy moved a primary amendment to strike the now, therefore, be it resolved clause in its entirety.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Mr. Fannon moved to recommend a marijuana tax to the Assembly.

The motion was seconded.

VOTE: The motion failed unanimously.

VII. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Marcy:

- noted that there are stringent State requirements for packaging of edibles; and
- spoke in support of edibles being contained in child resistant packages.

Mr. Dreher:

- thanked the public for providing testimony;
- stated the he takes notes and tries to respond to the comments of the public when possible;
- noted that he would like to promote a campaign with the slogan "Make a Spot for Pot;" and
- encouraged the audience to spread the word about making a spot for pot.

Ms. Mulligan:

- thanked Mr. Strawn for his presentation; and
- noted that it helped answer a lot of her questions.

Ms. Nygard:

- thanked Mr. Strawn for his presentation;
- spoke in opposition to tax on marijuana; and
- spoke in support of small business.

Mr. Ketterling thanked everyone for the meeting.

Ms. Duchein spoke in appreciation of the public attendance and input.

Ms. Albert-Konecky:

- thanked Mr. Strawn and Ms. Henry for their support of the Committee; and
- spoke in to her appreciation of comments regarding child resistant packaging.

Ms. Marcy:

- thanked the body for participating and noted her respect for that participation;
- thanked Mr. Strawn and Ms. Henry for providing staff support to the Committee; and
- noted the importance of the Committee hearing from the public.

Mr. Norris:

- noted that the Committee is breaking new ground;
- thanked Ms. Henry for providing the support to the Committee; and
- thanked Mr. Strawn for his presentation and support.

Mr. Schmidt:

- spoke in appreciation of the comments that it is up to parents to ensure the safety of their children;
- spoke in support of child resistant packaging for edibles; and
- stated that he is looking forward to more discussion regarding taxes.

Ms. Farrar:

- thanked the public for attending;
- thanked Mr. Fannon for bringing forward the idea of defeating the resolution regarding taxes; and
- thanked Mr. Strawn and Ms. Henry for their support of the Committee.

Ms. Johnson:

- quipped that everyone that stayed until the end of the meeting did make a spot for pot; and
- spoke to her appreciation of staff for their support and in support of Ms. Williams as Chair.

Mr. Fannon:

- noted that he is not intending to slow the process by not recommending a tax at this time;
- stated that there is no good information to base a recommendation on; and
- commented that the government that governs least, governs best.

Chair Williams:

- thanked everyone for their participation;
- noted the timeframe for the Assembly's moratorium on commercial marijuana;
- related the date of the next State Marijuana Control Board meeting; and
- spoke to concerns that the June deadline for issuing commercial licenses may not be met by the State.

Ms. Marcy noted that marijuana handler permit course provider applications will be decided upon by the State Marijuana Control Board on April 27.

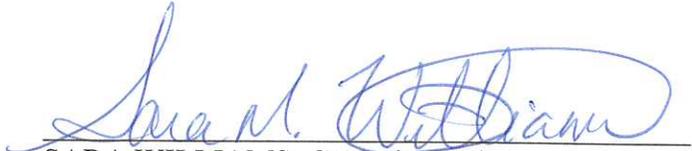
Ms. Duchein spoke to concerns that meetings were not listed on the Marijuana Advisory Committee site.

Ms. Henry requested that Ms. Duchein call her so that she could walk through it with her to determine if there was a problem with meetings being listed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

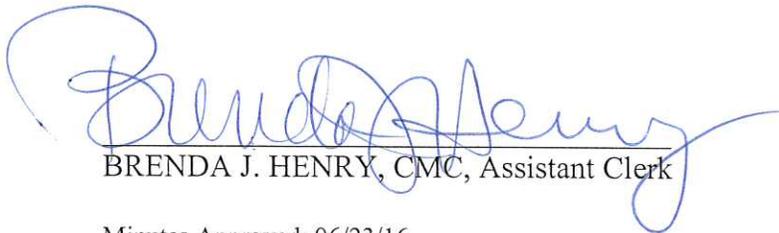
The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
MARIJUANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE



SARA WILLIAMS, Committee Chair

ATTEST:



BRENDA J. HENRY, CMC, Assistant Clerk

Minutes Approved: 06/23/16