

**Fallbrook Planning Group  
Ad-Hoc Committee on Cannabis Ordinance**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES: ADOPTED APRIL 12, 2021**

**Thursday, February 25, 2021**

**9:30 AM**

**Zoom Online Meetings**

Committee Chair Eileen Delaney called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

**Present:** Committee Chair Eileen Delaney, Committee Secretary Ross L. Pike, Jeniene Domercq, Victoria Stover, Stephani Baxter, Kim Murphy, Robyn Dahlson, Angela King, Denise Shadle, Jim Mendelson, Tyler Geffeny

**Absent:** Steve Brown, Robert Bruins

**Also Present:** Dominic Fieri of North County Fire; Sergeant Scroggins of the Sheriff Department; Donald Chase, Aleena Benedito, Scott Christman, and Connor McGee of the San Diego County Planning & Development Services (PDS)

Committee Chair Delaney has appointed Ross L. Pike as the Committee Secretary.

The committee was offered a presentation from the San Diego County Planning Development Services Department by Scott Christman and Connor McGee.

Chair Delaney opened the meeting to public comment.

- Pedro Cardenas spoke regarding an upfront CEQA evaluation and supported the Board Letter.
- Marc Sigmon shared an experience of cannabis living in Colorado.
- Matthew Mueller spoke to social equity in the Board Letter.
- Committee Member Denise Shadle spoke to her experience living next to a hemp farm.
- Judy Strong spoke to the Board Letter being presented by Chair Fletcher who does not represent unincorporated areas and spoke against an upfront CEQA evaluation.

Chair Delaney asked the County to further explain an upfront CEQA evaluation in addition to also requiring applicants to conduct environmental impact reviews for each permit. McGee spoke to the legality of requiring multiple tasks and that an upfront CEQA evaluation would make any additional testing requirements clear for the application process depending on an operation's size or purpose

- Joe Naven of *The Village News* asked how the evaluation would account for traffic.

- Peggy Walker requested a conditional waiver request process and limits on THC.
- Kathleen Lippitt spoke to how quickly the Board of Supervisors approved the Board Letter.
- Becky Rapp spoke to request more community input during this process.
- Kelly McCormick spoke to environmental concerns and advised the community to speak at the Board of Supervisors meeting.
- Lila McDonald spoke to a limit on licenses, onsite consumption, zoning, and law enforcement.

County Planner spoke to compliance with zoning, Sergeant Scroggins spoke to law enforcement.

- Barbara Gordon spoke to limit licenses.
- Committee Member Angela King spoke to public nuisance concerns of an adjacent farm.
- Debbie Arce spoke as a farmer to the difficulty of obtaining a license and spoke to the different regulations from a hemp farm to a cannabis farm.
- Susan Liebes spoke to request the Committee use data when making recommendations.

With no other persons requesting to speak, Chair Delaney closed public comment.

Chair Delaney asked the County staff as to what would they would like to see the Fallbrook Planning Group make recommendations on. Christman advised a recommendation on an upfront CEQA evaluation. McGee advised a recommendation on zoning recommendations for farming next to homes.

*Motion by Baxter to recommend to San Diego County that the ordinance include an upfront CEQA evaluation for a review process during the ordinance implementation, but further calling for a project-by-project review by Planning Groups. **Withdrawn.***

*Motion by Delaney to recommend to San Diego County that the County adopt a programmatic EIR at the county level as well as each applicant conduct a project level analysis for each location that tiers off county EIR in addition to a discretionary permit process. **Motion passes 6-2.***

**Aye:** Eileen Delaney, Victoria Stover, Stephani Baxter, Kim Murphy, Tyler Geffeny, Denise Shadle

**Nay:** Ross L. Pike, Robyn Dahlson

**Absent:** Steve Brown, Jeniene Domercq, Robert Bruins, Angela King, Jim Mendelson

*Motion by Delaney to recommend that San Diego County not allow the manufacturing of cannabis products on an agricultural site. **Withdrawn.***

*Motion by Baxter to recommend that San Diego County not allow onsite consumption of cannabis products until further information is available as to the impact it would have on a community and to test a person's sobriety. **Motion fails. Quorum lost.***

**Aye:** Eileen Delaney, Victoria Stover, Stephani Baxter, Tyler Geffene

**Nay:** Ross L. Pike, Robyn Dahlson

**Absent:** Steve Brown, Jeniene Domercq, Kim Murphy, Angela King, Robert Bruins, Denise Shadle, Jim Mendelson

The Ad-Hoc Cannabis Ordinance Committee submits that they are seeking further information on the following matters prior to making further recommendations:

- Indoor versus outdoor growing of cannabis
- Manufacturing on farm property
- Design regulations of properties
- Setback from residential areas and sensitive sights
- Onsite consumption
- Law enforcement

The Committee reserves the right to seek information on further topics to ensure a list of thorough recommendations to the County.

The Committee also plans to participate in an educational excursion to visit a cannabis farm to better aid in their information seeking. This will be coordinated by Committee Member Robyn Dahlson.

With quorum being lost, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 PM.