

FALLBROOK COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP  
AD-HOC CANNABIS ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

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Regular Meeting  
Monday, July 12, 2021  
5:30 PM

Zoom Meeting  
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**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

*Adopted August 9, 2021*

**PRESENT:** Chair Eileen Delaney, Secretary Ross L. Pike, Jeniene Domercq, Victoria Stover, Stephani Baxter, Robyn Dahlson, Denise Shadle, Jim Mendelson, Robert Bruins (arrived late and left at 6:14 PM)

**ABSENT:** Angela King, Tyler Geffeny

**EXCUSED:** Kim Murphy, Steve Brown

1. Call to order.

Committee Chair Eileen Delaney called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

2. PUBLIC FORUM. Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Ad-hoc Cannabis Ordinance Committee on any subject matter within the Committee's jurisdiction but not on today's agenda. Three-minute limitation. Non-discussion and nonvoting item.

No public comments were made.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes. Voting item.

*Motion by Delaney to continue the approval of the June 2021 committee minutes to the August meeting. 9-0. Motion passes.*

4. Presentation and update on the Cannabis Ordinance by County Staff. Aleena Benedito, [Aleena.benedito@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Aleena.benedito@sdcounty.ca.gov) and Scott Christman [scott.christman@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:scott.christman@sdcounty.ca.gov). Questions and answers.

A presentation was made by Conor McGee from the Department of Planning and Development Services regarding the progress of the proposed Cannabis Ordinance by San Diego County. McGee reports that there are currently 5 dispensaries operating outside of the Fallbrook Community Planning Area that have been requested to convert their operations to retail and in exchange have been given permission from the county to waive the additional permitting process with regard to discretionary permits. County staff is seeking input for an October 6, 2021 deadline with a meeting of the Planning Commission occurring on August 6 that will be discussing the existing 5 dispensaries.

Delaney requests a poll be taken to send a message to the county that it is wrong that these businesses be given an exception to the normal process. Pike objects to a poll being taken as this item was not agendaized to include a vote by the committee for this topic. Delaney insists that she is able to conduct a poll. Stover clarifies that Delaney is requesting permission to speak to the Planning Commission. Delaney clarifies that she is asking the committee if they would like the topic of the 5 dispensaries be placed on the agenda for the July 19 Meeting of the Fallbrook Planning Group for consideration to take action by the full Planning Group. Baxter agrees, Stover agrees, Domercq agrees, Mendelssohn agrees, Dahlson takes no position, Pike requests that County Staff be present at the meeting

to present the information if the item is placed on the agenda (McGee states a member of county staff will be present for questions), Bruins agrees and requests the committee make a clear statement on their position moving forward, Delaney clarifies that the committee is only considering the topic of the 5 dispensaries at this time. Delaney will confer with Fallbrook Planning Group Chair Jack Wood on the July 19 Agenda for this item and will take care of the public posting of the agenda at the Chamber of Commerce.

*These minutes were amended by Stephani Baxter on August 9, 2021 to add the following items:*

Baxter asked McGee what is the metric for measuring illegal shutdowns? McGee says there is no metric at this time.

Delaney asked McGee if village zones would be exempt. McGee stated that Ramona and Alpine also have these concerns.

5. Preparation for our August meeting. Will be making the following recommendations to the Planning Group:

a. Local control or at least some input on where the growing, manufacturing, production and sales take place in our town.

b. Require some form of local permitting, review and approval for cannabis related businesses in addition to the PEIR. ( programmatic environmental impact report)

c. Setbacks to schools, churches and other child or family sports and family activities.

d. Growing and production not permitted on parcels adjacent to residential areas and set back a certain amount of feet to be determined locally .

e. Odor control that can be subject to code compliance.

f. Business, farming, growing and production not permitted on parcels in areas with private,non-county maintained roads.

g. Noise and light control subject to code compliance

h. Due to lack of public transportation as well as the lack of available Uber/Lyft ride-shares, Lounges / tasting should not be permitted in rural areas.

i. California is facing a severe drought again. Growing Cannabis requires large amounts of water. Should there be restrictions on growing during droughts? Should growers be required to pay for infrastructure to build pipelines for recycled water?

McGee reports that these are topics are also being considered by other community planning groups. Committee members spoke to County Staff with regard to setback requirements for sensitive areas. The county is seeking input for setback requirements for the unincorporated areas with regard to homes, schools, daycare, and churches. McGee clarified that the city of San Diego has certain requirements but will report back if communities are able to be more restrictive. Delaney asked committee members if they had additional items to add to the list and none were offered at this time.

6. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Ross L. Pike

Secretary

Fallbrook Planning Group

**NOTE:** The Fallbrook Planning Group occasionally has openings on its Land Use Committee (Chair Eileen Delaney: eileendelaneymail@gmail.com), Circulation Committee (Chair Roy Moosa: 760-723-1181), Parks & Recreation Committee (Chair Stephani Baxter: sbaxter.fcpg@gmail.com), Public Facilities Committee (Chair Roy Moosa: 760-723-1181), and Design Review Committee (Chair Eileen Delaney: eileendelaneymail@gmail.com) for non-elected citizens. *There are currently vacancies on the Circulation Committee, Parks & Recreation Committee, and Public Facilities Committee.* Interested persons are directed to please contact the respective committee chair. **This is a preliminary agenda. If any changes are made, a final agenda will be posted at the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce (111 S Main Avenue) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting as well as in the digital Dropbox (bit.ly/FallbrookPlanningGroup).** To sign up for notifications for the digital Dropbox, please contact Group Secretary Ross L. Pike (rosspike.fallbrook@gmail.com) or visit bit.ly/FallbrookPlanningGroup.