

Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: **Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Amendments for Retail Marijuana**

Background

The Planning Commission began discussion of proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code amendments for retail marijuana on January 20, 2016. This started with a privately-initiated amendment requested by The Grass is Always Greener, LLC. The Technical Committee recommended amendments would revise policy LU-62 regarding the Manufacturing Park zone, and make several changes to the Zoning Code which would create a zoning overlay in a portion of the Manufacturing Park zone in the Sammamish Valley Neighborhood, allow retail marijuana stores in this area, set development standards for retail marijuana, and other related changes.

At the January 20 meeting, staff gave an overview of the proposed amendments to the Commission. Commissioners identified several issues. At the January 27 meeting, the Commission conducted the public hearing. Afterward, the Commission closed the public hearing for oral comment and kept it open for written comment. At the February 10 meeting, the Commission discussed and resolved some of the issues on the issues matrix. The Commission did not discuss any issues at the February 17 meeting.

Preparation for February 24 Study Session

The purpose of the February 24 study session is to determine if any additional issues should be added to the issues matrix and to discuss and resolve issues as noted on the enclosed issues matrix. Please continue to review the Technical Committee Report provided on January 8, the supplemental information provided including public comments sent to the Planning Commission and City Council, and public testimony from the public hearing. You can access the video of the public hearing on the City's website at <http://www.redmond.gov/ondemand>.

The Technical Committee Report and other information provided to the Planning Commission is available online at <http://redmond.gov/Government/BoardsCommissions/PlanningCommission/TopicsUnderReview>. Please also review the enclosed issues matrix.

Please contact Jason Rogers with any questions.

Enclosures

Issue Matrix for February 24, 2016
Public Comments received between February 17 and February 19, 2016