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From: xin sun <bshmily@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2016 11:01 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: Questions regarding Planning Commission Meeting 3/9/2016

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Hi Jason,

I attended the meeting on 3/9/2016 and was quite shocked at the final recommendation, as well as how the meeting was conducted.

Commissioner Miller apparently had some strong voice and was very dominant at the meeting.

The final vote was 3:1 on the double revised option A. In another word, this recommendation (double revised option A) was from 3 out of 7 planning commissioners. Is this even a majority vote? Should other absent commissioners have a say into this as well?

Also when the initial technical committee report was out, the business owners in the proposed MP overlay were informed about the proposal. Then there was the public hearing. With a PC recommendation this drastically different than the city staff's original recommendation, shouldn't all potentially involved parties (now all MP zones, therefor all the business and property owners in all MP zones) be notified and have a chance to testify as well?

Upon approval of the 250ft buffer, Redmond will be the first city to have a non-1000 ft buffer on the Eastside. Do we know the impacts on the city? I guess we don't know since we don't even have an example to learn from. Seattle even has a buffer of 500ft, not 250ft!!!

And BTW, why 250ft was the center point of the discussion last night. Why not 750ft, 500ft or 100ft? There was absolutely no discussion regarding why the 250ft was chose.

Please bear with me and answer the above questions. Sorry to put you on the carpet.

Best regards,
Xin

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Jason Rogers

From: Xin Sun <shelia.sx@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 12, 2016 10:25 PM
To: Jason Rogers; Planning Commission
Subject: March 9th study session

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Dear Commissioners, Jason,

I am very disappointed on the recommendation from the March 9th study session.

First, why did the planning commission decide to adopt the 250ft buffer without looking carefully at other options first? So far as I know, all eastside cities, including Bellevue and Kirkland which already have retail marijuana stores opened, all keep the 1000ft minimum buffer. Even Seattle keeps the minimum buffer at 500ft. I remember during one study session, one commissioner mentioned that City of Redmond values data, and wants to use other cities which have been in the marijuana business for a while as examples. Does Redmond really want to be the most aggressive city on the eastside to adopt marijuana? Does Redmond want to be more aggressive than Seattle? The change of zoning is proposed because the city wants to find some parcels for retail marijuana, reducing the buffer to 250ft, combining the change to allow in all the MP zones, is clearly an over reaction.

Besides, I remember the southeast Redmond MP has many children-focused businesses, for example Sammamish Montessori School, Art School Ellen, etc. Fred Meyer has a children center, that parents can drop their kids off while shopping. Home Depot has monthly kid workshop, which attracts hundreds of kids to the location. These are all locations that clearly need to have buffer from. In fact, as we previously discussed, southwest Redmond is very family focused region with its facilities, parks and trails, which is not suitable for marijuana retail. I'm deeply concerned about Planning Commission's recommendation to allow marijuana retails in all MP zones.

Lastly, the recommendation from March 9th's study session is very different than the Technical Committee's initial recommendation. I believe all the residents and business owners in the affected areas have the right to know about the change in advance, and have the right to share their thoughts with the City. What is the current procedure to handle these issues?

Thanks for working hard on the issue.

Thanks,
Xin

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Jason Rogers

From: Andrew Honig <andy@higherleaf.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 8:26 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: Redmond Marijuana

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Jason,

I just watched last Wednesday study session and I'd like to make a comment regarding limiting the number of stores. In other jurisdictions some rule limits created a race in which the first store to get fully licensed could open. This resulted in multiple business building up stores for only the first one being able to open and the other property unusable for the purpose it was built up for. This happened in Bellevue, where the losing building is still sitting unused nearly two years later.

As a result, I'd like to highlight the important of clear and unambiguous language regarding the limit of 2. For example, something as simple as city licenses will only be issued to state licensees who applied in Redmond, prior to WSLCB's lottery in April of 2014. Or more overtly, 2 licensees will be issued in Redmond to businesses whose application was in WSLCB's lottery in April of 2014, in the order specified by the lottery.

thanks for your time on this difficult issue,

thanks,
Andy

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Jason Rogers

From: xubei zhang <zhang811@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 11:24 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: PC recommendation

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Hello Jason,

Last Wednesday's final recommendation PC reached is way beyond what can be accepted.

I know you must be busy with finishing up the report for next PC meeting.

May I know what the updated map will come out? One more thing is that I remember there is a 1000 feet residential buffer in the ordinance 2774. So the map will include this buffer?

What I am surprised is that the buffer except school and playground is reduced to 250feet. No other city in WA lowers to such a low buffer number. I believe many Redmond residents will be upset about this number. It is so sad to see Redmond might be a pioneer on this issue.

Will you or other city stuff send out the notice to business owners in all MP zones once the final recommendation is done? If yes, when will it be? Before or after next PC study session? In the issus matrix, some property owners in the TC recommended report complained about the short notice. Will the city do a better job about notice this time?

Since the business parcel info in MP zone is public , can you share with me the list of the parcels in all the MP zones?

Thanks a lot.

Xubei

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