

Jason Rogers

From: Tanya Hart <thart@hartwinegroup.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:35 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Cc: commission@redmond.gov
Subject: Grass is Always Greener support - Cannabis in Redmond

Categories: MJ

Dear Mr. Rogers,
I'm not sure if this is still timely,
But I wanted you to know, I support the zoning changes to enable a retail marijuana store to open in Redmond.

Tanya Hart

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From: CoreyA--Alta <coreya@alta-inc.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 3:20 AM
To: Jason Rogers; Council
Cc: lisat@alta-inc.com
Subject: The Root Beer Store

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Hello

I am very concerned that our family Root Beer specialty store-- that has children in daily--could be right next door to a marijuana store. There is a vacancy right next to our business, and if this is rented by a marijuana store we will be forced to move or close down our store and most likely leave Redmond.

We do not want to subject the children and family environment to this type of business. Not only will the smoke seep through the walls and over the ceiling, but it could potentially provide an atmosphere of nervousness that would be detrimental to our business.

Please do NOT allow marijuana stores in MP zones in Redmond, nor reduce the buffers from 1,000 ft to 250ft.

Thanks

Corey Anderson
President
The Root Beer Store

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Jason Rogers

From: Gail Domingos <gail@cedarcrestacademy.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 11:10 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Cc: Linda Thelin; Geeta Vyas
Subject: FW: Redmond City Council Examines Opening Marijuana Retail Stores in Manufacturing Park (MP) Zones

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Hello Jason,

I understand that there is a proposal to have a marijuana retail store located close to our school. We are located near Marymoor Park (Redmond Campus - 17720 NE 65th St. | Redmond, WA. 98052 T: 425-376-0441 | F: 425-376-0440) and have approximately 120 children from 3-6 years of age in our program from Monday – Friday. I am in favor of the maximum setback for all but at there should definitely be a maximum set back of 1000 feet for our school. Please tell me if there a proposed specific location for this store or if there is a general zone but no specific proposed location.

In our general area, there is a KinderCare about 1000 feet away, and within 250 feet of us there is gymnastic school and Lake Washington Technical College.

Thank you in advance.

Gail Domingos
Founder



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From: We Love Redmond . [<mailto:contact@weloveredmond.org>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 11:06 PM

To: We Love Redmond . <contact@weloveredmond.org>

Subject: Redmond City Council Examines Opening Marijuana Retail Stores in Manufacturing Park (MP) Zones

Dear business owners in the MP zones,

I want to bring to your attention that the planning commission had made their final recommendations on the marijuana rezone issue. Please use this link to get more details.

<http://www.redmond.gov/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=181858>

In summary, the planning commission recommended to allow retail pot stores in **ALL Redmond Manufacturing Park (MP) zones** and to reduce the buffers from 1,000 ft to 250 ft. Upon approval Redmond will be the first city on the Eastside to reduce the buffers, everyone else is still at 1,000 ft.

Your business might be in jeopardy with retail pot stores right next door. Please see attached for the comment from a neighboring business of Higher Leaf, a marijuana retail store in Kirkland. They, along with many other businesses in the building, were forced to move out.

Same tragedy could happen to your business if the City Council approves this recommendation. It's never too late to take action. Here are the few things you can still do to turn this around.

- Email your comments and concerns to council@redmond.gov
- If your customers are mainly children, your business might be protected by the buffers if the City label your business as "Educational Facilities" or "Recreational Facilities". Email Jason Rogers, City Sr. Planner, jrogers@redmond.gov, to see if yours is qualified.
- Testify in person at the City Council meeting on Tuesday April 5th, 2016. 7:30pm, Redmond City Hall.
- Request to meet with individual council members to express your concerns.

Sincerely,

We Love
Redmond

Jodi L. Daub

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2016 9:13 AM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Marijuana Zoning

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From: Vick Barn [<mailto:OneandTwo@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 5:29 PM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Marijuana Zoning

The business I worked for was above the Higher Leaf marijuana store that was not in favor of marijuana being sold in our state, but was okay with it being a business. Since that time my opinion has changed. We have moved a business that occupied that building for a number of years. The number of people and the smell of pot was throughout the halls as people would smoke it in the cars during their breaks. Overall the area declined and the business attracted. You had to think twice about working at night if your feeling of being safe was gone.

I feel Redmond needs to keep the current 1000 ft buffer to protect the public places to enjoy public places.

Thanks,

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Jason Rogers

From: tracyfamily <tracyfamily3@frontier.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 11:26 AM
To: Jason Rogers; Council
Subject: objecting to Marijuana stores/zoning

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City of Redmond,

My husband and I have lived in Redmond for over 36 years. We have raised 6 children here. We protested about allowing Adult entertainment and gambling into the city. It did not come. We were thankful.

We had concerns about allowing homeless encampments in, due to the variety of people it would bring to our town. We protested, but you allowed the use anyway. From our perspective one block away from St. Judes, we were right to have concerns. We have seen things now on the Power Trail that never used to be there, and more people asking on our street corners then ever because they are now "comfortable" here and we are perceived to be "able to afford it". We would be curious to know what the crime rate is since they have been established in Redmond as a revolving allowed use.

Now you are looking at Marijuana stores being allowed in Redmond. We would ask you not to, in any way, shape or form, to allow them to be here. The problems communities face are well documented. The influence on young people is also documented.

The effect on a business near a location is also an issue. We are aware of a business that has a storefront in Puyallup. They are in a nice strip mall on a busy road with a well lit parking lot. In the next strip mall over a "Canabas " store has moved in. They are at the end of their building facing the next store front. Employees report locking the door because someone from "that store" is hanging around the door. They are frightened. They are sometimes worried to leave work and go out to their car because it is dark and they can't see who is out there by the buildings where the lighting is not good.

Please do not subject our local employees, of any age, to this. Do not subject our youth to the easy access in their own backyard. I know, you have to be a certain age to buy...but they get around it to buy alcohol and they will get around this as well. Someone is always willing to make a fast buck and do something illegal.

We would ask you to "Just say NO" to Canabas stores in Redmond. Oh wait, we used to teach our kids to "Just say NO" to drugs, maybe we should set the example.

Please set a good example and "Just say NO" to Canabas!

Sincerely,
Lisa & Steve Tracy

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Jason Rogers

From: Planning Commission
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2016 2:18 PM
To: Jason Rogers
Subject: FW: Amendments to Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code for Retail Marijuana

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Hi Jason,

FYI - forwarding this which came in last week while I was out. Would you like to respond? I'll ask Jodi to send to PC with packet tomorrow.

Thanks,
Sarah

From: Eric Kennedy [<mailto:efkennedy@rexland.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2016 10:44 AM
To: Planning Commission
Subject: Amendments to Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code for Retail Marijuana

Good Morning,

I apologize for being a little late to the party and understand that I have missed my opportunity to protest, but would like to inquire about a few matters on the topic. My name is Eric Kennedy and my family owns and manages two buildings called Willows East Business Park located on the corner of 95th St. and 153rd Ave east of Willows Road. I understand this property falls into the Manufacturing Park zone that is slated to permit retail marijuana retail. To be blunt, I am very much opposed to this kind of business operating near my property or in Redmond at all but will trust the planning commission has done their due diligence. It is my hope you can help me understand a few points that don't add up to me. I appreciate your time on this matter.

First, why is there so much emphasis to protect "Privately owned Recreational Businesses?" I'm struggling to understand what about that kind of use would require a larger buffer than any other use. I can assure you that my tenants don't want to be bothered by smoke or other byproducts of a marijuana retail store any more than somebody working out in a recreational facility.

Secondly, how did it come to be that an education facility such as Digipen requires a 1,000 foot buffer, but a child care center only 250 feet? We have had preschools and child care centers interested in leasing space at my property, but that line of business will no longer be an option for me if there is marijuana retail use in the immediate area. If we are looking to protect children from the "potential impacts" of this use, how is it that a child care facility doesn't qualify for the larger buffer?

What are the recognized "potential impacts?" If this kind of use is being delegated to industrial districts and requires buffers similar to strip clubs, it would be logical to infer that the use is not interpreted to be a positive one for society as a whole. That leads me to wonder why we would want that kind of potential impact in Redmond at all. Selfishly

speaking, it further makes me question why I get the unfortunate burden of being a business impacted by such use simply because of the location of my property.

It appears that the very large majority of respondents opposed allowing marijuana retail stores in Redmond. It also appears that the Planning Commission recognizes the probable negative impacts of this use. Given these simple realities, what were the overwhelming factors that led to the Planning Commission approving the use?

Thank you for your time,

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