

BRISBANE PLANNING COMMISSION
Action Minutes of July 25, 2019
Regular Meeting

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Sayasane called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Gomez, Gooding, Mackin, Patel, and Sayasane.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Community Development Director Swiecki, Senior Planner Johnson, Associate Planner Ayres, Planning Intern Flamenco.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gomez moved adoption of the agenda. Commissioner Gooding seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Mackin moved approval of the consent calendar. Commissioner Gooding seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

F. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

G. WORKSHOP

1. Storefront retail cannabis business regulations.

Planning intern Flamenco began the staff presentation, reviewing current State and City regulations for commercial cannabis businesses and the City Council's direction for the zoning text amendment. The presentation provided an overview of storefront retail cannabis business regulations in other jurisdictions for the Commission's consideration.

The Commission and staff discussed potential permitting processes and the cap on the number of businesses as directed by the Council.

Chairperson Sayasane invited the public to address the Commission.

Hirsh Jain, of Caliva, addressed the Commission regarding the importance of allowing the legal cannabis market to grow and reduce the proliferation of black market, unlicensed vendors.

Edesa Bitbadal, cannabis industry consultant, cautioned the Commission against considering a lottery system and invited them to tour operating retail storefronts.

Director Swiecki indicated that staff could coordinate with Ms. Bitbadal for Commissioner tours per the Commissioners' interest.

The Commission voiced consensus for a two-tiered approach to permitting. Staff indicated a draft ordinance would be presented at a future public hearing based on the Commission's feedback.

H. ITEMS INITIATED BY STAFF

Director Swiecki said three Commissioners were interested in the Baylands subcommittee. Unless a Commissioner removed themselves from consideration, he would agendize selection of two Commissioners for the Baylands subcommittee at the next meeting.

Associate Planner Ayres asked for a Commissioner to participate in a stakeholder conversation for short term rental regulations. Commissioner Patel volunteered.

Director Swiecki stated the Council approved the ordinance regarding election signs with some modifications.

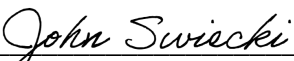
I. ITEMS INITIATED BY THE COMMISSION

There were none.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Patel moved to adjourn to the regular meeting of Thursday, August 8th, 2019. Commissioner Gooding seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Attest:



John A. Swiecki, Community Development Director

NOTE: A full video record of this meeting can be found on DVD at City Hall and the City's website at www.brisbaneca.org.