

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING BRIEF

Tuesday, February 17th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

Full audio is available on the City Web site www.Cityofprineville.com

Commission Members Present:

Marty Bailey, Bob Orlando, Ron Cholin, Robert Spaulding, Kim Kambak

Commission Members Not Present: Deb Harper, Tim Harris

Staff Present: Phil Stenbeck (Director), Josh Smith (Senior Planner)

Provided Testimony: Charles Laughlin, Bradford Mathews, Jeff Papke

Workshop (5:30)

CALL TO ORDER:

Planning Commission Chair Marty Bailey called the Commission to order.

Workshop on Medical Marijuana

The Planning Director led the Commission in a discussion about creating land use code regulations for growing, processing and dispensing of Medical Marijuana. The Director presented changes to the comprehensive plan and again went through the logic and intent of the overlay zone proposal. The Senior Planner presented a 3rd draft of the proposed land use code that would administer medical marijuana activities. The Director then invited public testimony for the Commission to consider.

Charles Laughlin provided testimony about his experience with medical marijuana and the benefits it has had in his life. He urged the Commission not to recommend a ban on medical marijuana or restrict its use.

After Charles's testimony the Commission, Staff and Charles had a general discussion about the proposed code. There was unanimous agreement that the proposed overlay zone is an appropriate area for this type of use. The majority of the discussion was about what criteria should be used to expand the overlay into other areas should a property owner want to be included. There was general consensus that the language about locating adjacent to residential zones was too strong and should provide a more rational approach rather than a black and white statement. The Commission directed staff to re-write this section to include things like through traffic, access points, and natural or manmade barriers so they can be evaluated on a case by case basis. Other ideas that were discussed were removing some of the areas from the 1000ft. buffer that are too broad in scope, the need for sign code restrictions, fencing requirements and restricting drive ups.

Staff will produce another draft of the proposed code for the March 3rd public hearing.

Meeting Adjourned:

Regular Meeting (6:30)

There were no scheduled public hearings

Next meeting is scheduled for March 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
