

**CITY OF FIFE
PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Fife City Hall
5411 23rd Street East

January 27, 2014

6:45 p.m. Planning Commissioners held an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation as per RCW 42.30.110(i).

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Edwards.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Edwards, Commissioners Roscoe, Waldner, Wayman, Fagundes, Braden, and Lemoncelli

Staff Present: Director Osaki, Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Combs, Sr. Admin. Assistant Bolam

3. CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

None.

4. PUBLIC MEETING

a. Marijuana Related Land Uses

Director Osaki gave a brief overview of this agenda item, including the moratorium, the moratorium work program, and the current status of the related marijuana laws. He stated that the intention of this public meeting is to take public comment regarding how the public feels the City should pursue this matter. He explained to the audience the role of the Planning Commission and the recommendation process by the Planning Commission to the City Council.

Chair Edwards advised the audience that the meeting is recorded, and he asked those speaking to be brief in consideration for all those wishing to speak. He then opened up the floor for public comment.

- Linda Evenson, 1417 47th Ave E, Fife – She has lived in and around Fife for over 40 years. Five of the state application license listings are within a block of her home. Fife has only had one liquor store ever; seems reasonable that one marijuana retailer is plenty. If Fife Police can handle the resulting crime issues, then it would be fine with her.
- Scott Barber, Northwest Kynd, LLC, 1410 46th Ave E – He requests that the Planning Commission recommend removal of the moratorium to the City Council. He read from a letter he submitted for the record. He likened his proposed producer/processor business as similar in nature to other production companies such as Odom Corporation and Rainier Ballistics.
- Mike Perron, 13527 SE 240th St, Kent – He commented on the over-regulation of this emerging industry. He grows marijuana for some sick patients and has all of his product

tested, but banks and landlords won't do business with him. There are many more hurdles for him even after cities start granting licenses.

- Evan Bollinger, representing Patriot Fire, 2707 70th Ave E, Fife – The main concern for Patriot Fire is geographic zoning. A growing/processing business will probably not affect them on a daily basis; a retail establishment, however, would. Their concern is that any retail presence in their area promotes after-hours activity and crime. The area currently has no major impact on the Police Department and very little activity of any kind after hours, and it's in their company's best interest to keep it that way.
- David Riley, 4240 65th Ave E, Fife – He received the City's letter informing him of this meeting and the potential for a marijuana establishment one block away from his home. He said that it would be inappropriate in a residential area.

Assistant City Attorney Jennifer Combs thanked the public for participating and expressing opinions. It is very helpful to the City to hear both sides. Some concerns can then be addressed through efforts such as zoning regulations.

In response to a request by the Planning Commission, Director Osaki will email to the Commissioners the link to the Washington State Liquor Control Board list of license applications. He explained that applicants in some cases listed addresses where the property owner(s) are not aware that an application has been made for their site, and the space may not even be available for lease.

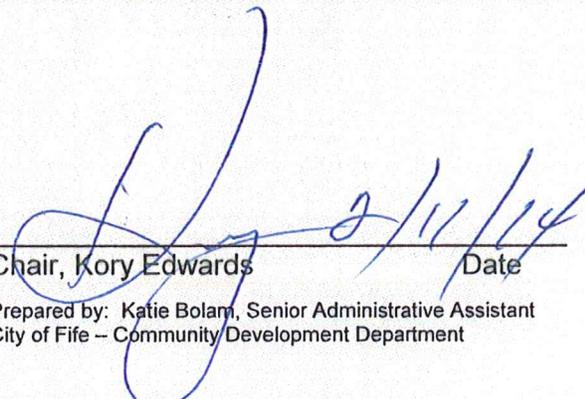
Director Osaki announced that the Planning Commission will discuss this matter further at the next meeting, February 3, 2014, and will eventually make a formal recommendation to City Council, possibly in April.

He explained the public notice actions that were taken for tonight's meeting and will continue to be taken to notify the public about City meetings and actions regarding this subject. Examples of notice for tonight's meeting were mentioned: ads in the Fife Free Press, on the City website, to an interested-party email list, mailed to property owners within certain distances of State license application addresses, on the City reader board, to the large Home Owners Associations, and to various interest groups such as the Chamber of Commerce and Pierce County NORML.

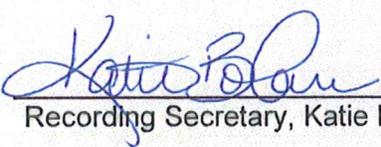
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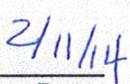
Director Osaki said that there is a small possibility that the February 3, 2014 Planning Commission meeting will be impacted by the Super Bowl. If the game is rescheduled to play on Monday night, then the Planning Commission meeting will be moved.

6. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.


Chair, Kory Edwards


Date


Recording Secretary, Katie Bolam


Date