

Subject: RE: 3/2/22 Planning Commission Meeting item 4

From: Bill
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 5:52 AM
To: Shari Herbruck
Subject: Fwd: 3/2/22 Planning Commission Meeting item 4

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bill
Date: March 1, 2022 at 5:49:26 AM PST
To: Bill
Cc: Shari Herbruck
Subject: 3/2/22 Planning Commission Meeting item 4
3/1/22
To: Planning Commission
Cc. City manager, Planning Director, others
From: Bill Miley
Subject: 3/2/22 meeting item 4, Cannabis businesses and zoning

Hello. I am mostly aware of what exists and what is being considered. As you read you will see my movement to an opinion. Here are my considerations.

Present: we have three dispensaries in the Bryant Business/industrial zone. Plus license for manufacturing and testing.

From public information those businesses seem to be well integrated into Ojai's economy and culture. Our city government has received requests to consider expanding locations for such businesses and consideration of new functions and services within the three dispensaries.

Planning Commission charge:

1. Consideration of new zoning location on east Ojai Avenue.
2. Consideration of new functions within dispensaries.
3. Allow more than three.

It is important to look at the comparison of alcohol beverage selling and serving businesses and those of cannabis serving (no serving) and selling businesses. Many alcohol selling. And many alcohol serving (restaurants serving food). One alcohol bar. One wine bar.

Three cannabis selling businesses (dispensaries) and bunch of retail selling CBD (Cannabidiol) better known as CBD as part of their retail.

The ratio of alcohol businesses to cannabis businesses is weighted heavily to alcohol.

Popular history to me says “weed” is not good for communities to permit. That for many is now in a trash can of discards. Bootleg alcohol really doesn’t exist now and eventually illegal cannabis will lessen as cannabis become more like a commodity.

I read where arrests for driving under body altering substances is almost totally dominated by beverage alcohol consumption. Community problems with legal cannabis is not a concern.

Our city needs to help even-the-playing-field for cannabis.

Competition for cannabis customers in growing remarkably. Port Hueneme city has permitted upcoming two multi-day beach events for cannabis “celebrations”. Oxnard city is on tract to license 14 new cannabis dispensaries (ventura county star).

Please keep the dispensary licenses to three.

Summary:

1. my logic says zoning for cannabis businesses (retail type) should be equal to alcohol businesses. (Recognizing state law restrictions). Providing an overlay zoning seems appropriate on Ojai Avenue east.
2. Allowing nursery growing (indoors) for starter plants seems fair.
3. Allowing consumption lounges also seems fair (but no smoking or vaping allowed matching tobacco non-use).

Since smoking is prohibited in public areas it should not be permitted in cannabis lounges. Secondary smoke exposure is a known health hazard. Smoking contaminates air space.

Please consider my opinions, Thank you.
Bill Miley, MPH, since 1968

Shari Herbruck

Subject: RE: FW: Planning Commission Discussion - March 2, 2022 - Cannabis

From: Chelsea Sutula

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 4:33 PM

To: Lucas Seibert

Cc:

Subject: Re: FW: Planning Commission Discussion - March 2, 2022 - Cannabis

Thank you, I did manage to collect a number of signatures in support of both allowing onsite consumption lounges as well as creating an overlay zone to allow dispensaries in C1. They are attached here for the PC. I can speak for 3 minutes just ahead of the discussion item, correct? Just raise my zoom hand at the appropriate time?

On Tue, Mar 1, 2022 at 1:16 PM Lucas Seibert wrote:

Good Afternoon Chelsea,

Any public comments which come in ahead of a PC meeting are forwarded to PC. I've included Shari in the email thread to coordinate if you would like a public comment forwarded to PC ahead of tomorrow night's meeting.

Sincerely,

Lucas Seibert

Community Development Director

From: James Vega

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 1:13 PM

To: Chelsea Sutula

Cc: Lucas Seibert

Subject: RE: FW: Planning Commission Discussion - March 2, 2022 - Cannabis

Thanks – no I don't get public comment for PC – will copy Lucas who is involved in that...
James

From: Chelsea Sutula

Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 11:55 AM

To: James Vega

Subject: Re: FW: Planning Commission Discussion - March 2, 2022 - Cannabis

Hi James,

Do you happen to have any of the public comments submitted on this issue to either the PC or city council?

Thank you,
Chelsea

On Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 8:40 PM Chelsea Sutula wrote:

I did, thanks!

Much appreciated,
Chelsea

On Fri, Feb 25, 2022 at 6:53 PM James Vega wrote:

You may have received this but I wanted to make sure you got a copy – FYI:

From: Lucas Seibert
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 5:30 PM
To: Lucas Seibert
Cc: Shari Herbruck
Subject: Planning Commission Discussion - March 2, 2022 - Cannabis

Good Evening,

This email is being sent as you have indicated an interest on this matter or are currently within the Cannabis industry. I wanted to inform and invite you all to an upcoming discussion the Planning Commission will be having on Cannabis. At the November 2021 City Council meeting, the Council directed this matter to the Planning Commission for further review and input and a recommendation.

The link below is the Planning Commission agenda and packet which includes a staff report on this matter and attachments (item no. 4). Please feel free to share this link with other interested parties on this matter and listen in on what should be an intriguing and informing conversation at the commission meeting. The meeting is only virtual and if interested in attending there is a link on the front page of the agenda to attend. The meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 2, 2022 with a start time of 6:00pm.**

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wc-Il-RilHy9_3oVG_leHdSKrBpvJpSs/view

Hope to see you there (virtually). Also, if you have any questions on this matter let me know.

Sincerely,

Lucas Seibert

Community Development Director
City of Ojai | CA

PETITION

To Allow Dispensaries on Ojai Ave

To Ojai Planning Commission, Mayor and City Council:

WHEREAS the dispensaries in Ojai are subject to a gross receipts tax of 3%, not to mitigate the cost of enforcement or compliance, discourage consumption, or repair harms from the war on drugs but solely for the purpose of funding the city's budget;

WHEREAS the citizens of Ojai wish to preserve the M-1/MPD zone on Bryant Ave for industrial and light manufacturing uses to preserve a diverse economic base for the city;

WHEREAS the city of Ojai wishes to address ongoing climate emergency concerns by encouraging the use of public transportation, walking and riding bicycles;

WHEREAS the three licensed Ojai cannabis retailers have been operating safely, in harmony with neighbors, and without creating harm or nuisance since 2017;

WE THE UNDERSIGNED residents of the city of Ojai petition the Ojai City Council/Planning Commission to designate an overlay zone (sensitive to required buffers around schools and daycare centers) and allow the existing licensed dispensaries to relocate to the C1 zone primarily on Ojai Ave. consistent with urban planning principles of appropriate designated uses and

Name	Address	Email (optional)	Keep me informed, I want to make my voice heard
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Jacob Moraga	14 Mulberry Ln Ojai		
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Allen Belorovic	900 Tioga Dr #201 Ventura 93001		
Spencer Williamson	47 Tarrapina Ln Ojai CA 93023		
JEFF JONES	19 DON ANTONIO WAY OJAI 93023		
Thomas Karyul	237 W Santa Paula St Ojai		
Raul Acuña	250 E. TELEGRAPH RD #219 93015		
Edward Cervino	526 Central Ave Fillmore CA 93301		
Jon Wardle	2408 Foster Ave,		✓

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To Allow Onsite Cannabis Consumption in Dispensaries

To Ojai Planning Commission, Mayor and City Council:

Whereas the three Ojai cannabis retailers have been operating peacefully, in harmony with neighbors, and without creating harm or nuisance since 2017;

Whereas a safe and legal space to consume certain types of cannabis does not exist for many people living in apartment complexes, assisted or multifamily housing; and

Whereas the citizens of Ojai demand an alternative to bars and alcohol tasting rooms for places to socialize;

We the undersigned petition the Ojai City Council to allow on-site consumption of cannabis in licensed dispensaries, provided that: 1) no alcohol sales will occur onsite, 2) no one under 21 may be permitted in the consumption area, 3) odor controls will be in place to mitigate any potential nuisances and 4) individual consumption limits will be enforced and protocols will be in place to protect the public health.

Name	Address	Email (optional)	Keep me informed, I want to make my voice heard
Mike Wozniak	321 Descanso Ave		
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GeTrey Esal	122 Marine Hwy		
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Andres Mendez	600 daphnium Place Ojai 93023		✓
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Thomas Kargul	232 W Santa Paula St		
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Subject: RE: Shari , Please forward this to the staff and council memebbers , and I wish to speak on the zoom city meeting Cannabis Discussion /Planning from SLCC

From: Jeffrey Kroll

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 11:46 AM

To: Shari Herbruck

Subject: Shari , Please forward this to the staff and council memebbers , and I wish to speak on the zoom city meeting Cannabis Discussion /Planning from SLCC

Hello City council members and the planning Department .

I and SLCC would like to be included in the discussion on general planning and future of cannabis retail and other related cannabis activities here in the Ojai Valley. We are the original legal access to medical cannabis and have helped many in our valley and beyond . . As you all know by now , the sky did not fall and the opening of cannabis activities did not increase teen use but lowered it statewide. Car fatalities did not go up but down as well and of course our last two years have been a real challenge with covid . I wish to thank the city manager for the favorable report we received a few months back . We three retailers help keep the lights on at city hall with the public approval of the 3% override fee on our monthly gross . And holding the city fee at 3% and not increasing the city fee at this time . We, and the other cannabis operations and operators are still facing challenges that reduce our profitability such as not being allowed to have banking and the restriction of the 280e IRS rule on lacking the ability to write off expenses as other businesses get to . The state is now along with other cities and counties considering reducing their approved fees to further assist the cannabis industry's growth and combat the black market .

A recent study was done by the state of the un-regulated/ black market flower , more than 80% *failed* for heavy metals or worst pesticides, and it is well known that exposure to pesticides is a possible road to a cancer related health problemSo the pricing of tested cannabis needs to be as low as possible to compete with the black market pricing which we know will not ever go away completely . So the more we accept the related permitted market at any level , we will make a safer environment for all of us , and give us and the city the monetary benefit and not the people who don't follow the rules and pay their fair share to assist the regulated market to growand make our valley safer for all . In closing , This is what I hope and imagine to be wonderful , is we could be anywhere we want to be , just like other businesses(On Ojai Ave , not restricted to the eastside of Futon towards the mountains. Be able to be more profitable and be able to have special events, with cannabis consumption either at our retail locations or events . Be allowed music concerts with cannabis sales on private property eventsinvite only , not open to the general publicat this timeYou all certainly most likely are not ready for public parks or city properties to be used as any type of cannabis event until the Federal Control Substance Act is modifiedSo let's bounce around concepts to achieve what we both want.....sustainable growth , other cities will soon be a major challenge for all of us in the cannabis sector here in the valley

And we here at SLCC have been hobbled once again with the recent ruling for the SLCC membership civil lawsuit at the appellate level, witch by the way , is not publicly published for I can only guess why this was done . Once published , we will have quite a few Oja valley residents and City of Ojai residents really angryJeffrey Kroll (President/CEO)

Shari Herbruck

From: Shari Herbruck
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 1:24 PM
To: Shari Herbruck
Cc: Lucas Seibert; Cheryl Davis
Subject: Public comment - Sespe Creek's lounge

Hello Planning Commissioners (blind copied),
Please see the below message and attachments from Jonathan Hoenig for Item 4 on tonight's PC meeting.
Shari

From: Jonathan Hoenig
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 1:05 PM
To: Shari Herbruck
Subject: Regarding Sespe Creek's lounge

Ms. Herbruck:

I'm writing in support of Sespe Creek's intention to open a cannabis lounge on Ojai Avenue.

Having visited Ojai on business almost monthly for the past few years, I've come to really enjoy Sespe's store and professional staff. They've got a great helpful spirit and positive attitude.

I hope you'll let them expand to Ojai Avenue. The community would be even more vibrant with this local business offering even greater services!

Thanks for your consideration, feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions.

Jonathan Hoenig

Shari Herbruck

From: Shari Herbruck
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Shari Herbruck
Cc: Lucas Seibert; Cheryl Davis
Subject: Public Comment - Support for cannabis consumption downtown

Hello Planning Commissioners (blind copied),
Please see the below message and attachments from Peter Deneen for Item 4 on tonight's PC meeting.
Shari

From: Peter Deneen
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 3:42 PM
To: Shari Herbruck
Subject: Support for cannabis consumption downtown

Hi Sheri,

I heard the planning commission is meeting tonight to discuss permitting a cannabis consumption space in town. I submit my enthusiastic support.

Cannabis is a long-maligned plant with immense benefit for society. In the not-so-distant future we will look back on this era of cannabis-prohibition with some level of shame and embarrassment. What were we so fearful about?

Breaking through the stigma wrought by decades of vilification is about more than just legalizing a fun new substance, it's about equity and justice. Too many people are still imprisoned because culture has yet to catch up with legality, part of restoring justice is cutting through the stigma. We can't do that when our dispensaries relegated to the industrial park and no place for enjoyment exists outside of our homes. The current arrangement perpetuates injustice. Simply put, we need to talk about cannabis.

In the town of health and healing, mountains and magic, the plant belongs on main street. As a veteran, cannabis has been an instrumental part of my life since parting from service. I would love for you to read my essay about cannabis and justice here: <https://petedeneen.world/on-cannabis-and-justice/>

Thank you for your consideration,

Peter Deneen

Shari Herbruck

From: Shari Herbruck
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Shari Herbruck
Cc: Lucas Seibert
Subject: FW: Support for Sespe Creek in Ojai Ave

Hello Planning Commissioners (blind copied),
Please see the below message and attachments from Blair Braney for Item 4 on tonight's PC meeting.
Shari

From: Blair Braney
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 4:42 PM
To: Shari Herbruck
Subject: Support for Sespe Creek in Ojai Ave

Hello,

I'm writing in support of allowing a cannabis lounge on Ojai Ave by Sespe Creek Collective.

Thank you,

Blair Braney

Subject: Supporting Sespe Collective

From: Cheney Caldwell

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 7:13 PM

To: Shari Herbruck

Subject: Supporting Sespe Collective

Greetings, Shari.

I support Sespe Collective's presence downtown and hope y'all will support them too.

Thank you! Take care.

Cheney Caldwell

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Peace, love & stoke,

Cheney

Subject:

FW: planning commission 3/2/22 - Bill Miley

From: Bill

Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 8:13 PM

To: Shari Herbruck <shari.herbruck@ojai.ca.gov>

Subject: planning commission 3/2/22

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to: planning commission

cc. city manager, planning director

from: bill miley

subject: need expert information on driving and cannabis

hello. i would hope the planning commission would seek out our chief of police (Chief Jose Rivera) for data and Sheriff regulations and practices, beyond what the several commissioner have expressed. The chair seeks more data and that would be appropriate.

bill miley

Subject:

Public Comment -Cannabis Sespe Creek on Ojai Avenue

From: Jason Matthys

Sent: Thursday, March 3, 2022 9:58 AM

To: Shari Herbruck

Subject: Sespe Creek on Ojai Avenue

Hello Ms. Herbruck,

I am writing you today in support of Sespe Creek Collective's proposal to open a cannabis lounge on Ojai Avenue.

Sespe Creek Collective is a quality establishment, and it is safe to infer that any business operated by them on Ojai Avenue will be a positive contribution to your community.

Chelsea Sutula cares about the community of Ojai. She proposes to open a cannabis lounge on Ojai Avenue out of a desire to enhance her community by creating a space where neighbors can enjoy cannabis, together.

Cannabis lounge permits exist in California state law, in order to create safe spaces for people to consume cannabis. They also provide an alternative to alcohol establishments.

The job opportunities created by a new business opening on Ojai Avenue would be a welcome enhancement to the local economy.

Cannabis consumers have long been treated with an unfair bias. Those who consume cannabis are valuable members of your community and they deserve a space to socialize.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jason Matthys

Subject: Public Comment- Support of Cannabis lounge

From: Betsy Byrne
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 9:09 PM
To: Shari Herbruck
Subject: Support of Cannabis lounge

Hello Shari,

I'm writing in support of allowing a cannabis lounge on Ojai Ave near Sespe Creek Collective.

Thank you,

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~Betsy Byrne

From: Andrea Drost
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 3:14 PM
To: Shari Herbruck
Subject: Cannabis Lounge

I am a resident of Ojai and request the Planning Commission create a cannabis overlay zone that would include both Bryant Circle and the east end of Ojai Ave, still observing the required 600 feet buffer from schools. It's high time our dispensaries were treated like the normal retailers they are. The 3% gross receipts tax levied on them is meant to replenish the city's general reserves, so why not allow the dispensaries a chance to capture more revenue for the city by granting them more visibility on Ojai Ave? That's where retailers belong.

And while you are at it, please consider adding cannabis lounges as an approved land use wherever bars are allowed. Research has shown that cannabis is less toxic and less intoxicating than alcohol. Isn't that something we also want to promote?

Thank you

Sent from the all new AOL app for Android

From: Michael Friddle
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 8:58 PM
To: Shari Herbruck
Subject: Cannabis Lounge - Ojai

I am a resident of Ojai and request the Planning Commission create a cannabis overlay zone that would include both Bryant Circle and the east end of Ojai Ave, still observing the required 600 feet buffer from schools. It's high time our dispensaries were treated like the normal retailers they are. The 3% gross receipts tax levied on them is meant to replenish the city's general reserves, so why not allow the dispensaries a chance to capture more revenue for the city by granting them more visibility on Ojai Ave? That's where retailers belong.

Best, Michael Friddle

From: Elena L
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Shari Herbruck
Subject: Ojai Planning Commission- Cannabis

Hello,

I am a resident of Ojai and request the Planning Commission create a cannabis overlay zone that would include both Bryant Circle and the east end of Ojai Ave, still observing the required 600 feet buffer from schools. It's high time our dispensaries were treated like the normal retailers they are. The 3% gross receipts tax levied on them is meant to replenish the city's general reserves, so why not allow the dispensaries a chance to capture more revenue for the city by granting them more visibility on Ojai Ave =)

Please also consider adding cannabis lounges as an approved land use wherever bars are allowed. Research has shown that cannabis is less toxic and less intoxicating than alcohol. I attended a Ventura county cannabis event and had a great time and was very pleased to see the outcome of revenue and clientele that showed up to the event. There is plenty of good than can come from expanding our community.

I appreciate your time

Elena Lobato