



**City Council Marijuana Task Force - Minutes**  
**Friday, January 8, 2016, 10:00AM**  
**Pikes Peak Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall**

**In Attendance – Brian Anderson, Councilmember Larry Bagley, Lynette Crow-  
 Iverson, John Harding, Dale Hecht, Charles Houghton, Sarah Johnson, Fire  
 Marshal Brett Lacey, Commander Sean Mandel, Tom Scudder, Bret Waters**  
**Absent – Jan Doran, Wynetta Massey**

1.	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Update from the Chair</b>          Councilmember Larry Bagley welcomed the group, and members of the task force introduced themselves.</p>	<b>10:00AM</b>
2.	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes of December 3, 2015</b>          Eileen noted that the minutes were not distributed in advance, and that she will send them out for comment.</p>	<b>10:10AM</b>
3.	<p><b>Discussion of Residential Grow Issues – Sergeant Roger Vargason, Detective Adam Hughes, CSPD</b></p> <p>Sgt. Vargason presented information relating to residential marijuana grows in the City. He noted that affected homes are evenly distributed across the city, not concentrated in particular neighborhoods. He described various problems associated with marijuana grows in residences.</p> <p>The group discussed various electrical, ventilation, and hazardous materials impacts of large grows in residential settings. Mr. Wysocki asked some questions relating to enforcement provisions needed by the Police Department to enforce plant count limits, and discussion of enforcement challenges ensued. Mr. Houghton noted that there are, in fact, some residences within the city that are located in commercial zones.</p> <p>The group noted that the industry is dynamic and creative, and that limitations on one aspect of the business would merely cause operators to find other ways to expand, and that maybe a combination of lights/plant count/square footage would have to be implemented to achieve control.</p> <p>Mr. Scudder suggested that the group consider a policy that encourages people to go into a commercial space for</p>	<b>10:15AM</b>

	<p>large grows, and that he thinks the twelve plant limit violates the spirit of the constitution for caregivers. He noted that Denver allows 12 in a house, or 36 in a commercial space, under a different licensing model.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Introduction to Zoning</b> – Peter Wysocki, Director, Planning &amp; Development</p> <p>Mr. Wysocki described the basic concept of zoning, which is to group like uses together, i.e. commercial, industrial, residential.</p> <p>The group discussed whether any of the task force’s decisions limiting businesses to certain zones would limit the location options of caregivers – would they be able to find a property to do their grow? There’s a limited amount of space whose owners will allow a mj business.</p>	<b>11:00AM</b>
5.	<p><b>Review of Meeting Schedule &amp; Deadlines</b> – Eileen Lynch Gonzalez, City Council Administrator</p> <p>Ms. Gonzalez introduced the task force’s website, and confirmed that the next meeting would take place on Friday, January 22.</p> <p>Next agenda – caregiver input on plant limits, dispensaries.</p>	<b>11:25AM</b>
6.	<b>Questions &amp; Comments</b> – Task Force Members	<b>11:40PM</b>
7.	<b>Adjourn</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>