

Minutes

Special Issues Marijuana

Committee Members: Black, Chair; Clark; Flynn; Kashmann; New; Susman

Committee Staff: Shelley Smith

Monday, February 12, 2018, 1:30 PM City & County Building, Room 391

Rollcall

Present: 7 - Black, Clark, Susman, Kashmann, New, Flynn, Ortega

Presentations

18-0109 Social Consumption Area application updates

Chair Black announced the Committee's new format and its schedule to meet quarterly unless an immediate need requires a special meeting. The next regular meeting will be in May.

Ashley Kilroy, Excise and Licenses, discussed the status of the application process for marijuana consumption and answered questions from Council members. She explained the existing impediments beyond the City rules that have discouraged applications.

18-0155 Report on Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)/Marijuana Industry Group joint impaired driving education efforts

Chief Ticer, Police Chief of Loveland, discussed the work of the Task Force studying how to reduce impaired driving. He discussed the makeup of the Task Force including government and private entities. He urged the Committee

community, noting that of 600 fatalities half are due to alcohol. It is difficult to determine how many are related to drugs. Chief Ticer answered questions from

to always consider the impact of impaired driving on the

Councilmembers.

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18-0110 Update from the Industry: 2017 Year in Review & 2018 State & Federal Legislative Outlook including perspective on Attorney General Sessions

Kristi Kelly, Marijuana Industry Group, discussed the importance of data in analysis, but it's limited to date and efficacy of collaboration on education campaign. Kristi Kelly, Executive Director, Marijuana Industry Group, discussed Attorney General Sessions actions and noted that 47 states have some form of permissive marijuana law. She also discussed the impact of the industry on the state economy, including tax collections, noting that marijuana accounts for the fourth highest source of state tax revenue. Ms. Kelly reviewed the number of state licensed marijuana businesses and the number of employees. She also reviewed state legislation passed last year and significant impacts for the industry, such as improvements in packaging and labeling. Ms. Kelly reviewed ongoing challenges, such as the lack of banking services and difficulty conducting research. She answered questions from Councilmembers.