

**COUNTY OF LAKE
CANNABIS TASK FORCE APPROVED
MEETING MINUTES Conference Room B
Meeting Held Remotely through Zoom
May 8, 2023
1:00 PM**

STAFF PRESENT

Mireya G. Turner, CDD Director
Andrew Amelung, Cannabis Program Manager
Ruby Mitts, Office Assistant

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Smith – Lake County Cannabis Alliance
Nara Dahlbacka – Cannabis Industry
Fire Marshall Paul Bleuss– Lake County Fire Chief Association Representative
William Weiss – North Lake County
Rebecca Harper – Farm Bureau
Katherine Vanderwall – Agricultural Commissioner

TASK FORCE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Robert Geary – Tribal Representative
Jan Coppinger – South Lake County
Chief Willie Sapeta – Lake County Fire Chief

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Bart Levenson
Margaux
Sarah Bodnar

1. Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Community Development Director Mireya G Turner at 1:05 p.m.

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[Cannabis | Lake County, CA \(lakecountyca.gov\)](#)

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2. Roll Call of Task Force Members

Roll Call was taken by Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung, Deputy Director Mireya Turner, and Office Assistant III Ruby Mitts were present along with the following Task Force members at 1:00 pm.

Present: Jennifer Smith, Nara Dahlbacka, Paul Bleuss, William Weiss, Rebecca Harper, and Katherine Vanderwall

Absent: Robert Geary, Jan Coppinger, Willie Sapeta

3. Consideration of Minutes from the April 24, 2023, Task Force Meeting

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened the April 24, 2023, minutes for review at 1:05 pm.

Task Force member William Weiss moved to approve the April 24, 2023, seconded by Task Force member Nara Dahlbacka, and approved by the Task Force at 1:08 pm.

Absent: Robert Geary, Jan Coppinger, Willie Sapeta

4. Review of Zoning and License Types Allowed in the County of Lake

Cannabis Task Force Member Nara Dahlbacka presented an overview of State and County licensing types and opened discussion to Task Force members at 1:10 pm.

Sarah Bodnar joined the meeting at 1:15 pm

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened public comment at 1:32 pm. The following people spoke: Willie Sapeta, Sarah Bodnar, Margaux, and Bart Levenson. No one else wished to speak and public comment was closed at 1:35 pm.

5. Update to Task Force: FPZ and revocation process

Cannabis Program Manager Andrew Amelung presented an overview of changing state regulations and opened discussion to Task Force members at 1:35 pm.

Brief overview of discussion direction, and what will be discussed or voted on next meeting.

Community Development Director Mireya G. Turner opened public comment at 1:38 pm. No one wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 1:38 pm.

6. Discussion on expectations for the next Cannabis Ordinance

Cannabis Task Force Member Nara Dahlbacka opened discussion on the possibility of new state ordinances and statues regarding the Adult Use of Marijuana Act regulations and Department of Cannabis Control, tax collection and enforcement under the Governor's Bill (AB-SB-195), new licensing proposal involving cannabis cafés, preparation and distribution of retail sales, and potential Bills to be adopted specific to cannabis in the year 2024 at 1:40 pm.

Community Development Director Mireya G Turner noted recommendations made to the Cannabis Task Force should be available for open discussion, retail discussion needs to go back to the Board, and further discussion on Hoop House regulations is needed at 1:48 pm.

Community Development Director Mireya G Turner opened public comment at 1:50 pm. No one wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 1:50 pm.

7. Public Comments

Community Development Director Mireya G Turner opened public comment at 1:51 pm.

Members of the Public Bart Levenson, Holly Harris, Margaux spoke. No further people wished to speak, and public comment was closed at 2:00 pm.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Cannabis Task Force adjourned at 2:01pm.