

May 16, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor Gayle McLaughlin and Members of the City Council

From: Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee

Subject: Summary of the Meeting of the Public Safety and Public Services Standing Committee, Thursday, May 15, 2014, at 10:01 a.m.

Present: Chair Bates and Councilmember Boozé. Councilmember Myrick arrived at 10:11 a.m.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Consider upholding the revocation of the Richmond Compassionate Care Collective's Conditional Permit for failure to comply with the mandatory conditions of the permit, including refusal to pay \$62,760 in delinquent mandatory annual permit fees; failure to have an approved location for the collective's dispensary almost 2½ years after obtaining the permit; failure to continually comply with the mandatory permit conditions set forth by RMC 7.102.060 and resolution. The Conditional Permit should either be revoked for non-payment and non-compliance, or revoked as null and void for failure to maintain an approved location as required for permit approval.

Chief Magnus and Attorney Trisha Aljoe provided an overview of the matter. The permit was to be revoked and believed an agreement has been made. A payment in full including back pay is to be given within 30 days and applicant is given a 6 month period to find a location. If any of the conditions are not met, Mr. Valdez will waive any future rights to appeal and revocation will be automatically upheld. Councilmember Boozé does not agree with the condition of 6 months to find a location. James Anthony, attorney, representing Compassionate Care, gave comments and stated that they are actively seeking properties. Chair Bates stated that he does not agree with the clause to not allow the right to appeal.

OUTCOME: The applicant can pay within 10 days and if payment is not received, the revocation will be upheld. The "no appeal" clause will be deleted.

2. Consider recommending approval of the installation of traffic calming measures to make the intersection of Solano Avenue and Boyd Avenue a 90 degree vehicular corner, and install signage and striping to convert Boyd Avenue from a two-way street to a southeast bound one-way street between Solano Avenue and 38th Street in the North & East Neighborhood.

Joel Camacho, Engineering Department, gave an overview. The park will be made ADA accessible also. The neighboring residents are in agreement and 200 signatures were gathered. Nancy Lewis, Karin Romeo, and Chief Magnus gave comments. Gas tax and Measure J funds that are used for traffic improvements come to the city every July 1st. Councilmember Boozé requested that Lucas Park in the Santa Fe area be improved also.

OUTCOME: A motion by Councilmember Boozé, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, this matter was recommended by unanimous vote of the committee, to be discussed at the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council again because some residents have been in opposition.

3. Discussion & direction to staff regarding Farmers Market vendor permits and sign compliance issues.

LaShonda White, City Manager's Office, and Kieron Slaughter gave an overview. Chair Bates stated that the number of vendors has gone down considerably. Councilmember Boozé stated that the farmer's market be allowed to leave their A-frame sign and continue to operate the way they have been.

OUTCOME: A motion by Chair Bates, seconded by Councilmember Myrick, by the unanimous vote of the committee, that the ordinance be revised to exclude Farmers Markets and other non-profits from obtaining permits. The City Attorney's office will prepare the revised ordinance.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Gyax gave comments regarding the public hearing procedures regarding the Green Leaf Collective and stated that she has not received a response from anyone regarding denial of a continuance. This matter will be discussed at the June 19, 2014, Public Safety Committee meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22, to meet again on June 19, 2014.