

## **Meeting Minutes, July 20, 2007**

### **Missoula County Marijuana Community Oversight Committee**

The meeting was held in the County Courthouse, basement conference room and was convened at approximately 9 a.m.

**Members in attendance:** Charles Tiernan, Craig Shannon, Angela Goodhope, John Kneedler, John Masterson, Steve Lohning, Steve Zellmer, Steve Lohning, and Donna Hamilton

**Members absent:** Michael Bailey

**County Government Employees participating:** 1- County Attorney Fred VanValkenberg  
**KNOWN PRESS:** 1, Independent reporter

#### **Order of events:**

Introduction of new committee member, Craig Shannon, Esq. Group Intros round the table. Discussion of moving meetings to more neutral location-Public Library

Minutes from June 1, 2007 meeting were approved via consensus nod by committee.

#### **OLD BUSINESS-**

Letter to state and federal officials sent by Missoula County Clerk and Recorder on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Chair Masterson asked Zeier if there was any response to the letter yet; as of July 23, 2007, no response yet.

Data gathering re: county "corrections" expenditures as per I2 Section 6, 2(f)(iv)- Chair Masterson calls for a committee member to volunteer to contact 2 people regarding expenditures. Steve Lohning volunteers.

Grievance process- live on website- no grievances to date

Information request from County Sheriff's office- per Sheriff McMeekin- he will be submitting a report to the commission and this committee in the near future. Chair Masterson is going to follow-up with the Sheriff as to when specifically to expect report.

Information request from County Attorney's office- VanValkenburg addresses committee; has 2 page correspondence he reads from. According to County Attorney's office- 20 people/cases have been put on hold due to the misdemeanor adult marijuana lowest priority policy. 1 person/case has been charged. CA has agreed to look into this lone case in which someone was charged with a misdemeanor marijuana offense. Per CA, this was due to a novice deputy (county attorney depute) not being familiar with the lowest law enforcement priority. CA has expressed that a department policy will likely be in place within a six (6) week time period regarding misdemeanor adult marijuana offenses. CA will see that committee receives a copy of the policy as it is available.

Website- 43 unique visitors, 29 from Montana.

#### **NEW BUSINESS-**

Press/Media - A subcommittee was formed; comprised of Angela Goodhope, Donna Hamilton, Charles Tiernan, and Craig Shannon, Esq. Subcommittee charged with 'getting the word out' about our meetings and also releasing appropriate press releases. It is agreed to get out a status update for the community via a press release late next week.

Open discussion- NEXT MEETING DATE- Sept. 14, 2007, at 9 a.m.- 9 a.m.ish- most likely at the Public Library. Must reserve room first.

Public Comment-

Meeting adjourned