

Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2007

Missoula County Marijuana Community Oversight Committee

The meeting was held at the Public Library, boardroom and was convened at approximately 10:10 a.m.

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

Members absent: John Kneeder

County Government Employees participating: 1- Deputy County Attorney Andrew Paul

KNOWN PRESS: 1, Independent reporter

Order of events:

Minutes from July 20, 2007 meeting were approved via consensus nod by committee.

OLD BUSINESS-

Data gathering re: county "corrections" expenditures as per I2 Section 6, 2(f)(iv)- Steve Lohning has attempted initial contact with Dave McCarthy (damccarthy@mt.gov) via phone message, email, and letter. Will continue to move forward in order to gain this information

Grievance process- a list of venues has been drafted. Letter to the Editor (hopefully published this week) mentions grievance process. Public Outreach committee will take action to see that packets are distributed throughout Missoula Community.

Public Relations sub-committee report: successful in getting the word out about the today's meeting. Letter to the Editor approved via consensus by committee for submission to Independent, Missoulian, Kaimin, and Newwest.net.

Information request from County Sheriff's office- received and put on website. Chair Masterson will be following up with Sheriff regarding past year stats for comparative purposes.

City Stats – Chair Masterson prepared a letter solely from himself requesting information from the city as to warnings, citations, arrests, convictions, prosecution. Upon discussion, it was decided that all committee members would participate in the request. Request was hand-delivered 9-14-07 to mayor's office. Consideration for using County letterhead- asked county, due to response and timeliness of request, will not use county letterhead.

By-laws – drafted, will be adding consensus model information. Will come back to by-laws after November deadline is reached.

County Attorney's policy – not in place yet officially. Per Fred's email of 9-14-07 a.m., he will be offering people with misdemeanor charges a deferred prosecution agreement. If the agreement is not acceptable, the county will move forward with the case, giving the case to an unpaid 3rd year law student.

NEW BUSINESS-

DEADLINES-

Report due November 7, 2007 (1 p.m., Commissioners' weekly meeting- should get on the agenda)

Weekly lunch meetings to discuss report drafting will be announced after initial 'number-crunching'

Open discussion- NEXT MEETING DATE- Oct. 19, 2007, at 10 a.m., at the Public Library. County Attorney representative reports there are 3 city, 3 county, 1 DEA, 1 Secret Service, and 1 ATF agent(s)/employees on the High Intensity Drug Task Force, here in Missoula County.

Public Comment-

Meeting adjourned