

Minutes- January 25, 2008

Missoula County Marijuana Community Oversight Committee

This meeting was held in the conference/boardroom of the Missoula Public Library. It was convened at approximately 10:10 a.m.

Attendance- members in attendance- Charles Tiernan, Craig Shannon, Angela Goodhope, John Masterson, Steve Lohning, Steve Zellmer, John Kneedler, Michael Bailey, and Donna Hamilton

Members absent: Steve Lohning

Known media- zero

County Government Employees participating- zero

Order of Events-

Minutes from prior meeting were approved.

Old Business

Re-appointments were discussed.

Bylaws status discussed. Subcommittee hoped to have DRAFT ready for next meeting.

Previous REPORT discussion- Committee agreed to community outreach via the following questions/means: How do we think the community is interpreting the report/status of I2? Does the committee want to follow-up with media coverage? Lte? Other ideas?. It was agreed to draft an opinion piece for committee approval and submission to media.

We discussed the headlines "I2 'not' working." It was brought up that law enforcement has made it clear that I2 is a suggestion. The county commission had amended the voter initiative. And I2 is of a suggestive nature. In Seattle, there is much more of a team effort by law enforcement, local government and citizenry to implement the lowest law enforcement priority initiative. We, the committee discussed at length the impediments to even analyzing the vacant, somewhat unobtainable statistics in order to evaluate whether the suggestion lowest priority is being honored. It was also discussed that public sentiment ranges from the perspective of 'non-compliance' to 'substantial compliance'. It was communicated amongst committee members that DATA GATHERING is the key to our committee's responsibilities as to I2.

Community outreach subcommittee has consistently satisfied open meeting laws by successful publishing meeting locations and times, etc.

New Business

We discussed the up and coming semi-annual REPORT, due in mid May.

The following points were talked about at length:

-last year's priority recommendations and strategy Smarter record-keeping by county agencies for proceeding with each:

-More regular reporting, same time frames, by both Co Attny & Sheriff

City should consider/adopt conforming lowest priority policy

What else is a priority recommendation from the report?

We discussed the need before July to draft a letter requesting a meager sum of funds for copying, etc. We discussed whether to submit a "budget enhancement request for this year's fiscal budget" A definite sum was not decided upon. \$400 was suggested. To be further discussed at next meeting.

We discussed the SEATTLE REPORT- It was agreed that due to a 'team effort' to gain an accurate perspective on marijuana in Seattle city has lead to a more comprehensive report. We hoped to be able to gain access to better stats in the near future.

We agreed to another meeting in March.

