

September 15, 2015 Community Advisory Committee

Members Present – Terry Witter, Levi Herrera Lopez, Greg Leo, Larry Schuchert, Herb Colomb, Mark Messmer, Oscar Quijano, Kevin Fredinburg, Glen Rader

Community Members Present – Mayor Shanti Platt, Chief Spirup, Tim Rhyne, Ragine Lovely

Sheriff's Office Staff Present – Cmdr. Lorance, Kevin Roberts, Undersheriff Clausen,

1) Welcome & Introductions - Group introductions; New members introduced themselves and shared a bit about their experience and place on the committee.

2) Review of Minutes - Moved Greg, Larry second.

3) Marijuana Legalization - Commander Lorance handed out a whatslegaloregon.com flyer. She opened the floor for questions of Deputy Kevin Roberts who is currently working on the Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Effective field sobriety test - can you test in the field? Yes, DUI covers alcohol, inhalants or controlled substances. SFST - standardized field sobriety test used; additional test can cover the influence of something beyond alcohol. DRE - drug recognition expert; specialized training with annual recertification; can administer additional tests.

How many DREs does Marion County have? Dep. Roberts estimates hundreds in the state; OT reimbursement from state for DRE callouts. For Marion County we do expect to have a shortage of DREs. We have a plan to increase the numbers, but the certification and training takes time.

Heard the debate about taxes, but it turns out that the collection rate will only by 17% (alcohol is 35%), so how will this affect the black market? Dep. Roberts believes both systems will occur. The further east a person goes, the higher the price, based on legal availability. Those that open dispensaries for retail, it's doubtful that they will thrive because private grows. Greg said that cities can only collect 3%. Mayor said that grows may not be a problem for small cities, but usage will be. Right now a ticket is issued for possession, so legalization hasn't freed up "man hours."

Mayor asked we can foresee with usage? Dep. Roberts said that the dispensaries may see a few more people to experiment with the drug. Those that were already using, won't necessarily start going to the dispensary. There may be more interest from people since the "social norm" is changing.

Can marijuana can be refined to the point to be used in e-cigs? Unsure on this one.

Is the marijuana more potent? This is not your grandfathers marijuana; coors light versus vodka. Potency:1% THC in past, now up to 40%. Dep. Roberts said number of drug labs are up this year with people trying to create hashish oil.

Can local cities limit what people can do inside cities? Marion County is not going to attempt to prohibit sales from dispensaries (starts 10/1). In November, there will be a measure on the ballot for Marion County voters. Only two dispensaries in unincorporated Marion County and Commissioners have declined further applications for dispensaries.

Chief Spirup reports anecdotally, more high school kids are using because it is considered socially acceptable. The real impact will be down the road.

What about the drug detection dogs? Marion County will only accept dogs for meth, heroin and cocaine. One drug dog in the Jail. Some agencies will keep four odor dogs.

What level of the drug? Federal is a Schedule I substance; Oregon is Schedule II.

Does legalization hurt Oregon receiving federal funds? Not at this point. Employee policies still reflect prohibited use of marijuana. This may cause issue for military, as it's still a federal crime.

Four criteria for prosecution on marijuana related crimes - must be tied to ongoing federal wire tap; direct nexus to children; going out of country; money laundering. 1,000 lbs or 1,000 plants.

What rights do property owners (landlords) have regarding marijuana on the property? No delineation between tobacco or marijuana, so if owner has said no smoking, that could apply. Other forms of use are unclear. In order to grow it, at some point, you'd have to alter living quarters. This is one of the biggest health issues that isn't regulated. A house can turn into a greenhouse, which can cause all kinds of health issues.

For more info: www.oregon.gov/olcc/marijuana will have additional information.

4) Roundtable Community Issues -

Oscar - No issues at this time.

Kevin - No major issues yet; drug issues near his current location.

Terry - Baumans wanted to welcome everyone to their pumpkin patch. Invite MCSO personnel to stop by when in the area.

Levi - Thanked Commander Hlad for a recent presentation at Salem Rotary club.

Greg - Commissioner Cameron and Sheriff Myers were part of recent discussion regarding traffic issues in north county; follow up meeting with ODOT will be tomorrow. Certain roads are not maintained nor adequate planning conducted for roads in some areas. Speeding is a large issue; wish there was some way for citizens to report these problems. Hope to have a good conversation with ODOT for improvements. Resiliency Plan - the Governor had a meeting today about this plan. What is the law enforcement and civil unrest plan for such a natural disaster? Requests a future topic. Can we be doing anything on the local level to help with this plan? Suggested to contact Ed Flick for a future presentation.

Larry S. - Volunteered for the Sergeants panel (3 positions).

Herb - Nothing to report from South Salem.

Mark - Not much in Detroit with the lake so low. Property crimes are an issue with summer/vacation homes in the area. Nextdoor.com is a very useful tool in the area; highly recommends the program.

Glen - Hayesville area: 30-35,000 people. Nextdoor.com works very well. Met with Mr. Haley recently regarding lighting issues.

Mayor Platt - Mayor asked about kids who are sent to Juvenile end up doing community service or time in another area; she'd like to see if correction and service can be done in the community from which they come. USC said its a good point; Faye Fagel is the Juvenile director and would be the person to talk to. USC mentioned Peer Court program or other ideas based on the offense. Nite Court is another option; gym is opened up on specific nights to help give kids an option. Added comments on the media and the view of police; she'd like to see an event at the Volcanoes to support public safety.

Chief Spirup - Has some of the same concerns that have already been raised.

5) Sheriff's Office Update -

Undersheriff Clausen said he'd follow up with Alan Haley re: lighting, as well as Ed Flick re: emergency preparedly. He reiterated the usefulness of Nextdoor.com and added that Tip411 is a new upcoming tool for community members to get information to law enforcement real time. Current updates for MCSO:

Public Service District - Jan Ree and Four Corners are two areas that we are looking at for a service district to put public safety measures on the ballot. Information will be put out to the public. Another potential project is the reopening of Jail G Pod, but again information will be put out to the public.

Dispatch Consolidation - three dispatch centers have become two. Consulting to consider bringing two dispatch centers into one large center. A task force will continue to determine the best way to proceed.

Weighmasters - currently Marion County doesn't have any. We're working with Public Works to see if a plan can be worked out to reestablish the weigh master positions.

Cmdr. Lorance - Please continue to send topics of interest in. Thank you to all who have volunteered on the panel.

Future Agenda - Greg asked that Dispatch be considered for future topic.

6) 2015 Meeting Dates & Locations / Closing -

November 17 - Hosted by Glen in Hayesville. Adjourn 8:23