

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OAK PARK PLAN COMMISSION
VILLAGE HALL- ROOM 201
January 16, 2020
7:00 p.m.

A recording of this meeting is available on the Village of Oak Park Website: <https://www.oak-park.us/your-government/citizen-commissions/commission-tv>

PRESENT: Chair David Mann, Commissioners; Iris Sims, Nick Bridge, Jeff Clark, Jeff Foster, Lawrence Brozek, and Joseph Flowers

EXCUSED: Commissioners Paul May and Tom Gallagher

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Failor - Village Planner, Lance Malina - Plan Commission Attorney

Roll Call - Chair Mann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called. A quorum was present.

Non-Agenda Public Participation - None

Approval of Minutes - None

Public Hearings

PC 2020-01: Oak Park Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment: The Village is proposing an amendment to the Oak Park Zoning Ordinance: Article 8 (“Uses”), Section 8.3 (“Use Restrictions”), Table 8-1 (“Use Matrix”), amending “Recreational Cannabis Establishment” from a permitted use to possibly a special use (“S”) in the “Use” column for the DT- Downtown, HS – Harrison Street, GC-General Commercial, MS-Madison Street, NA-North Avenue, NC-Neighborhood Commercial, and RR-Roosevelt Road Zoning Districts with a prohibition on consumption lounges and potential restrictions on separation distances from like uses, distances from sensitive land uses and such other regulations regarding recreational cannabis establishments as the Plan Commission and/or Village President and Board of Trustees may determine are appropriate

Public Testimony

Six individuals spoke regarding the proposed changes; Amanda Massie, Dailela Williams, Julianne Nery, Eric Davis, Judith Alexander and Rich Jung. In general, each speaker indicated that recreational cannabis establishments should be allowed but subject to the special use permit process and that separation buffers from sensitive uses, such as day cares, children museum, etc., be in place.

Public Testimony was closed.

The Plan Commission discussed the proposed text amendments. They reviewed and took a straw poll on each item; whether permitted or special use, distance from sensitive uses, distances from cannabis establishments, and the list of sensitive uses. They commissioners added parks and removed churches from the list. They also supported the prohibition of on-site consumption. The Plan Commission indicated that based on their recommendation, the Village Board should limit the number of recreational cannabis establishments to a maximum of three (3) for the community. This cap should be considered when licensing of this uses is considered.

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Commissioner Brozek motioned to recommend approval of the proposed Zoning Ordinance text changes as stated below. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bridge.

1. Recreational Cannabis Establishments – Change from Permitted to Special Use
2. Craft Growers– Add as a Special Use
3. Prohibit on-site consumption
4. Maintain the 1,500 foot buffer regulation found in the State Law for the distance between each Recreational Cannabis establishment and Craft Cultivation establishments
5. Require a 500 foot buffer from sensitive land uses (pre-existing - public or private preschool, elementary or secondary school, child daycare center, children museum, or public park measured from lot line to lot line) This includes separation from these uses found adjacently across Harlem, Austin, North Avenue and Roosevelt Road

They are also sending a recommendation to the Board to include within any licensing regulation that a maximum cap of only three (3) recreational cannabis establishments be considered for the Village.

Roll Call Vote:

Motion by Commissioner Brozek – yes
Seconded by Commissioner Bridge - yes
Commissioner Clark – yes
Commissioner Foster - yes
Commissioner Sims–yes
Commissioner Flowers – yes
Chair Mann - yes

Village Planner Failor provided an update of the upcoming meetings and took a poll of commissioners for a special meeting on February 20, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m. – Motioned by Commissioner Brozek, Seconded by Commissioner Foster.

Prepared by: Craig Failor, Village Planner / Staff Liaison