

Safety Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
June 13, 2017

The Safety Committee met in Council Chambers on Monday, June 12, 2017 following the Service Committee with these members present:

Mark Fraizer, Chair	Curtis Johnson
Jeremy Blake	Carol Floyd
Jeff Rath	

We wish to report:

1. Preliminary Dispensary Rules from the State Pharmacy Board and submit recommendations to the law director for additional legislation in regards to zoning, licensing, and remediation of safety concerns was discussed.

Some points made by the members of the Committee and Mayor Hall:

Mrs. Floyd- stated that after review the draft of the regulations proposed by the State she didn't feel as though she understood the laws enough to make recommendations to the Law Director. She stated that she has opinions as to what she may want and not want. She mentioned that the proposed regulations by the State say draft on each page therefore they can change.

Mr. Rath- stated that it was early to debate anything until we actually had legislation to consider however he would be interested in listening to the opinions Mrs. Floyd has and discussing his own opinions. He is for limiting the number of dispensaries but he suggested 2 so there wasn't a business monopoly. There is a possibility that we may not even get one even if we allow it because of the number of licenses being given by the State. He agreed with the location being in a business corridor perhaps, 21st Street or West Main Street near the hospital. He also thought that we need to draft legislation regarding the cultivating and processing since they are already in place and then if we need to make changes we can later.

Mr. Marmie- shared his opinion but stated that he is not dead set on it and could be convinced otherwise. He stated that the whole concept to this was making it available to the citizens of Newark as well as the community for those in need. In his opinion availability means 1 to start. He suggested coming up with a specific area, zoning where we want to maintain it such business corridor but out of the downtown area and an area that first responders can get to very quickly as Mr. Fraizer mentioned. He felt that

we should charge fees to offset our costs but not an outrageous amount. He suggested a fees structure for all three stages. He respectfully disagreed that we should hold back because two of the three pieces are already in place and we need to make sure that we are doing something rather quickly with those. He thinks that we should go ahead and get things going regarding the dispensaries like how many and where.

Mr. Johnson- stated that he felt we didn't have enough information to really do anything and he agreed with Carol that the material given in the packet was very comprehensive.

Mayor Hall- stated that there is a person who is interested in putting in a cultivation site here in the City of Newark. He stated they have spoken to an investor and an attorney regarding the matter. Some of the areas that the cultivator had in mind were conducive to what we thought would be appropriate. We are getting inquiries because we don't have anything in place yet I don't want to be the city that has everything and no one else. Both inquiries have talked about 1 million dollars in payroll so we look at the tax revenue from that. Anything that has a larger payroll is most advantageous to us that is why we thought about cultivators and processors. The cultivating rules are almost in place they seemed reasonable. He agreed that Council should discuss zoning of these because it takes time.

Mark Fraizer, Chair