City of Golden
Amendment 64 Implementation Task Force (A64 Task Force)
Minutes: February 24th, 2014 6:30pm
Meeting Location: Golden Visitors Center
1010 Washington Ave., Golden CO

In attendance –
**Task Force Members:** Bill Fisher (Chair), Gretchen Carter, Josephine Colacci via Skype, Christopher Gallup, Judith Goeke, David Jones, Stephen Katz, Dawn Smith, Shawn Steigner
**Task Force Staff:** Bill Hayashi, Susan Brooks, Steve Glueck
**Golden City Council:** Mayor Marjorie Sloan
**Members of Public:** John Donahue

6:30pm - **Welcome & Introductions**
Mayor Sloan thanked members for their participation before excusing herself to attend another City-related function. Members introduced themselves and their background.

6:45pm - **Opening Statement**
Bill Fisher, Chair, welcomed members and discussed the mission and overall vision for the Task Force (TF). Fisher referred to Resolution 2318 as the authorizing statement for the TF and noted that City Councilors had additionally requested the TF address youth access prevention and education, increased rehabilitation, and background on Amendment 64 implementation and options available to Council. It was discussed that the focus is on recreational marijuana, but there would be some crossover with existing medical marijuana regulations and laws.

Bill Hayashi, acting as legal staff, provided background for Amendment 64 as it pertains to local control and implications for the universe of issues the Task Force may choose to address.

7:00pm - **Finalize Meeting Schedule (Move/Add Dates)**
The TF agreed on the proposed meeting schedule, which is as follows:
1st Meeting February 24th, 6:30pm
2nd Meeting March 6th or 7th, 6:30pm
3rd Meeting March 20th, 6:30pm
Public input session April 1st, 6:30pm in Council Chambers @ City Hall
4th Meeting April 3rd, 6:30pm
5th Meeting April 10th, 6:30pm
6th Meeting April 21st, 6:30pm
Council Presentation April 24th, 6:30pm

It was noted that meeting locations may change based on venue availability. The TF agreed to include an additional meeting specifically to solicit Public Input to be included in the TF’s recommendation-making process. This will be either March 31 or April 1st in City Hall Council Chambers. It was noted that some TF members may not be
able to make all meetings, but that everyone would work to attend as many as possible.

7:15pm - Purpose & Scope of Work
The TF discussed ways to understand the universe of possible decisions and topics to weigh in on. The chair suggested and there was general agreement as to methodology that finds a way to express the range of diverse opinion on the task force. Fisher noted that where the TF can find consensus, this will be noted and where there is a diversity of opinion, the TF will work to note such in the final report to City Council. Both approaches are noted to be helpful as the TF thinks through these issues as directed by Council. The TF noted that some issues identified may not be appropriate or timely for the TF to consider. Such issues will be captured and included as background information for Council.

The Task Force identified the following realms of concern for possible consideration:
1. Open & Public use within Golden – including smoking and other ingestion
2. Address the four types of operations regarding permission to allow, licensing, and regulation
   a. Recreational Marijuana cultivation facility – grow facility (optional premise cultivation)
   b. Retail marijuana products manufacturing – food, tinctures, infusions, etc.
   c. Recreational retail marijuana store – as opposed to medical marijuana locations known as a “center” or “dispensary”
   d. Marijuana testing facility – state-regulated testing facilities.
3. Private clubs and business use not included in the 4 types - there was some discussion about the legality of these operations not specifically identified in Amendment 64
4. Some members used the phrase, “Regulate marijuana like alcohol.” The TF agreed to further deliberate on what the expression ‘regulate marijuana like alcohol’ means in this context and the extent to which the phrase is appropriate as it pertains Golden
5. Youth access and prevention, rehabilitation and treatment, education
6. Taxation & Profits
7. Tourism impacts pros/cons
8. Timing of potential implementation for all issues

The TF discussed how to frame these complex and multifaceted issues. Fisher mentioned that Golden Vision 2030 should be used as guidance. Through a good dialog, most members on the Task Force reflected that the idea of “values” was important in determining how to consider the many factors identified above.

The following values were identified specifically during the discussion. These were seen as the potential lens through which above topics will be considered.
Values & Frameworks:
Business & Tourism
Personal
Health & Wellness
Family
Culture & Spirit

8:00pm - Handling Data Input: Type, Frequency, Volume
Several TF members noted a need for additional information. It was determined that a limited number of expert inputs will be requested to ensure the TF has appropriate time for deliberation and producing recommendations.

The TF discussed the value of public input. It was reiterated that a special meeting for public input would be valuable. The topic of surveys were raised. This will be considered further, although financial and time constraints may limit this avenue for information gathering in the context of the Task Force. It was additionally discussed that it may be difficult to engineer appropriate survey questions to tease out meaningful information to inform the TF’s work. State and County votes regarding Amendment 64 were provided, and it was Susan Brooks has agreed to attempt to obtain City of Golden specific data on this.

It was determined that Task Force members would use their experience and background as well as reach out to their networks of people within Golden to solicit additional information to aid them in their deliberations on the TF.

The TF briefly touched on types of outreach we may consider.

Public Outreach
- Golden Informer
- Email lists: Dawn mentioned reaching out to Chamber members, and Gretchen suggested outreach at the high school, other members may also reach out via email lists
- Social media: David talked about adding social media outreach
- Postcard with possible survey as well as notice of public comment
- Golden Transcript
- outreach to other schools in town

8:15pm - Wrap-up
The task force briefly discussed next steps, possible new meeting locations, and had a chance to provide any final thoughts.

8:30pm - Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35pm