City of Golden
Amendment 64 Implementation Task Force (A64 Task Force)
Public Meeting Agenda

March 7th, 2014  6:30pm
Meeting Location: Golden City Council Chambers, 911 10th Street, Golden, CO

Task Force Members: Bill Fisher (Chair), Gretchen Carter, Josephine Colacci, Christopher Gallup, Judith Goeke, David Jones, Stephen Katz, Dawn Smith, Shawn Steigner, Bill Hayashi (City Attorney)
Staff: Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick

6:30pm  -  Opening & Approve minutes
Minutes from last meeting approved

6:35pm  -  Reserved for Subject Matter Expert testimony
No SME. Discussion started with a review of the Public Input questions. Chair Fisher described them as an opportunity to solicit thoughts from various audiences without using “yes/no” questions likely to lead to a non-valid straw poll that was more awkward convenience sampling without statistical validity. There were generally favorable comments regarding the questions. Each member is encouraged to use the questions as a jumping off point for discussion with their network in order to better represent and reflect the thoughts and opinions of those they encounter.

Task force members each reflected on feedback and discussions with constituents held since the first meeting. Some commonalities in questions seem to mirror the Task Force’s own questions about the state of marijuana, facts regarding impacts, and next steps.

Police Chief Bill Kilpatrick was in attendance. The Task Force had questions regarding public use tickets for marijuana (before/after mmj and legalization) as well as traffic issues and crime. There was some discussion regarding the types of tickets generally handed out, and per the Chief’s request the Task Force will direct more specific questions for research.

7:00pm  -  Discuss 4 Primary types of Recreational facilities
The task force addressed 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 lab / testing facility – state-regulated testing facilities.

There was general consensus on pursuing laboratory and testing facilities as an appropriate fit with economic development and other goals. Josephine will provide additional background for the next meeting based on the discussion.

There was much discussion regarding the nature and practicalities surrounding inviting cultivating and manufacturing facilities to Golden. Some of the issues relate to transfers of large amounts of marijuana, the expansive nature of cultivating facilities as well as the need for power, water management and other issues that may make them impracticable. The task force will continue to consider them but was not generally as positive as the response to testing labs.

Retail marijuana stores were not discussed specifically and are being treated separately because the other three facilities tend to be more non-descript industrial use facilities as opposed to the retail facilities.

7:30pm - Community Values Discussion
This conversation continued and was wrapped around each subject as an umbrella lens through which to understand various topics.

8:00pm - Update: Outreach & Data Input
There was discussion, and perhaps some confusion, regarding outreach and methodology. The conversation returned to discussion of outreach methods. Fisher stated that he was opposed to attempts to create what was essentially polling techniques without first ensuring their validity. Each member was encouraged to use the public input questions in their investigation and discussion with Goldenites.

8:15pm - Split work scope?
The Task Force agreed with the identified the following realms of concern for possible consideration, and will follow up prior to and during the next meeting with various specific areas for discussion and recommendation, also to include:
1. Open & Public use within Golden – including smoking and other ingestion
2. 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
3. Youth access and prevention, rehabilitation and treatment, education
4. Taxation & Profits: Financial – either it is worth the money to Golden or it isn’t. This will be decided not by the task force but by staff and City Council. If it is, then what scenarios would we consider. If it isn’t worth the financial aspect, are there other reasons to consider or opt out?
5. Tourism impacts pros/cons
6. Timing of potential implementation for all issues
The task force discussed the various economic impacts and have decided that this topic will be explored and various options for further investigation will be recommended to City Council. The chair discussed moving forward on the basis that either the 4 facility types are each economically valuable or not to Golden and we can make decisions on that basis.

8:30pm - Finishing questions / statements  
Adjournment

The Task Force adjourned at approximately 8:50pm