April 10th, 2014 6:30pm
Meeting Location: Golden Visitors Center, 1010 Washington Ave., 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)

Task Force City Staff: Chief Bill Kilpatrick

6:30pm - Welcome & Approval of Minutes

6:35pm - Wrap-up Public Use Discussion
Josephine & Dawn will lead this discussion

Public viewable use on private property. Concern for overactive use, which could affect private rights in the future. Suggest “responsible and respectful” use that is not flagrant or offensive. Generally delegate to mediation. Chief Kilpatrick states any laws restricting publicly viewable uses on private property, if allowed, will be “nearly impossible” to enforce and police unlikely to spend time on this. Continued discussion reflecting appropriateness of personal home use.

Opting out like others to private clubs for use of nicotine and marijuana.

6:45pm - Provisions: Retail Locations & Restrictions
Stephen & Shawn led discussion

Signs without display of imagery, in accordance with current medical signage rules, use of marijuana or cannabis word on sign, able to put hours of operation. Current general sign ordinances if they limit # and signs.

Strong penalties both for selling to minors and giving to minors.

Hours – Judith proposed split shift idea brought up, say 9-3 and 8-9/10? To create a differential which reduces opportunity during time when kids are most likely to be alone.

Can require ID Scanners and current technology which regulations will be determined and updated from time to time by the city.
Loitering: no loitering to be allowed.

Proposal: Possible bag brought with lock, or adult to have a locked box if they have youth under 21 in the home. The container could also be in a locked facility. Options to improve and describe a normative value regarding keeping marijuana products locked and non-available. Should this be legislated or simply encouraged?

Spectrum:
Ban edibles to reduce access to children for incidental ingestion or limit edibles that are geared towards children such as lollipops and fruit loops. Propose that edibles must be single serving. Limiting high potency edibles. People do want an alternative to smoking.

Mapping and retail locations:
Use designated or permitted areas based on principles as exclusive zones and distances between them. Regarding several distance exclusions, it was seen that perhaps there is an opportunity to consider an inclusive zone instead, for surety of location.

Spectrum on numbers: 0-5 from task force members. Public input strongly suggests no more than a maximum of 4-5 and preference for zero.

Hearing officer similar to existing liquor and medical marijuana.

Agreed that retailer owners should have a residency requirement, but this would not necessarily apply to other facility types.

7:25pm - Provisions: Health & Safety
Gretchen & Judith led this discussion

Prevention: Reduce risk factors
Therapy, counseling, support groups and social networks
Adam City HS Encompass program – trialed, possibly $5,000/student
Gretchen says Golden HS – No drug education except what might be touched on in class, new program “LINK” for freshman, can’t afford to spend more money for education.

Governor is working on it, but there’s nothing finalized yet either for funding or programs. DARE has been inactive per Chief Kilpatrick, now trying to promote JeffCo LifeSkills training – evidence-based program, but can’t get it into schools because they are all so busy, long-term proven program (20-25 year history).

Chief Kilpatrick states introduction of LifeSkills is less about funding, more about time.
Task Force all agree that revenues from marijuana in Golden, such as it is, should go towards programs and prevention.

Concern for vaporizers – cannot tell what’s in them, some cities banning them, and banning sales. City Council could consider banning them from public use which would be aligned with current smoking and nicotine laws. Less concurrence on banning vaporizers vis-à-vis sales related to marijuana. It was noted that e-cigarettes, specifically, may be used for smoking cessation. However, it was also noted this is an unlikely scenario for youth.

8:00pm - Provisions: Private / Non-retail use
David & Chris will lead this discussion

This was looked at simultaneously with above topics.

8:30pm - Provisions: Marketing / Advertising / Scenarios
Bill led the discussion.

Topics followed agreed on research projects.

8:35pm - Wrap-up
Discuss needs for final meeting and writing of report

Chris: We haven’t had time to reach out to all the groups we would like to. Would like to see how retailing affects what happens in other communities and how they handle it. On a lot of issues, we have one week to try and make definitive issues and may not know the answers. Lacking in educational materials – need to scour the state and nation for best treatment options to provide information to professionals, educators, and parents. We are still in the idea stage, and we have to finish make decisions by next week?

Don’t rule out the idea of a moratorium – continuing the conversation. Lot to be gained looking at other cities and less to be gained as a test case. If so, says Shawn, here’s why the moratorium and what we would be hoping to achieve (accomplished certain research and met certain benchmarks). Bill Hayashi says this is a legitimate approach. Shawn thinks this isn’t bad, but wants a more set certainty of when and how. Also see scope of the market, especially with retail only starting.

Manufacturing similarly should be banned or continued. General agreement to continue this discussion, and no task force members disagreed with at least the concept of considering a moratorium.

~9pm - Adjournment