

CITIZENS' ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE (CABC)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 2/5/2019 Time: 6:30PM Location: AMC Ponderosa Room
 Next Meeting: 3/5/2019 Time: 6:30PM Location: AMC Ponderosa Room

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Citizens' Advisory Budget Committee (CABC) is to study all phases of the budget of the City of Aurora and to make recommendations to City Council in regard to any and all budget matters.

The CABC accomplishes the mission by examining and evaluating needs and priorities as they relate to the budget and by making recommendations for action to the City Council.

ATTENDANCE

Name		Name		Name		Name	
Brian Arnold	P	Michael Himawan	P	Jonathan Scott	P	COA Staff	
Sunny Banka	P	Gayle Jetchick	P	Don Seven	P	Kimberly Brown	P
Andris Berzins	P	Janet Marlow	P	Craig Upston	P		
Melvin Bush	P	Brian Matise	P	Michael Westerberg	P		
Reno Carollo	P	Omar Montgomery	P	Leanne Wheeler	P	Public/Guests	
Vince Chowdury	P	David Patterson	A			Robin Peterson	P
Curtis Gardner	P	George Peck	P				
Hashim Coates	P	David Rich	P				

Key: P=Present E=Excused A=Absent R=Resigned

HANDOUTS

CABC February Agenda (sent Feb. 1, 2019 via email)
Jan. 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes (sent Feb. 1, 2019 via email)
Updated CABC Roster (sent Feb. 1, 2019 via email)

MINUTES

1. Call to Order	Curtis Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:31pm	
2. Roll Call/ Establishment of Quorum	Roll call was taken by Jonathan Scott and a quorum was present.	

3. Approval of February Agenda	Motion to accept the Agenda for February 5, 2019 meeting was made by Michael Westerberg and seconded by Melvin Bush	Motion Carried Yes: <i>Unanimous</i> No: 0 Abstain: 0
4. Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes for January 8, 2019 meeting was made by Craig Upston and seconded by Melvin Bush.	Motion Carried Yes: 16 No: 0 Abstain: Brian Matisse, Vince Chowdury, Andris Berzins
5. Introduction and Welcome of Don Seven	Curtis Gardner introduced Don Seven, welcomed him, and gave him the opportunity to introduce himself to the group. He mentioned: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · He was appointed by Angela Lawson. · He moved here four years ago. · He moved here because of high Quality of Life. · He has a wife and young child. · He works at Charter (in telecommunication field). 	
6. Group Icebreaker	The group icebreaker started with Craig Upston. Each member stated their “Favorite concert” (who, when, and where)	
7. Presentations: -Robin Peterson -Kimberly Brown	Robin Peterson (Manager of Marijuana Enforcement Division) discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robin started with an overview of the city’s marijuana division and how the elections have affected the medical, recreational, and farming industries. • 1 Measure passed (3H = allowing medical marijuana to be grow/cultivated and processed in the city), but the other of the 2 ballot questions (3G = a 4% tax) was not passed... thus medical marijuana centers/sales will not operate in the city. • Summary: Medical grow centers are allowed, but medical sales are not. Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · David Rich asked about growth facilities. (Answer: they can co-locate with recreational grow houses, just must be separate (medical – yellow tag; rec – blue tag... not a real big difference between the two.) · Andris Berzins asked about asking a higher license fee for medicinal. (Answer: This is not yet decided. It may be higher than recreational licensing fee.) 	

<p>7. Presentations: (Robin - continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Robin: Cultivation prices have gone significantly down, even though the business/retail sales are still steadily high. · Craig Upston – Do dispensaries also own cultivation facilities? (some do: Terrapin and Medicine Man, but most do not.) · David Rich asked about CBD oil. (Taken from hemp plants. Farm bill allowed the hemp plant to be taken across state lines. CBD oil can be sold anywhere. I.e. 7-eleven.) · Sunny Banka asked about regulation of hemp. Who is going to do it? (It’s treated as a farm crop. Feds have asked for how states are regulating.) · Leanne Wheeler asked about revenue generation of marijuana. Are we adjusting so that we do not lose revenue? (Not going down yet but haven’t talked about how to adjust if it does go down.) · David Rich pointed out that several city services/programs are based on a use of the marijuana tax revenue stream. · Metrics in Marijuana requested by Leanne Wheeler. (To be sent/provided by Kim.) · Hashim Coates asked which dispensary is closer to the Gaylord - Denver or Aurora? (“Denver. We are looking into changing that.”) · Jonathan Scott asked whether the results of the November election will hinder the tax revenue generation at all. (Answer: “No. because medical sales will not cut into the recreational sales revenue.) He also asked how the non-taxed income of the businesses is “banked” or invested, and if this will impact the local economy if the value/profits of marijuana go down. (Robin Peterson mentioned that most marijuana businesses place their money in special, non-interest-bearing credit union accounts, but there are a lot of insurance costs associated with it. She also mentioned “280E” and charitable giving as a being a factor in this process.) · Craig asked if Robin Peterson could explain what 280E is. (It addresses Revenue / Money Laundering schemes. Disallows deductions for schedule 1 or 2 drugs.) · Andris Berzins – how many medical marijuana holders do we have in Aurora? (Not exactly sure.) 	
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<p>7. Presentations: (continued)</p>	<p>Kimberly Brown discussed the Citizen Survey Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 4th survey since 2008 (also 2013-2016-2018) · 4,000 random houses were approached · 590 completed the survey (15%) · Given choice to respond by mail or web. (Most completed by mail) · Results are online. (Craig asked for the link to be sent to the CAB) [Greg Hays also sent us the link to the full report, by email, on 1/9/19] · 69% (highest of other four years) believe we have a high Quality of Life. · Michael Westerberg asked about what questions were asked about perception of life in Aurora on the Survey. (Kimberly answered by giving several examples. Brian Matise also pointed out that page 171+ of the document show the survey questions.) · Overall message – survey take-away messages: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aurora residents continue to enjoy a high <i>quality of life</i>. ○ Ratings of <i>safety</i>-related services were high in 2018 and safety remains a key focus for residents. ○ <i>Transportation</i> remains a top priority for residents. 	
<p>8. Budget Discussion: Kimberly Brown</p>	<p>Kimberly Brown updated Aurora’s December Sales Tax Performance. (It was very close to projections.)</p>	
<p>9. 2019 Sub-committees</p>	<p>Curtis Gardner discussed the subcommittee ideas discussed from January’s meeting. A discussion followed as to what the final sub-committees should look like. The final discussion ended with the following sub-committee options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 1. Capital Projects (Transportation, Safety, Public works) · 2. Quality of Life · 3. Departmental Review—Transportation/Public Works · 4. Departmental Review – other possibilities (pensions/benefits, etc.) · Other possibilities that were suggested included – revenue generation, departmental reviews, citizen survey results... 	
<p>10. Open Comments</p>	<p>(None given)</p>	

11. Meeting Adjourned	Motion to Adjourn was made by Omar Montgomery and seconded by George Peck at 8:31pm	Motion Carried Yes: Unanimous No: 0 Abstain: 0
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March 5, 2019

Curtis Gardner, Chair

Jonathan Scott, Secretary

Date of Approval