

Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission
Minutes of Work Session
November 2, 2017

Present: Dailey, Driessnack, Friedrich, Hoenig, Horgan, Irwin, Joseph, Kostrzewa, Liesch.

Staff: Kain, Murphy

Kain provided an overview of the City's process to date in developing parameters for the regulation of medical marihuana facilities. Kain reported that the City Commission requested feedback from the Planning Commission on three items.

Discussion ensued on whether distance buffers should be implemented for medical marihuana facilities from sensitive land uses. The general consensus was that provisioning centers should not be permitted at locations adjacent to K-12 schools or licensed daycare centers. The Planning Commission did not support any distance limitations related to Central Michigan University, parks, churches, single-family residential properties, or other land uses. There was not support to implement buffers from the other four medical marihuana facility types.

The board then discussed whether or not any restrictions were needed on the areas in which provisioning centers would be permitted in light of the proposed zoning map. There was not concern regarding the expanded commercial opportunity under the City's proposed zoning map and the potential location of provisioning centers. The general consensus was that the special use permit review process would provide sufficient opportunity to ensure a proposed provisioning center location fit within its context.

The board further discussed and generally supported the regulatory parameters established by the City Commission during their previous work sessions with the exceptions noted above.

There being no further business the work session was adjourned by general consent at 8:43 p.m.