

**Proceedings of the Santa Cruz County
Cannabis Cultivation Choices Committee (C4)
Tuesday, September 8, 2015
DRAFT Action Summary Minutes**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. Roll call was taken and all Committee Members were present.
- II. No Changes were made to the Agenda.
- III. Public Comment – Three people addressed the Committee.
- IV. *Review of C4 Purpose, Rules of the Road and the Ralph M. Brown Act*
Staff welcomed members, who then introduced themselves and provided background on how long they had resided in Santa Cruz and some favorite activities. Staff suggested several courtesy rules under which C4 will operate and then introduced Jason Heath, Chief Assistant County Counsel; who provided an overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act and how it pertains to the work of the Committee.
- V. *Questions and Answers: Santa Cruz Values* - Eric Olsen, consultant to the Committee projected several slides to prompt work by the Committee to answer questions such as “What makes living in Santa Cruz so special? What are the values that support how you want to live and work in Santa Cruz? What story do you want to tell your grandchildren about the kind of community you are handing off to them?” Values expressed through key words such as “committed to justice and compassion, freedom with responsibility, collaborative, independent, tolerant, innovative, industry leader, homegrown” were recorded and will form a foundation for recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for a community and consensus-based cannabis cultivation ordinance.
- VI. *Working Lunch-overview of work plan, meeting dates/times* - The Committee agreed by consensus to schedule the next meeting for Tuesday, September 22nd from 9:30 a.m. – noon at the Simpkins Family Swim Center, 979 17th Avenue, Santa Cruz. Committee members will bring their calendars to schedule the next eight or so meetings, likely on a series of Tuesdays. The Committee took a break for lunch.
- VII. *Stakeholder and Issues Mapping* – Committee members broke into small groups to map issues, and to develop a list what needed to be protected, what needed to be discouraged, and what topics would be valuable to have more information about for the

following key stakeholders:

- a. Our Government Regulators
- b. Our Youth and Community (aka neighborhoods) Safety
- c. Our Environment
- d. Our medical cannabis supply chain
- e. Our Law Enforcement and Emergency Responders

VIII. *Closing Remarks* – Consultant Eric Olsen closed the meeting by noting the collaborative, respectful work of the Committee members. Staff provided meeting evaluation forms and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m.