



City of Arts & Innovation

PLANNING COMMISSION **DRAFT MINUTES**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023, 9:00 A.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON /TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

PLANNING CASE PR-2022-001453 - ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – CITYWIDE, WARDS: ALL
Proposal by the City of Riverside to consider amendments to Title 19 (Zoning) of the Riverside Municipal Code, including but not limited to Articles V (Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions), VI (Overlay Zones), VII (Specific Land Use Provisions), and X (Definitions) related to commercial cannabis uses. The proposed amendments are related to proposed amendments to Titles 5 (Business Taxes, Licenses and Regulations) and 9 (Peace, Safety and Morals) to establish a Cannabis Business Permit Program in the City at the direction of the City Council Economic Development, Placemaking and Branding/Marketing Committee. Proposed amendments to Title 19 include but are not limited to: 1. Eliminate the Citywide prohibition of commercial cannabis uses in the City; 2. Establish Cannabis Storefront Retail, Cannabis Warehousing/Distribution and Cannabis Testing Laboratories as permitted/conditionally permitted uses in specified Zones; 3. Establish Cannabis Cultivation and Cannabis Microbusinesses as prohibited uses in all Zones; 4. Amend various Chapters of the Zoning Code for consistency with proposed amendments to Titles 5 and 9 of the Municipal Code; and 5. Establish Definitions related to the proposed changes to cannabis uses. Judy Egüez, Senior Planner, presented the staff report. Public comment: Nick Adcock, Matthew Nathaniel, Pedro Ordoño, Christopher Martinez spoke in support and express their concerns regarding distancing, sensitive uses, social equity and why microbusinesses were not included. The public hearing was closed. Following discussion it was moved by Commissioner Rush and seconded by Commissioner Parker to recommend that the City Council: 1) Determine that Planning Case PR-2022-001453 is exempt from further California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule), as it can be seen with certainty that approval of the project will not have an effect on the environment; and 2) Approve Planning Case PR-2022-001453 (Zoning Text Amendment) as outlined in the staff report.

Motion Carried: 8 Ayes, Noes, Absent, Abstention

AYES: Kirby, Mooney, Parker, Ridgway, Roberts, Rush, Singh, Wilder

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTENTION: None

A City Council public hearing is required for final approval.

Chair Kirby advised of the appeal period.