

CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
Planning Commission
City Hall
2077 West Larpenteur Avenue

WORKSHOP MINUTES

October 22, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL:

Scott Wilson <u> X </u>	Laura Paynter <u> X </u>
Jacob Brooks <u> X </u>	Mike Tracy <u> X </u>
Jim Mogen <u> X </u>	Rick Seifert <u> X </u>
Jake Anderson <u> X </u>	

Staff Liaison Lynch X
Council Liaison Meyer X

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Adult-Use Cannabis Discussion

Staff Liaison Lynch gave a brief overview of the proposed restrictions for cannabis retail businesses as discussed by the Planning Commission at previous minutes. She reminded Commissioners that they were wanting to restrict these businesses to the B-3 district and reminded them of the 1000' setback from schools and the 500' setback from daycares, residential treatment facilities, and recreational areas where children are frequently present. This was the main topic of conversation in the discussion.

Commissioner Mogen stated the distance from these areas do not do much in the way of preventing access to cannabis, and these retail stores should have the same regulations as liquor stores. Staff Liaison Lynch stated the 500' distance in particular could prevent much of the B-3 district from being permitted to have a cannabis retailer if a daycare were to be put into Falcon Town Square or a nearby residential location. Commissioner Anderson agreed it would make sense to remove the 500' restriction. Commissioner Paynter suggested removing the 500' setback and keeping the 1000' setback from schools. Commissioner Tracy agreed with this. Staff Liaison Lynch explained that could be a good option, but the 1000' distance doesn't actually touch the B-3 district and thus would not matter ultimately. Commissioner Seifer suggested changing the 500' setback to 300'. Commissioner Wilson suggested removing daycares from the 500' setback. Commissioner Brooks suggested putting in the strictest allowable restrictions. After polling the Commission, most were for removing all distance restrictions and just making them permitted in the B-3 zoning district.

Commissioner Brooks requested Staff Liaison Lynch look into if more restrictions could be placed on the lower potency edibles and beverages, and possibly align this more with alcohol. Staff Liaison Lynch stated she would look into this.

D. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Staff Liaison Report

Staff Liaison Lynch reminded Commissioners of the Falcon Heights Fall Fest on October 26. The Fest will be from 2-5 PM with a 75th Anniversary Celebration of the city happening before that, from 1-2 PM in City Hall. She also requested Commissioners fill out the Climate Action Plan survey and to spread the word about the Climate Action Team that will be forming.

2. Council Liaison Report

Council Liaison Meyer echoed the sentiments about the Fall Fest and stated the policing contract would be up for discussion and a vote at the next evening's City Council meeting.

E. ADJOURN

Workshop was adjourned at 8:25 PM.