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From: Bartley, Landon
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 12:31 PM
To: Bartley, Landon
Subject: Medical Marihuana in Grand Rapids - September 18 Update

Good afternoon,

I'm including you on this email because you have contacted me or another Planning staff member at some point about medical marijuana. If you no longer want to be on this list, please respond to let me know. If there are others that you think might want to be on the list, please forward this to them and have them contact me directly. Thank you.

Updated News:

This morning the City Commission voted to cancel today's marihuana work session. It has been rescheduled to October 9, 2018 at 1:30pm. You can view the video of their discussion online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtWtToEmre8&feature=youtu.be&t=2504>.

A number of you have contacted Planning staff with questions particularly related to the VEDA (Voluntary Equitable Development Agreement) and the application process; including waivers and the method of assigning the order of applications for Planning Commission consideration. These items will be discussed at the October work session. Until additional guidance is provided by the City Commission, Planning staff will be unable to provide you with additional information/direction. I will contact you directly if we have already scheduled a meeting to determine whether it is appropriate to reschedule, and pre-application meetings will be suspended until direction is provided by the City Commission. *It is possible that the Commission may require additional meetings after the October 9th work session, so answers may not be readily available immediately after that date.*

The City Commission will also be enacting a moratorium this evening to adjust the November 1st effective date for up to six months or until any ordinance revisions are adopted, if sooner. Therefore, **the Planning Department will not start accepting Special Land use applications for marihuana facilities on November 1st**. A future application submittal date may be set at the Commission's October 9th work session; ordinance amendments, the VEDA policy, community engagement expectation and timeline will be discussed then. I am not able to speculate on what date or process the City Commission might determine.

Updates continue to be made to the medical marihuana webpage (<https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/MedicalMarihuana>). The interactive map and spreadsheet located on the website is the Planning Department's best guess at suitability of individual parcels under the ordinance, given the data that we had available at the time of publishing, and it is regularly updated as we find minor discrepancies. It is the applicant's responsibility to prove the suitability of an individual property and to carry out their own due diligence. I cannot confirm the suitability of a property if you ask me, other than referring you to the map and relaying that it is our best guess of a property's suitability based on that source.

There have also been some additions to the website, including:

- Contact information for the Crime Prevention Coordinator at the GR Police Department, who should be your principal contact for CPTED plans;
- A map of Neighborhood Associations and Corridor Improvement Districts, with contact information;
- Links to previous information emails; and
- A draft template for a waiver that can potentially be used for religious institutions or substance use disorder programs.

I appreciate your correspondence and will continue to do my best to respond as I am able. I truly hope that these email updates are helpful. Thank you for your questions and comments.

Best wishes,

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