

TNP Marijuana/Vaping

11/1/23

Present: Diana Revolus, Ginger & Larry Katz, Dajuan Wiggins, Nicole Hampton, Angela Quispe, Margaret Watt

1. People introduced themselves

2. Restaurant/bar updates:
 - a. Places visited: Coals, Jordan's (2x), Dry Dock
 - b. Signs would be useful
 - c. Signs are required for designated smoking areas at outside restaurant areas (as mentioned by Jeff last time) - outside seating with no cover can be up to 25% smoking but signs must be posted showing where
 - d. Training could help
 - e. In one case hasn't had any issues with patrons but possibly could use training for staff
 - f. One patron thought you could smoke in a restaurant while another thought you couldn't; manager was surprised that staff didn't know how to respond
 - g. Did not have or want Narcan
 - h. **ACTION:** Margaret is meeting with Denique Friday about state prevention plans & will bring this back up as an area for collaboration

3. Reported on SoNo Narcan distribution
 - a. About 10 businesses got trained and now have Narcan on site and about 18 community members
 - b. Diana - areas around the liquor stores & bodegas would be a good place to do Narcan distribution: Lexington Ave day labor pickup; Woodward Ave near the shelter - connect with police - signage in different languages - Support the Spanish speaking Latino community
 - c. **ACTION:** Follow up with police, health dept, shelter, NCHC - Margaret & Ginger will help
 - i. Can reach out to Chris ?Sutton? runs the SoNo Collision on Woodward - in the community a long time who really cares and might be very involved as a business owner - tell him Diana former councilwoman spoke about your community engagement and would probably bring more stakeholders

4. Policy discussion:
 - a. Stamford lawsuit: see article [Connecticut Cannabis Law's Social Equity Provisions Contested in Ongoing Stamford Case | CT News Junkie](#)
 - b. We agree to have another legislative forum this year. Westport wants to collaborate again, and now Wilton and Weston are also interested.
 - c. **ACTION:** Margaret will reach out to Kaitlin at The Hub to see what they're planning - maybe we do a larger regional forum.

5. Marijuana signage

- a. Illegal Lamar billboard advertising Fine Fettle. Now illegal because advertising between 6am-11pm is prohibited unless the viewing audience can reasonably be expected to be 90% adults over age 21
 - i. **ACTION:** Margaret to follow up with Dennis So from Fine Fettle this week
 - ii. If no helpful response from Fine Fettle, follow up with letters to the company, AG Tong & maybe even a letter to the newspaper - stagger it with the newspapers being the last piece of it. Create a template
- b. Illegal sign at 25 Van Zant - There are at least 2 light-up signs advertising for cannabis retailers - illegal because of the picture of the leaf
 - i. **ACTIONS:**
 - ii. Diana will email Steve Kleppin about it and ask for advice on whose responsibility it is to act
 - iii. Nicole will take a picture and see how many signs there are
- c. Sign for Art Park (designated consumption space) and other parks - Robert Stowers attended TNP meeting last week and said they are doing some kind of signage
 - i. **ACTION:** Margaret will follow up again to reconfirm & ask about collaboration & cc Diana
- d. Looked at the SAMHSA sign we selected to provide to retailers and showed the alternative version Reya created that we will translate. Diana has a translator for Haitian Creole. :-)
 - i. **ACTION:** Please review alternate SAMHSA version and send feedback.

6. Vaping campaign in schools

- a. Our teens are working on an educational campaign in the HS and on assemblies for MS