

TNP Marijuana Committee

12/1/22

Present: Ginger Katz, Larry Katz, Jeff Santo, Lisa Gregory, Diamond Sead, Diana Revolus, Margaret Watt

1. Johnny's Ambassadors trainings: update
 - a. Lisa watched the video - she & Ginger thought it was really great content. Not appropriate for CCT population since it's focused on prevention rather than tx
 - b. Diana & Margaret are giving the presentation for the Common Council on the 16th at 12:30
 - c. Teen prevention interns and Margaret will be teaching the teen curriculum to 10 classes at BMHS/CGS in the next 2 weeks, approximately 250 students (Health 1 and Health 2)
2. Dec 8, 6pm, via Zoom - public hearing and regular meeting on the proposed zoning regulation on cannabis
 - a. Zoning regs have been written for different types of cannabis businesses, however Norwalk will only allow 3 total businesses.
 - b. Steve Kleppin will send Diana the map and she will ask for a copy of the draft regs. It seems like we have to ask for the materials ahead of time and ask in advance to speak at the meeting
3. Vaping
 - a. New smoke shops on Westport Ave and by post office
 - b. VapeWise in Liberty Square is the shop that was fined 8x for underage sales - and Larry & Ginger were able to get THC from them last month
 - c. Positive Directions's Prevention Corps member and prevention intern are currently conducting an environmental scan / compliance check at smoke shops in Westport and can do it in Norwalk afterward
 - d. DECISION: Group supports the idea of doing this in Norwalk
4. Role of police
 - a. As of yesterday Sgt Gulino was assigned to be the liaison for TNP for everything. Group agrees that she is wonderful but also concerned that she is very overcommitted. Important for police to not just be available to answer questions but to be meaningfully involved in our work, hearing regularly from stakeholders at our meetings, etc.
 - b. ACTION - Margaret to talk to Sofia re MJ, Sgt Orr re Freshman Forum
5. Policy action
 - a. Local:
 - i. Zoning Board - ACTION Diana get map & proposed regs from Steve ahead of next week's meeting
 - ii. Community Services - ACTION Margaret to talk to AnaVivian; Diana is on the Common Council community services committee
 - b. State: Legislative forum
 - i. ACTION Breakfast for our local legislators:
 - **Tuesday Dec 20th, 9:30-10:30am - location TBD.**
 - **Planning meeting Monday Dec 12th, 10am on Zoom.**
 - c. National:
 - i. Safe Banking legislation proposal- ACTION
 - ii. consider harm reduction advocacy with federal congresspeople because if they ultimately legalize retail marijuana at the federal level, it could be an opportunity to reduce the caps set on THC levels
6. Ginger & Larry recommended the film *Chronic State* again for anyone who hasn't seen it (available online)