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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kelly Cooper, Assembly President
Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Members

FROM: Max Best, Planning Director 

DATE: November 29, 2016

SUBJECT: Retail Marijuana Store License Application. **Applicant:** High Bush Buds; **Landowner:** Patricia Patterson; **Parcel #:** 05720042; **Property Description:** Lot 4A, Irons Subdivision Patterson Replat, according to Plat 2012-64, Kenai Recording District; **Location:** 36312 Irons Ave, Suite 2 Soldotna, Ridgeway Area.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission reviewed the subject application during their regularly scheduled November 28, 2016 meeting.

A motion to recommend approval of the High Bush Buds, a Retail Marijuana Store license application passed by unanimous consent subject to the following conditions:

1. The marijuana establishment shall conduct their operation consistent with the site plan submitted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
2. There shall be no parking in borough rights-of-way generated by the marijuana establishment.
3. The marijuana establishment shall remain current in all Kenai Peninsula Borough tax obligations consistent with KP.B 7.30.020(A).
4. The marijuana establishment shall not conduct any business on, or allow any consumer to access, the retail marijuana store's licensed premises, between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Attached are the unapproved minutes of the subject portion of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM F.

PUBLIC HEARING

3. State application for a marijuana establishment license; Ridgeway Area

Staff Report given by Bruce Wall

PC Meeting: Monday, November 28, 2016

Applicant: High Bush Buds

Landowner: Patricia Patterson

Parcel ID#: 057-200-42

Legal Description: Lot 4A, Irons Subdivision Patterson Replat, according to Plat 2012-64, Kenai Recording District

Location: 36312 Irons Ave, Suite 2, Soldotna

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On July 25, 2016 the applicant notified the borough that he/she had submitted an application to the state for a Retail Marijuana Store license. On September 6, 2016 the applicant supplied the borough with a signed acknowledgement form and a site plan of the proposed Retail Marijuana Store on the above described parcel. The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office notified the borough that the application was complete on October 26, 2016. Staff has reviewed the completed license that has been submitted to the state and the site plan submitted to the borough and has found the following concerning the standards contained in KPB 7.30.020:

1. The Borough finance department has been notified of the complete application and they report that the applicant is in compliance with the borough tax regulations.
2. Borough planning department staff has evaluated the application and has determined that the proposed cultivation facility will be located greater than 1,000 feet from any school.
3. Borough planning department staff has evaluated the application and has determined that the proposed cultivation facility will be located greater than 500 feet from all recreation or youth centers, and all buildings in which religious services are regularly conducted, and all correctional facilities.
4. The proposed facility is not located within a local option zoning district.
5. The proposed facility is located where there is sufficient ingress and egress for traffic to the parcel.
 - The site plan indicates that the approach is constructed to a minimum width of 28 feet where it accesses Irons Avenue.
 - The signed acknowledgement form indicates that there will not be any parking in borough rights-of-way.
 - The site plan indicates a clear route for delivery vehicles which allows vehicles to turn safely.
 - On-site parking and loading areas are designated at a location that would preclude vehicles from backing out into the roadway.
6. The signed acknowledgement form indicates that the proposed facility will not conduct any business on, or allow any consumer to access, the retail marijuana store's licensed premises, between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

KPB 7.30.020(E) allows the recommendation of additional conditions on a license to meet the following standards:

- protection against damage to adjacent properties,
- protection against offsite odors,
- protection against noise,
- protection against visual impacts,
- protection against road damage,
- protection against criminal activity, and
- protection of public safety.

The Alaska Marijuana Control Board will impose a condition a local government recommends unless the board finds the recommended condition is arbitrary, capricious, and unreasonable (3 ACC 306.060b). If the Planning Commission recommends additional conditions additional findings must be adopted to support the conditions.

PUBLIC NOTICE: Public notice of the application was mailed on November 7, 2016 to the 21 landowners of the parcels within 300 feet of the subject parcel. Public notice of the application was published in the November 17, 2016 & November 24, 2016 issues of the Peninsula Clarion.

KPB AGENCY REVIEW: Application information was provided to pertinent KPB staff and other agencies on November 7, 2016.

ATTACHMENTS

- State marijuana establishment application with associated submitted documents
- Site plan
- Acknowledgement form
- Aerial map
- Area land use map with 500' & 1,000' parcel radius

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the planning commission forward this application to the assembly with the findings contained in this staff report and with the recommendation that the following conditions be placed on the state license pursuant to 3 AAC 306.060(b):

1. The marijuana establishment shall conduct their operation consistent with the site plan submitted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
2. There shall be no parking in borough rights-of-way generated by the marijuana establishment.
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END OF STAFF REPORT

Chairman Martin opened the meeting for public comment. Seeing and hearing no one wishing to speak Chairman Martin closed the public comment period and opened discussion among the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Lockwood moved, seconded by Commissioner Isham to recommend approval of High Bush Buds, a Retail Marijuana Store License according to staff recommendations and findings with a recommendation that the following conditions be placed on the state license.

Conditions

1. The marijuana establishment shall conduct their operation consistent with the site plan submitted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

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VOTE: The motion passed by unanimous consent.

CARLUCCIO YES	ECKLUND ABSENT	ERNST YES	FOSTER YES	GLENDENING YES	ISHAM YES	LOCKWOOD YES
MARTIN YES	MORGAN YES	RUFFNER YES	VENUTI YES	WHITNEY ABSENT		10 YES 2 ABSENT

AGENDA ITEM F. PUBLIC HEARING

4. State application for a marijuana establishment license; Cohoe Area

Staff Report given by Bruce Wall

PC Meeting: Monday, November 28, 2016

Applicant: Bob's Morning Bear Cultivation

Landowner: Michael D. Hutton

Parcel ID#: 137-230-56

Legal Description: Lot 30, Benchmark Subdivision Renault 1986 Subdivision of Tract D, according to Plat 86-122, Kenai Recording District

Location: 21725 Evelyn May St. Kasilof, AK

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On 10/24/2016 the applicant notified the borough that he/she had submitted an application to the state for a Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility license. On October 26, 2016 the applicant supplied the borough with a signed acknowledgement form and a site plan of the proposed Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility on the above described parcel. The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office notified the borough that the application was complete on October 26, 2016. Staff has reviewed the completed license that has been submitted to the state and the site plan submitted to the borough and has found the following concerning the standards contained in KPB 7.30.020:

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