

**NORMAN PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

The Planning Commission of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers of the Norman Municipal Building, 201 West Gray Street, on the 12th day of September, 2019. Notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at the Norman Municipal Building and online at <http://www.normanok.gov/content/boards-commissions> at least twenty-four hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Vice Chair Chris Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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Item No. 1, being:

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Neil Robinson
Chris Lewis
Tom Knotts
Dave Boeck
Lark Zink
Steven McDaniel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Erin Williford
Nouman Jan
Sandy Bahan

A quorum was present.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Jane Hudson, Interim Director, Planning &
Community Development
Roné Tromble, Recording Secretary
Ken Danner, Subdivision Development
Manager
David Riesland, Traffic Engineer
Beth Muckala, Asst. City Attorney
Bryce Holland, Multimedia Specialist

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Item No. 3, being:

O-1920-6 – NICK BROWN, FOR MIDTOWN PROCESSING, L.L.C., REQUESTS SPECIAL USE FOR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROCESSOR FOR PROPERTY ZONED C-1, LOCAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, AND LOCATED AT 1104 24TH AVENUE S.E., UNITS 1102-1104.

ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD:

1. Location Map
2. Staff Report
3. Aerial Photo Site Plan
4. Pre-Development Summary

PRESENTATION BY STAFF:

1. Jane Hudson reviewed the staff report, a copy of which is filed with the minutes. We did receive protests within the notification of 5.9%. The applicant is requesting special use for the processing; they are already zoned C-1, so they can have a dispensary at this site. Staff supports and recommends approval of Ordinance No. O-1920-6.

PRESENTATION BY THE APPLICANT:

The applicant's representatives were available to answer questions, but did not make a presentation.

1. Mr. Boeck asked for a little bit more detail about what the processing will be processing.
Nick Brown – Processing can mean a number of things. In our case, it simply means that we want to essentially operate as a bakery. We'll be edible marijuana producers and nothing more. We don't plan on doing extraction at the site. All of our marijuana products are purchased at the wholesale level from other processors that do perform the extraction for us, and we're simply purchasing refined cannabis oil and adding it into our ingredients.

2. Mr. Lewis – I have a few questions. In the City of Norman, if you look at the demographics of police reports, some of the highest incidence of crime happen between the north boundary of Alameda, the south boundary of Lindsey, the east boundary of 24th Avenue, and the west boundary of 12th Avenue. Knowing that is the case, an establishment that may incite more crime, in some opinion, because of what's there, do you have any security in place? That's part one. And then, knowing that there is a child care facility just less than 500 feet from you, if they do apply at some point in the future to be a preschool, which would preclude your license from being renewed, how might you handle that?

Mr. Brown – I appreciate the question. As far as security, yes, we do have systems in place, and those are in line with requirements through the OBNDD, which is the Narcotics Bureau here in Oklahoma. So security cameras, lock and key for medical marijuana products are all in place. Considering the fact that we're not open to the public, we don't expect any traffic in and out for our distribution channels. As far as security, we feel pretty secure about the way that we're going to handle business in that location. The preschool thing – again, I appreciate that foresight. Being a parent of very young children myself, that matters to me. Again, with us not performing any extraction, we don't expect high pressure solvents to be used in our process. Again, those are things that are typically done by other processors. The impact to our neighbors is minimal to none, and arguably would be safer than even a donut shop, for example, who is next door to us, that uses open fryers with grease. Our process is much less intensive than that. Depending on what that preschool may or may not do, I feel like at this point it would be considered hypothetical. If they do move to be an actual school of some sort, we would have to evaluate the distance from that school to our business at that time.

3. Mr. Knotts – So this location, and you're not commercial, so you're not going to be handling a lot of cash. You're manufacturing for other locations that you have?

Mr. Brown – We would be more considered like a wholesale and distribution.

Mr. Knotts – So the attraction of lots of cash is not going to be there?

Mr. Brown – They would be disappointed if they came in and there was a whole bunch of sugar.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Dave Boeck moved to recommend adoption of Ordinance No. O-1920-6 to City Council. Tom Knotts seconded the motion.

There being no further discussion, a vote on the motion was taken with the following result:

YEAS	Neil Robinson, Tom Knotts, Dave Boeck, Steven McDaniel
NAYES	Chris Lewis, Lark Zink
MEMBERS ABSENT	Erin Williford, Nouman Jan, Sandy Bahan

Ms. Tromble announced that the motion, to recommend adoption of Ordinance No. O-1920-6 to City Council, passed by a vote of 4-2.

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