

**MINUTES
CARBONDALE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VIRTUAL WORK SESSION
JUNE 16, 2020**

Mayor Dan Richardson called the June 16, 2020, virtual Work Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Dan Richardson
Trustees	Lani Kitching
	Marty Silverstein
	Heather Henry
	Erica Sparhawk
	Luis Yllanes
Absent	Ben Bohmfalk
Staff Present:	
Town Manager	Jay Harrington
Town Clerk	Cathy Derby
Planner	John Leybourne

MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS DEFINITION OF DISTANCING INTERPRETATION

Renee Grossman, owner of High Q retail marijuana store, attended the Zoom meeting

Renee informed the Board that the Chamber has been doing an incredible job keeping businesses informed on the County/State's regulations on COVID-19.

Renee explained that she would like to move her business to a multi-tenant building in the future and she is seeking clarification on the distance measurement from a marijuana business to a school.

The Municipal Code states that "no retail marijuana store license shall be issued for the following reason: within 500 feet of any school or day care home existing at the time of the application, excepting any day care homes located within the distance computed using a route of direct pedestrian access from the nearest property line of the land used for school or day care home purposes to the nearest portion of the building in which the retail marijuana store is proposed to be located.

John noted that when the laws were originally written most of the marijuana establishments were being located in stand alone buildings, not multi-tenant buildings. Renee gave an example that if two marijuana businesses want to move in to the same multi-tenant building, but at different ends, and the building is close to a school, the business furthest from the school would likely be allowed and the unit closer to the school would be denied a license. Renee feels that the measurement should be calculated from the closest side of the unit, not the building.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Richardson stated that he would like to see if other municipalities are adjusting their measurement definition for multi-tenant buildings. Trustee Sparhawk said she believes the definition doesn't meet the intent; she is open to changing the measurement definition. Trustee Kitching stated that she thinks the measurement is intended to measure the boundaries of the business. Trustee Silverstein stated that the measurement should be to the unit rather than the building and the business sign should be on the unit.

John will investigate if other municipalities are changing their regulations and he will return with a new proposed measurement definition in the near future.

CARES ACT

Jay stated that earlier in the evening the Board and Commissioners discussed the Town will be receiving \$592,930.77 as a result of the CARES Act. Jay explained that DOLA will release the funds and the Town may be audited in the future. Jay noted that there may be opportunities for the Town to provide support to local businesses and non-profits. Many people are concerned about what happens when the PPE expires in July – what will it look like for businesses. Jay stated that the Board and staff need to decide how to spend the money. What type of support would be most beneficial? DOLA requires the Town to project expenses through the end of the year. If we don't use the full amount the money would revert back to the County to cover their expenses.

Amy Chambers, owner of Lulubelle, was listening to the meeting on Zoom. The Board asked Amy how she would like to see the money spent. She responded that she would like the Town to market Carbondale and/or give residents "Carbondale Bucks" which can only be spent at Carbondale businesses.

Trustee Kitching, who is also a small business owner, told the Board that she is experiencing supply chain costs increasing, and she is paying a lot of money in sanitizing expenses. Also, she is losing 20-50% of business opportunities for sales due to sanitation protocols (social distancing).


ADJOURNMENT

The June 16, 2020 joint work session adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED


Dan Richardson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cathy Derby, Town Clerk

