

From: Carla Henson-Perez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:44 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Meeting 07-07-2020 Public Comment to Regular Agenda 3A. Response to Covid19

Public Comment to the City's Response to Covid19:

The City of Tracy could be doing more to help the restaurants in this town.

I have watched the news and seen what the City of Sacramento and other cities across the country (i.e. New York, LA) is doing to help restaurant and bar owners. They have blocked off streets and allowed businesses to utilize the street to set up outdoor dining spaces. I have been to downtown Pleasanton driven through downtown Livermore, on First Street and at Lincoln Center in Stockton in the past two weeks. The restaurant merchants have been able to block off parking spots in front of their businesses to create and/or expand their outside dining space. The City of Tracy needs think outside the box, be more flexible and help these businesses survive during these very difficult times, especially since we are one of the counties that is now closed to indoor operations. There are restaurants located throughout Tracy that need the flexibility to get creative and utilize sidewalks and parking spaces for make-shift dining spaces. Restaurants cannot afford to close for another 3-4 weeks or survive on takeout!

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:23 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: 7/7/20 agenda topic- Support of the proposal for one way traffic on 10 street

I would like to express my support of downtown Tracy restaurants and the proposal of “one way” traffic on 10th street between central and B to keep our restaurants open while following the “patio dining” only Covid Rules.

Without the ability to serve customers outside restaurants downtown will not survive. We must support them and continue to adapt to this environment!

All other cities surrounding Tracy have transformed their downtown to show support of the restaurants and it's time we did the same.

Regards,
Sarah Gonzalez

-----Original Message-----

From: Stephen Zendejas [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Tracy City Council Meeting 7/7 Remote Participation

I support the Tracy Equity & Empowerment Initiative drafted by Councilmember Dan Tavares Arriola and Councilmember Rhodesia Ransom. It is a step in the right direction. I urge the council to also make contract negotiations with the Tracy Police Officer's Association public and accessible to local community groups.

Sincerely,

Stephen Zendejas

From: Chrystena Rockett [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:10 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: City Council Meeting July 7, 2020

*City Council Meeting July 7, 2020 - **AGENDA ITEM 3B***

Mayor and Council:

In regards to Agenda item 3B: I'd like to express my support for this project.

First, I'd like to thank Dan Schaack and staff for their work thus far and for bringing this to council.

Second, this has been on the burner for about 20 years now. The idea of a future neighborhood retail site appealed to many homebuyers and was an incentive for families to buy in Edgewood.

This would be a benefit to not only Edgewood residents but ALL residents(current and future) in the South Tracy area. This is a Quality of Life improvement.

Last, I ask that the council approve this application and that the City put forth an effort to working with the developer/applicant in getting this project approved and moving forward.

Thank you,

Chrystena Gonzaga-Rockett
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Eleassia Davis [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:07 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Item 3B

I've lived in Tracy for 15 years and have resided in the Edgewood neighborhood for 11 of those years. I am writing to ask council to support and approve the project planned at the corner of Middlefield and Corral Hollow Road.

Original homeowners of Edgewood were sold on and promised retail. For years, many of us have waited patiently for that corner to be developed with retail that would allow us to shop closer to home. Please consider that retail and shopping options in South Tracy are severely lacking and this project would be a great start in expanding those options to residents. You all have the power to help move this project forward. It is what many of us desire and we hope that you will see fit to vote in its favor.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eleassia Davis,
Resident

From: Gerilyn Martin Featherston [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:00 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 3B

Good Evening Mayor and City Councilmember,

I have lived in Edgewood for 9 years and have always heard about the plans for retail at the corner of Corral Hollow and Middlefield. I thought it was a myth, so I am very glad to hear that we have a developer who is listening to the neighborhood about have retail. Considering the surrounding new communities are ahead of the curve, we are hoping as a community that this development will be finished quickly and efficiently and with minimum issues. This is a great community and finally deserves what it was promised in its inception, retail within walking distance and in the community it serves.

Thank you,

Gerilyn Martin Featherston

From: lol lel [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Council Meeting 07/07/2020

Please read into records.
*Agenda Item 3B - City Council Meeting 07/07/2020

Dear Council:

I support the project to build a Neighborhood Retail Shopping Center here in South Tracy. We have enough houses already. Now, we need services for all these people on the Southside of town. Please move forward with this project.

Thank you,

Pat Nadeau
Edgewood Resident

From: Phil Kyte [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:59 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Edgewood, Tracy, CA (South Tracy)

Hi,

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all staff for the hard work for supporting the neighborhood shopping at Edgewood. (South Tracy).

It is a great opportunity for growth and it is very convenient for all of us over here especially as there is nothing around at this end of Tracy.

We truly appreciate and are pleased that something is done for the good of South Tracy and nearby neighborhood.

Thank you.
Phill & Lorraine Kyte
Edgewood Residents.

From: Jennifer Speer [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Item #3B - Edgewood Neighborhood Shopping Center

Hello, my name is Jennifer Speer. My husband Fred and I have lived in the Edgewood community for 19 years. When we first purchased our home in 2000, we were told that the large lot at Middlefield and Corral Hollow was designated for retail shops. We were very happy with that, since at the time there was nothing on this side of town... no Raley's, no Red Maple Village, nothing. As we see this side of town grow up, it is a bit frustrating to see plans for other neighborhood shopping while this lot still remains empty.

We are hoping that this plan for retail in the Edgewood community moves forward. We fully support it and would love to explore options to possibly be a part of the growth by opening up our own business.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Speer
Tanya Lane - Edgewood

From: robert rockett [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:02 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: City Council Meeting 07/07/2020

PLEASE READ INTO RECORD AT TONIGHT'S MEETING

City Council Meeting July 7, 2020, Agenda item 3B

Council:

I am writing to express my support for this project. The residents of Edgewood were told that this lot would be a future retail site.

20 years into that future and it's still just an empty lot.

I would like to see the city work with the developer to get this project moving forward.

Thank you,

Robert J. Rockett, III

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Angelo Alejandro [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:55 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 3-G

Dear Tracy City Councilmembers,

First off, I would like to say that I'm excited and happy that so many community members are getting involved in local politics for the first time and paying attention to issues on a local level. It's very encouraging especially with how hard it has been for many families here in Tracy and throughout the state of California.

Now, I would like to support and commend Rhodesia's plan for making Tracy a more equitable and racially conscious community. I think having a broader conversation about what kind of reform or reallocation of police funds can fit Tracy is important in making our community more efficient and open to working towards true equality. What works for one city may not work for another and having these initiatives/proposals go a long way to achieving something unique to Tracy that lives up to the moment. I hope the members of the council look into supporting this action of good will. This will signal to our minority communities of color that the city of Tracy loudly and clearly proclaims Black Lives Matter.

Thank you and we hope you stand on the right side of history. If not, November is right around the corner.

Angelo Alejandro

From: jaime medina [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:08 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ITEM 3.G

City Council,

Item 3.G TRACY EQUITY & EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE.

The City of Tracy doesn't need POLICY PROPOSALS FOR EQUITY & JUSTICE REFORM. Doing so would be admitting our city has a problem with racism. We don't, this is appalling.

You cannot label our town racist. While systemic racism may be prevalent in other cities, this is not the case in Tracy, Ca. I am not a racist, my parents are not racists, grandparents, friends, and neighbors are not racist. So who are you referring to exactly? Are you saying Tracy's Police Department is racist? Are the schools and administrators racist? Maybe it's the ones who were born and raised here, like me. The majority of our city residents are Hispanic. Perhaps you mean they are racist. If those are your thoughts you may want to keep that to yourself.

The City of Tracy has one of the most diverse city Councils in the region, yet you have the audacity to say we have a systemic racism problem? How are you sitting in your current position if the system is racist? You govern that very system. Are you racist? Creating bigger government rarely solves problems. Conducting a study and hiring consultants costs money. Forming task forces and commissions cost time and money.

Racism is an attitude and mindset. Discrimination is the real threat, the real target. Our city is not broken. Stop trying to fix it. Stop trying to convince us we have a racism problem or [insert whatever exaggerated weekly crisis] problems so you can add to your resume. Leave our Police Officers alone, they do a damn good job and the community trusts them. By de-funding, prematurely reforming, and forcing policy upon our Officers you send a clear message you don't trust the TPD.

I admire the many individuals who rallied and marched in solidarity against police brutality and protested the murder of George Floyd. I attended one of the marches impressed by the speakers and organizers calling for change. That took courage and heart to follow through. Those young leaders would make great Police Officers or Soldiers one day. I know, I've been both.

In some instances, change is needed throughout our justice system. I just don't see the need in our city. I'd ask you to take a minute and appreciate how lucky we are not to have acts of police brutality and murder. Share that! Promote that!

I've had it! This is insulting and you should be ashamed of yourselves. The examples you cite as our "historic racism" about a dirt-bag couple who lived on the Delta before 1980 and called themselves Neo-Nazi's. Really? I'd be embarrassed by using such a desperate example. The other example is George Floyd. Everyone agrees he was horrifically murdered by Minneapolis Police Officers. What does Tracy PD have to do with it? Nothing.

You have poorly misjudged the character of the community you claim to serve. We always back up our own. We always handle our problems. We are not easily manipulated. That is the character of this town. We respect each other, our elders, and we honor our Veterans. We pride ourselves on hard work. Citizens of the City of Tracy are carved out of wood. Our origins are farming and family. Our traditions are football and fighting for those who can't fight for themselves. That is the town I come from. Why do you think the City of Tracy has the most Gold Star families per capita?

By voting in favor of the TRACY EQUITY & EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE, you are saying we have a problem with racism when we don't and never have. This is one of the reasons why I am running for council. I feel a duty and obligation to stand guard against those who would exploit our city.

If there are people who have experienced racism in Tracy, please tell someone. Report it to the TPD, tell friends and neighbors - give some examples and names. When were any of you a victim of racism? This is a strong community with deep-rooted values of personal responsibility and accountability. It doesn't matter if you've been a resident for five generations or five minutes, you're family. That is why our city is and always will be a great place to live, work, and play.

JAIME A. MEDINA

From: Tracy Wellness [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Special Meeting Agenda Item 4A

Dear City Council:

Thank you for all of your hard work on our cannabis ordinance to date. We are very happy with the amendments made and are excited to see how they will be implemented tonight. Looking through the agenda, we have come up with several questions:

1. Will the application page requirement be increased and if so to how many pages? We recommend 250-300 to insure that all requirements are met and all pertinent information is gathered for you to make a well informed decision.
2. We understand you will be reading many pages in this process and would like to aid your process by suggesting a font size of 12pt. Increasing the application pages, along with a 12 point font size will allow for a more comfortable reading process for you.
3. Regarding zoning ordinance and company name: Is the word cannabis itself approved by the city. Many cities have not approved the use of the word cannabis and prefer a more discreet name and logo. What is the city's view on this subject?
4. Micro business and retail: It is our understanding that with micro businesses, they may also apply for retail licenses. Does that mean there is the possibility for upwards of 8 retail or will you be awarding only the 4 retail in total? For example, maybe only 2 retail given to solo establishments and 2 to micro businesses? Or all 4 to retail and thus micro cannot be awarded any?
5. Of the 4 licenses for each section, is one license designated strictly for local and one for equity applicants with the other two designated for companies other than local or equity?

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Michelle Trew
A Therapeutic Alternative
Tracy Resident

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Tracy Wellness [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: follow up

Hello I have a follow up question regarding the use of cannabis word and graphics. Zoning does not allow for a cannabis graphic to be used/seen on the outside of the building. Does this include a logo used inside the building or a company logo in general?
Does it exclude use of the graphic in logo, marketing, tshirts, hats or any other items?

Michelle Trew

From: Cargile Kimberly [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Agenda Item 4. A, Special Meeting Comment

Dear City Council, Mayor and Staff,

Thank you so much for all of your time and work on this issue. I deeply appreciate the work each of you do to make Tracy a great place to live and work.

I have a few comments regarding the agenda item 4.A. for tonight's special meeting. First of all, I want to thank you for being conscious of the needs for social equity in this application process. By raising the number of points awarded for this section, you put action behind your words from previous meetings, showing your support for social equity in Tracy. People are disadvantaged for a long list of different reasons, many of which have been outlined and addressed in the Staff Report. By defining the social equity portion of the application with a variety of possibilities for applicants to receive points for this topic, you will be inclusive in your decision making. On page 17 of the Agenda, question 2. I suggest that you select, Answer a. providing a variety of options to applicants.

I also have a few questions. I did not see in the agenda a discussion on the page limit for the application. I currently understand that the limit is set at 125 pages for the entire application. We have been working on our application for a few months now and our entire application including bank statements, corporate documents and letter of recommendation is now at 250 pages. We ask that this limit be updated to 250 to 300 pages.

Next, I would like to ask about the background check and am wondering when the application for the police department will be ready?

Furthermore, I am wondering when the application fee will be announced and when will the application be released?

Thank you once again for all you do!

Blessings,
Kimberly Cargile
Tracy Cannabis & Wellness Collective

From: High Maintenance Trim CO [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 1:00 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: 4A. AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S CANNABIS BUSINESS PERMIT APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES

Good evening,

The agenda items address a few of my questions regarding the additional cultivation sub-licenses (processor and nursery) that were missing from the ordinance, thank you for the amendment.

It also clarifies that applicants can submit one application for multiple permits as long as they are all at the same location, but it does not clarify what the new max page count is since it will require more than 125 pages to adequately meet the requirements.

Can you please clarify if a decision was made on the new page count for combined applications?

Thank you

Arabella McCreary
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Karya Colondres [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: School

Hello,

I'm a parent of students in Tracy High School. As a parent I'm very disappointed how the Tracy district is handling the school process in re-opening. How is the school planning to send all the kids at the same time. We all know that keeping distance between all the kids is impossible. My daughters and I are not comfortable with this decision. The covid 19 cases are going up every day. What really doesn't make sense is my daughter is in the high school dance team and they are planning to practice inside the cafeteria with her whole team and the cheer team. There is more than 50 kids in a small closed cafeteria building. How is that 6 feet away. I as a nurse know that does not make sense that the District will permit this sedición. How are this kids going to be safe, with all this kids in one building exercising. Plus they want them to wear masks while they practice. There has been many cases of people exercising and wearing masks and have had bad outcomes. Does the city of Tracy want their healthy kids to suffer health conditions based on this decisions. I'm reaching to the Major and the City if Tracy to implement the right decisions and help the the Tracy district to understand that is not about money is about health. Please help all the parents that are concern.

Thank you.