

## **Excerpt from April 22 meeting notes:**

### **Presentation from Jeff Budd – City group: Zoning laws as they relate to businesses and Legalities of keeping businesses open in the winter**

Requested information:

- Zoning laws as they relate to businesses (business category)
- Is it legal/possible for local government to not allow shops to close in the winter – can we limit # of types of shops, i.e. jewelry/fur, etc.; What tools are available to address these issues and what has worked in other places? (visitor experience category)

Jeff talked to Wells Williams, who said it would be politically difficult and highly unlikely that zoning could dictate what type of stores go where. Zoning laws go way back – you start really getting into issue of free enterprise. But in some communities they have outlawed certain kind of stores. If this group decided to address these issues, we could make some recommendations to city.

Q: Do current regs demark where businesses are and would be for tourists

A: No - in general it's downtown business and residential

Wendy A volunteers to do more research on zoning laws and give a presentation later.

Re: is it legal to not allow shops to close in the winter?

Jeff reads from an email he has with correspondence between Wells Williams and John Stein. Jeff believes it would be hard to do but possible thru elected officials.

Someone else comments that there are other ways other than zoning that can control – e.g. historic district determination;

Someone points out that part of the question is “what tools are available?”

*So this requested information bit is not answered – the SH needs a list of the tools that are available to do such things.*

## **Excerpt from April 24 meeting notes**

**Requested information:**

- ***Zoning laws as they relate to businesses (business category)***
- ***Is it legal/possible for local government to not allow shops to close in the winter – can we limit # of types of shops, i.e. jewelry/fur, etc.; What tools are available to address these issues and what has worked in other places? (visitor experience category)***

Wells Williams thinks it would be hard to do, but not impossible.

John Stein believes it could be done through a creative plan.

Jeff did some online research and found a CA plan that included zoning to preserve character of neighborhoods, limiting to specific types of businesses.

When the topic goes to the Stakeholders for questions and approval, there are some questions about how to agree on the key points from this topic, given that Jeff has not provided a written report to the Stakeholders. The SH agree that it would be best to see a written report, so everyone sees the same thing and can comment on whether there's anything to strike from or add to the report. Another SH comments that he's not comfortable with the vague response Wells gave, and wishes to have clarification on that point. Jeff prepared a written report that he read from, he will be send it to Kayla, who will pass it on to SH for their review.

This issue is not closed, and the Stakeholders agree that this is setting a standard to have a written report in hand before the issue can be put away.

**Excerpt from June 19 meeting notes:**

On April 24, Jeff Budd presented on 4 topics:

- *What are ordinances on noise? (business category)*
- *Visitor traffic pattern studies (planning category)*
- *Zoning laws as they relate to businesses (business category)*
- *Is it legal/possible for local government to not allow shops to close in the winter – can we limit # of types of shops, i.e. jewelry/fur, etc. What tools are available to address these issues and what has worked in other places? (visitor experience category)*

When Jeff presented, he didn't provide the Stakeholders with any written information. His presentation has now been available on the website for several weeks, and printed copies of his report were brought to tonight's meeting. Matthew asks the group if they have any other questions or concerns about these topics, or if this is enough to put red dots on those topics? The Stakeholders agree to close these topics.