

Berkeley Regis United Neighbors
Virtual Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2021

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. New Business**

Yuma Way LLC Owner - Rita Tsalyuk

Possible Marijuana License Transfer of Location:
3609 W 49th Ave
Excise & Licenses Hearing - Jan 29, 2021

Company Info and Answers to Audience Questions:

- a. LLC initiated in 2016
- b. 5 Locations in CO. 1 in MI
- c. Reference Website: yumaway.com
- d. Security during the day and at night
- e. Employees (4 per store) will not park within 2 blocks of location
- f. Clients to be offered incentives to park at a distance
- g. Typical client over the age of 55
- h. Assume most clients will walk to store, not drive
- i. Seven days a week, 8 am to 10 pm the store will be OPEN
- j. During COVID – 6 ft separation between clients. Lines that form will head toward Lowell
- k. 100 to 200 clients per day is projected
- l. 2 to 3 minutes inside location assumed, based on purchase orders on their website
- m. No signage on exterior of building
- n. No minors allowed in store
- o. Will have lighting and cameras, both interior and exterior, at store
- p. Store employees must complete mandatory vendor training
- q. Approximately 100 people employed by LLC
- r. No outside invested capital in LLC
- s. LLC involved in charitable organizations

Audience Comments Regarding Possible Store Location:

- a. Part-owner of property site: Pledges to work with Tenants on Security and Safety
- b. Neighbor near site: HORRENDOUS amount of trash and bottles each day. Patrons leave establishment with alcohol in containers. Graffiti and vandalism occurs on regular basis
- c. Another neighbor close to site: Items stolen from cars regularly. Security cameras appreciated if utilized by Police Dept.
- d. Yet another neighbor near store: 100 to 200 additional patrons per day will increase trash, traffic and noise.
- e. Company stated a petition has been circulated in area. Perhaps 100 signatures in support of location. Several neighbors stated they had not been contacted.
- f. Lowell Blvd Bike Lanes to be reviewed and revisited by Denver City Council. These would impact the area around the store location. BRUN President pledges to investigate this with City Council.

3. Open Microphone Topics

- i. Tennyson Street has seen an increase in crime.
- ii. Officer Cooper was on call – briefly, due to previous commitment.
- iii. Car thefts and vandalism rising sharply.
- iv. BRUN President pledges to discuss with City Council and Police Dept.

4. Annual BRUN Meeting Date

- i. **MAY 4**
- ii. Email to be sent to Board by Secretary for a Recorded Vote on Acceptance of Date

5. Bylaw Review

- i. Committee Chair emailed Board on 12/15 with possible revisions to Bylaws.
- ii. Board to review the INC anti-racism statement and vote on including in the Bylaws.
- iii. BRUN is anti-racist and against all forms of racism. Accordingly, all actions considered by, taken by, or supported by BRUN shall be clearly shown to have the effect of eliminating racism and racially disparate impacts.
- iv. Board Secretary will distribute email for a recorded vote on statement.
- v. Board should review Bylaw reforms to discuss at next Board meeting on Feb 16

6. Sustainability

- i. Denver Committee reviewing applications for Council on Sustainability and Climate Change
- ii. New businesses should be encouraged to prioritize the use of high efficiency appliances and lighting, as well as composting and recycling

7. Regis University Alliance

- i. Electronic Newsletter for Regis University named Front Door.
- ii. Can sign up to receive on Regis University's website. Will see various events on campus

8. Zoning and Planning

- i. Outreach for Rezoning Cases:
3540 Winona St
4735 Quitman St
- ii. Notification packages to be sent to neighbors within 200 feet of property for feedback
- iii. Group Living (GL) Amendment Letter being drafted
- iv. GL Survey had 182 respondents. Results are being collated for letter to City Council.
- v. City Council to vote on Feb 8.
- vi. Two significant changes to GL Amendment: 5 unrelated adults will be allowed, along with any number of related adults in a household.
- vii. Congregate Living Facilities not applicable to BRUN area.
- viii. Letter from Zoning Committee will be forwarded to Board for a vote
Support/No Support on GL Amendment based on Survey results.
- ix. District Overlay will be sent to Denver Planning Board on Feb 3.
Letter of SUPPORT from BRUN Board must be sent to Denver by Monday 1/25
BRUN Zoning will distribute letter to Board and City

9. Communications

- i. BRUN Newsletter to be distributed on Feb 1
- ii. Articles to be submitted to Chair must be in by Jan 23

10. Conclusion

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, February 16, 2021 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Board Member Attendees (11)

J. April
M. Chervený
S. Danenhauer
S. Ford
B. Killam
E. Madden
L. Meyer
K. Scott
J. Stine
T. Tecza
S. Teitelbaum

Plus 23 Guests