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Hi Brian,

In all honesty, the proper process for challenging the tax assessment is not the Planning Commission. We scheduled the project for the planning commission because we believe that without the taxes being paid, the project could not be approved and we were therefore asking for them to deny the application. We believe that the regulations regarding the tax assessment is clear and that we have no authority to deviate from it. This has been the subject of some legal action already that is still unresolved. That said, if you pay the taxes, we will work with you to bring the application forward for approval and you will have a chance to argue the tax issue to the Planning Commission if you desire.

Meghan's original suggestion to you of paying the taxes, having the interim permit extended and then working to finish the application is an appropriate one because it will enable you to begin cultivating asap. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. The Planning Department is not trying to be unfair regarding taxation, we are simply trying to apply the regulations as accurately as we can. Our interest really is in getting you permitted and successful.

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