

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION #1

For Planning Commission Agenda of: May 2, 2019

- Consent Agenda Item
- Continued Hearing Item
- Public Hearing Item G-1
- Department Report
- Old Business

Re: **High Times Productions & Mateel Community Center, Inc.**
 Reggae on the River 2019 - 2022 Concert Events
 Conditional Use Permit & Special Permit Modification and Review of 2018 post-
 event Annual Report
 Application Number PLN-2019-15401
 Assessor's Parcel Number(s): (APN's) 033-271-005, 033-271-007-000
 Cooks Valley area

Attached for the Planning Commission's record and review is (are) the following supplementary information item(s):

- Letter from Holly Hall

May 1, 2019

To whom it may concern,

I am writing with general questions concerning the High Times/Reggae on the River permit modification request before the planning commission, especially the addition of a section of vending that would be limited access to 21+ for cannabis sales and consumption.

The operations plan proposes reducing the food vendors within the all-access area (the bowl), and potentially adding food vendors in the limited access area (though not clarifying if that will be the case, nor the infrastructure that would be needed to do so). The hours of operation for the cannabis space are inconsistent from the diagram, which will be submitted to the BCC for event approval, and the operations plans.

The proposed number of vending booth within the cannabis sales and consumption area greatly outweighing the previous and currently proposed vending spaces at ROTR. Will the infrastructure and the economics of the event support our local businesses who vend and the event-goers experience?

Given the economic impact of this event traditionally, prioritizing local vendors within the cannabis space could be an opportunity to highlight our area. Not doing so would be a missed opportunity at a minimum and has potential to damage the reputation of this, the proposed first licensed cannabis event in Humboldt county, and Reggae on the River.

The High Times company is well versed in selling booth space, less so, in my experience, in supporting the success of their vendors. I have general concerns about their infrastructure and support ability beyond the sale of the booth space, as well as the general change of the event from Reggae on the River as a family event to High Times as a cannabis event with traditional disregard to family values.

Specifically speaking of infrastructure, the diagram shows the storage space for the retailers and distributors who will be vending. The storage space, given the time of year especially, is not sized to the number of proposed vendors, though it is unclear how many of the booths within the cannabis space will be selling cannabis. It is the responsibility of the event coordinator to ensure there is adequate storage and security for the sales and consumption area. If this proposed diagram is to be edited up to 5 days prior to the event, will their permit modification be impacted; how so?

Will the displacement of the camping that the new vending space occupies be replaced, and how will that impact ecological footprint of the event as well as the community impact the weekend of the event?

Could this modification be conditioned with less spaces to be approved, and allow for a trial of this type of event within an event? Can the commission ask for local businesses to be prioritized, and if not, will High Times commit to that independently?

Thank you for considering these questions,

Holly Carter