



Okanogan County Hearings Examiner Meeting Minutes

1 A regular session of the Okanogan County Hearings Examiner was held on **March 23, 2023** at
2 10:00 a.m. the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 123 5th Avenue North, Okanogan, Washington.

3 **OKANOGAN COUNTY STAFF:** Hearings Examiner Dan Beardslee, Planner II Pam Wylson,
4 Planner I Liz Serrao, Pete Palmer in audience

5 **APPELLANT/APPLICANTS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES:**

6 **Others in Attendance: Thomas & Florence Pruitt, Anita Fisk, Jason Goodfellow**

7 **New Business:** Mr. Beardslee opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. and explained the
8 process of the Hearings Examiner meeting.

9 **Public Hearing:**

10 ➤ **Jaquish Rd Cannabis CUP 2023-1**

11 Dan Beardslee opens with his opening statement, applicant is not present until 10:03
12 am. After the opening statement Dan swears Planner II Pam Wylson under oath.
13 Pam reads her staff report

14 pam reads her staff report explaining the proposed project, applicant Austin Smith

15 dan question #1- zone question and pam stated that he was looking at the old zone
16 code and she had included the new zone code

17 his decision is to mandate the zone code and the comprehensive plan.

18 Dan swears in Pete Palmer

19 Question pertaining if this development would be a permitted use with the
20 comprehensive plan

21 Dan swears applicatn austin smith under oath

22 Fencing off the cannabis farm seeding and planting and selling wholesale, and it
23 means a lot to him for the county to allow the cannabis grow,

24 Wholesale no produce to retail. Sell 5 pounds bag

25 Public Hearing starts at 10:13am

26 Thomas pruit rep local residence dan sweras under oath. Preserving the land and the
27 residence. Quality of the neighborhood, migration from cities to more rural areas.
28 Review the video. Inappropriate location for a cannabis operation. Discourging to
29 current property owner and deminish the value of there homes and property.
30 Discourage new residence to the area. Lack of maintance, don't want to be put a
31 situation to do quality control.. they ask to deny the application the operation needs to
32 go somewhere else. Cannabis does not contribute to society and its not good for our
33 society.

34 Jason Goodfellow- dan swears him under oath. Lives two property down from the grow
35 operation. 100,000 remodel into his house he moved in 6years ago. He will move out of
36 the area if they approve this grow. Professionals are gong to move away. The smell of
37 the operation 5 miles awasy north from green acres. Look at the previous operation and
38 see what it looks like and what it does to the community. Lack of planning,
39 enchroaching into community where there is familys. Allowing the grow getting closer
40 and closer to the community. Strongly disagree michael coffey. Water by the breau of
41 water. Irrigation (OTA).. dan beardslee has a discussion on the water regulation.

42 Amida Frisk -dan swears under oath , submitted letter and husband greg submit a letter
43 to the commision. The hae a vested intrest they live next to the property they have put
44 80,000 in there home back in 2019 and plan to retire there. The property itself is narrow
45 for such a farm there are houses arounf the grow property. 2005 been in okanogan,
46 refer to video. Family friendly neighborhood. Farms from okanogan to brewsters sorry
47 for those residence and the county is alloing it. Why do the county allow this . than
48 makes the community suffer. A lot of the farms are unkept and not maintained. Deny
49 this applciation.

50 Adoption ordiance

51 No appeal for the MDNS

52 Appeal dans decision please go back and listen to the audio threshold determination

53 Pete palmer explains the history of the cannabis operation. Refer to the av capture

54 Water is the feder

55 Additional comment from thomas pruit. The residence suffer .economic business benefit
56 not the residence. Refer to av capture. Policy decision the hearing examiner does not
57 make policy decision. There's nothing he can do about policy.

58 Public testimony closes at 10:53 am

59 Dan asked the applicant if he reviews the MDNS and take a look at the conditions.

60 Water- federal comes local water, DOE allow to put in an acre with 3,000 gal a day out
61 of the well. Addition to water souce.

62 Property values increases since the farms because of the agriculture. Economic impact
63 is pretty clear. States all the local business will benefit. Metal fence with wooden pose
64 solid color on the outside, best intrest in the county should support the benefits of the
65 grow operation that it has to offer .

66 Nothing further from staff

67 Decision in 10 working days or less goes to pam and then

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72 **Hearing Examiner closed the meeting: 10:59am**

73 Liz Serrao
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75 Okanogan County Planning
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