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MEMORANDUM

DATE: Thursday, October 27, 2022
TO: Trinity County Planning Commission
FROM: Skylar Fisher, Associate Planner *SF*
SUBJECT: Item 3 – Appeal of the Director’s Decision (P-22-22)

Please find the attached comments submitted as of October 27, 2022.

Deborah Rogge

From: info.cannabis
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 8:11 AM
To: Skylar Fisher; Deborah Rogge
Subject: FW: Response to Appeals of CCL#2022-262

From: Heather DeCotes
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 7:58 AM
To: info.cannabis <info.cannabis@trinitycounty.org>
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October 25, 2022

RE: APPEAL OF CCL#2022-262

We are writing to support the Planning & Cannabis Department's decision to renew CCL#2022-262 cultivation license for DeAndre Johnson at 30 Ward Placer Place. There have been two appeals filed, by Vincent Sharp and Asia Collins, that we would like to discuss.

We (the O'Connell's) have lived in the Ward Placer neighborhood since 2017, at the same time that Johnson purchased his property at 30 Ward Placer Place. The O'Connell and Johnson households make up 2 of the 8 residences in the Ward Placer Place neighborhood that Vincent Sharp references in his reason for appeal. We (the O'Connell's) are the only household that has lived here since before the start of Johnson's legal cannabis business; all other properties were purchased and moved into by persons who willingly and knowingly made a decision to move into a neighborhood with an operating licensed cannabis business.

When we moved into the neighborhood in 2017, the road was very much in the same condition that it is now. The roads are poorly maintained and storm water events can cause major erosion. We have seen many subcontractors traveling the shared roads, especially in the last two years,

when Bill Sharp was building his new home adjacent from Johnson's property. Most of the subcontractors we have seen have been traveling to and from the Sharp's property. We have not observed damage to the road from any of the subcontractors visiting either of the properties. It seems unfair to accuse Johnson's business of causing damage to the road, and inconsistent with our observations over the past 6 years.

Sharp's claim that Ward Placer Place does not currently have a commercial business operating would be an unclear description of the history and nature of the neighborhood, since 30 Ward Placer Place has been a legally operating cultivation for years, and years before the Sharp's knowingly purchased a neighboring parcel. As the longest standing residents in this neighborhood, we can attest that the existence and operation of Johnson's licensed grow has not had a negative impact on the quality of life for our family. We have found Johnson and any of the subcontractors he has hired to be friendly, quiet, and respectful. Johnson is a good neighbor.

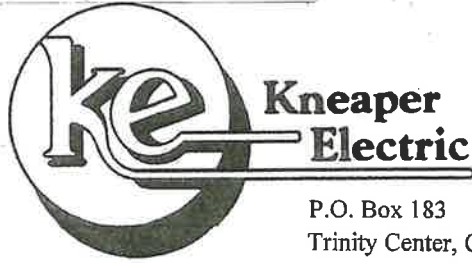
At the time when Sharp collected time stamped photographs, the State of California had put out a notice that they did not recognize or agree with the current decisions of Trinity County, and therefore, many cannabis operators were still considered licensed and legal as recognized by the State of California. This year has been a complicated and very challenging time for Trinity County cannabis businesses, we do not think it is fair to accuse Johnson of "running his commercial business without any regard to the local codes and regulations" during this uniquely complicated moment in time. Having known Johnson as a close neighbor for 6 years, we do not feel as though he "runs his commercial business without any regard to the people around him".

We have lived in this neighborhood since 2017, and have known all of our neighbors. We have not yet met or heard of anyone by the name of Asia Collins living here. Based on her reason for appeal, where she states that she "does not want a cannabis grow, legal or illegally, within 300 feet of her property", we can deduce that she must live at a home that was sold and purchased in 2022, making her the newest resident in our neighborhood. We are confused as to why Collins would knowingly purchase a home within 300 feet of a long-standing commercial cannabis grow if it was of such concern to her. The claim that Johnson has "grown illegal for a long time" is untrue and vague, as he has historically had a licensed grow at this location. Additionally, the comment that Ward Placer Place has "nothing but residential homes" is inaccurate due to the existence of Johnson's agricultural business, which has been in legal operation for years before Collins chose to move to the neighborhood.

We continue to support the Planning Director's decision to issue a license to DeAndre Johnson at 30 Ward Placer Place. Please feel free to contact us if there is any need.

Sincerely,

Heather and Patrick O'Connell



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October 25, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

Regarding the appeal of the cannabis cultivation project located at 311 Ward Placer Place, CCL-262, we would like to show our support of the planning departments decision to approve this cultivation license.

Our company was hired by D'Andre to finish up a construction project on his site. D'Andre and his team were nothing but professional and courteous while we were on site. The site was clean and well maintained. He sets an example of what a cultivation site should be. It would be a shame if the license was denied and Mr. Caldwell-Johnson was to move his business from our community.

Please stand by the planning department decision to approve this license.

Best Regards,

Mark Kneaper
Owner
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Skylar Fisher

From: chriss williams
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2022 1:42 PM
To: Bear Banonis; Skylar Fisher
Subject: Re: TCPC Appeal of CCL-262/True North Farms

Planning Commissioners,

My name is Chriss Williams and I am a resident of Weaverville. I am writing to you in support of the Trinity County Cannabis Division's decision to approve the license for CCL-262/True North Farms/D'Andre Caldwell-Johnson.

The burden of a commercial cannabis grower in Trinity County is far greater than that of a private homeowner. This site is in compliance with the Trinity County Cannabis Ordinance, Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR), CDTFA, California Department of Fish & Wildlife, State Water Board and the Division of Cannabis Control. This is all public record and honestly, what more could you want from a neighbor or a local small business owner?

Additionally, Mr. Caldwell-Johnson has proved to be an exemplary member of our community. True North Farms is a member of the Weaverville Chamber of Commerce and also sponsored a community Christmas Toy Drive in 2021.

This appeal is baseless and comes in the wake of what can only be described as harassment from his neighbors--- Commissioner Sharp and family.

I urge you to deny this appeal and let Mr. Caldwell-Johnson resume the operation of his local business.

Thank you for your time,

Chriss Williams