










There are currently three Medicinal Cannabis Clubs located on Divisadero – (Divis and Grove, the Purple Heart, and Divis at Hayes, Happy Days {this one has since been closed}). In preparing for the May 19th NOPNA General Meeting at Café Neon at 7pm, we would like to survey the neighborhood to get a sense of where our neighbors stand on this issue. As recently covered in the press, there is a citywide effort to investigate the regulation of these clubs. NOPNA will be getting very involved in the future to determine our collective voice in the matter.

1. How much do you know about the "Cannabis Clubs" on Divisadero Street?	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
I am very Informed 	13	16%
I am moderately informed 	47	59%
I was not aware there were clubs on Divisadero 	20	25%
<b>Total</b>	80	100%

2. What are your views regarding legalized marijuana?	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
a. I'm opposed to legalized marijuana for any use 	8	10%
b. I'm in favor of legalized marijuana for health purposes only. 	30	38%
c. I'm in favor of legalized marijuana for any use 	40	51%
No opinion	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	79	100%

3. What kind of impact do you think the presence of "Cannabis Clubs" have on the North Panhandle neighborhood?	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Very Bad 	17	21%
Bad 	24	30%
No Impact 	21	26%
Minor improvement	2	3%
Major improvement	2	3%

Don't know	14	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### 4. If you think that the clubs are bad for the neighborhood, please explain why:

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- 1 In their current unregulated state they're an embarrassment to SF. It's unbelievable how this City could allow and foster such a practice without further penning guidelines and restrictions. Just another example of short-sighted politics.
- 2 We have rampant drug use that we are trying to combat, and now we say sure go ahead set up shop. We required Waziema to wait 3 years to sell a legal substance, we ban chain stores, but we allow drug pushers to set up with no community comment/input.
- 3 draws in people outside the area and a local hangout. We want to improve the area
- 4 One of the clubs appears to be a reputable organization, while the others are open late, foster loitering, and do not appear to operate as legitimate health clinics. In addition, we have at least three in a 3-block radius. I suspect one, regulated and community friendly site would suffice.
- 5 Bringing drugs into the neighborhood is BAD, especially if marijuana is legalized for health purposes only. People who do not have health reasons for the drug will try to get the drug. Why not use the a pharmacy, such as the one at Albertsons or the Walgreens on Divis.
- 6 Increased loitering, vandalism, and other criminal activity.
- 7 I cannot point to any particular negative impact on Divisadero. In general though the currently unregulated nature of clubs and distribution has made it too easy for people who don't really need the medicine to get it and later distribute it, mocking the marijuana as medicine movement. Bottom line is that only full decriminalization on a federal level will end any negative impacts of marijuana use, which right now only comes from the War on Drugs, not the use of the drug itself.
- 8 These "clubs" seem to have sprouted in locations that where drug dealing is prominent. They would be better legitimized if they were in locations nearer to pharmacies and bonafide medical establishments.
- 9 until cannabais is legal it will draw the wrong crowd, it is no secret that not all getting it really have a doctors perscription
- 10 I am concerned about lax enforcement of the medicinal marijuana laws. If current drug-criminals think they can access marijuana without the hassle of law enforcement, San Francisco will become a Mecca for marijuana purchasers. Certainly doctors have shown themselves to be easily swayed by the undeserving solicitors of handicapped stickers. Medicinal marijuana may well encourage the same problems. I am also concerned about where the "medicine" is used, whether on premises or at home.
- 11 I don't think the street needs to become Amsterdero or something. The clubs arent licensed, most dont even have a business license. They do not account for any of the related crime nearby. I don't think we need them. They have no positive benefits
- 12 i think the clubs attract a bad element that congegrates.
- 13 They are unregulated and unsupervised. I here young people on Haight invititing others to "parties" there.
- 14 attracts low life criminal dirtbags
- 15 Cannabis Clubs I'm assuming are misused, until marijuana is legalized medical marijuana should be dispensed with a doctor's prescription like any otjher medication from a pharmacy environment.
- 16 Illegal selling and use leads to robbery etc.
- 17 I would say they are a minor detriment, but only because law enforcment does not have experience with them. In the long run they should be no worse than the Walgreens which regularly hands out controlled substances.
- 18 I think that they way the smoke shop club was run and by whom it was run was a problem. I think one dispensiary in the area would be sufficient and support Mirkarimi's reforms of the system as I understand them.
- 19 If regulated properly, I don't think that the clubs would have too poorly of an impact on the neighborhood.
- 20 I think they are selling to people that do not need medical pot and I also think it supports crime in the hood.
- 21 Since they aren't regulated and there's no way to tell if people are legitamately using the marijuana for medical purposes, they could attract criminal activity.
- 22 The neighborhood has a marginal reputation with regard to illegal drug use. Having several "legal" outlets in the area may encourage more illegal activity.
- 23 Perception of lowerclass neighborhood. Reducing the value of the neighborhood for those wanting to move here.








- 24 From what I've seen, they bring an element of danger to the streetscape. Maybe this is a misperception, but in the neighborhood, perception is important.
- 25 There has been a large number of "bad" things going on outside and around one particular cannabis club that has been known to sell to without verifying medical use. It seems to have trickled into the rest of the neighborhood.
- 26 the fact that they are not currently regulated makes me question how they self-regulate
- 27 they're bad at this point due to unregulation. if there were a limit on the number per neighborhood (as with liquor licenses), we'd be better off.
- 28 loitering
- 29 Hayes/Grove @ Divis is already, and constantly, frequented by known troublemakers. Unbelievable location! For 2 clubs! Beyond all reason.
- 30 There is no regulation of this activity and these clubs are not required to ask for proof of medicinal use. These clubs bring people into the neighborhood whose aim is to buy pot for recreational use. I question why SF needs so many of these pot clubs and why legitimate medicinal users can't get what they need from a licensed pharmacy or hospital. There is no reason that these clubs shouldn't be regulated. Likewise, there is no reason that those of us who live on Divisadero should have to bear the brunt of the impact these clubs have on the neighborhood.
- 31 Drug dealers move in; drug abusers move in; crime goes up because drug addicts are moving in; the street becomes viewed as unsafe and a circus (it has already become such); people stay off the street; established businesses suffer from loss of clientele; local economy does down; housing prices fall; people move out; and the neighborhood slides back to what it was.
- 32 Could be drawing more drug dealers nearby. But, just as a note, the 'kids' were hanging out on the corner of Divis and Hayes WAY before the cannabis club showed up.
- 33 extra pot/sales production - extra \$\$ on the streets in the wrong hands.
- 34 If pot is medicine, it should be handled via medical community - hospitals, doctors, pharmacies. Pot clubs do not provide enough in the way of safeguards for users regarding what they are getting. Loitering, impact on street drug market is negative. Negative impact on minors. Police have little in the way of tools to protect safety on the streets by enforcing no driving under the influence.
- 35 The current oversight of "cannabis clubs" is almost non-existent. The reality is that the "clubs" are being used for non-medicinal reasons. They are attracting people who are abusing the legalization of these clubs.
- 36 I haven't seen any evidence of that yet but if they start attracting people who hang around to buy off of clients, that is not good
- 37 Medicinal marijuana is necessary, however the city has done a piss-poor job regulating the clubs. There are no discernable standards and we all know full-well that recreational marijuana users and dealers hide behind the banner of medical marijuana. Once we legalize it, it can be regulated, labor standards imposed, quality standards imposed, health risks disseminated, etc.
- 38 If I wanted to live on the Haight I'd live on the Haight. Why does Wazema have to wait years for a license, and these "clubs" rent a store front and start selling pot until midnight and beyond?
- 39 Simple, it brings in wanted and people with known issues.
- 40 I believe the clubs bring crime to the neighborhood and promote drug dealing which is already an issue.
- 41 May draw people to hang out around club in order to buy illegally



## 5. If you think that the clubs are an improvement for the neighborhood, please explain why

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- 1 I wouldn't necessarily call them an "improvement" when regulated. I would categorize the CCs the same as the mental housing buildings for the mentally ill and who live among us in our neighborhoods. They fill a need but I would not dilute our expectations with saying they will "improve" our neighborhoods. Just to operate silently and without incident should be the expected.
- 2 I think you should try to keep the language of the survey consistent and this question is not.
- 3 My block has seemed quieter (1300 Grove) since the clubs have opened. I can only attribute it to the increased security the clubs provide such as body guards by their doors, and more patrolling by the SFPD.
- 4 That's funny.
- 5 You need a third box, for those who do not think the clubs improve or harm the neighborhood. The crime in our neighborhood is not club related. With appropriate controls, the club provides a valuable service to many.
- 6 nope.

- 7 you've got to be fucking kidding me....
- 8 Good resource. Adds to the variety of services.

6. What regulations should be imposed on " Clubs"? (choose all that apply)	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
impose age limits 	56	72%
limit the number of clubs that are allowed in a certain radius 	64	82%
increase fines on clubs in illegal drug activity is found in a certain radius of their premises 	47	60%
limit daily amounts that can be sold to a customer 	55	71%
hours of operation 	67	86%
visual/signage controls 	47	60%
<a href="#">VIEW</a> Other, Please Specify  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>employees &amp; owners cannot police records</li> <li>2 No loitering in or around the club</li> <li>3 armed gaurd and video camerias</li> <li>4 Big fines on resellers selling w/i radius of club</li> <li>5 Dispensing of drugs should be at pharmacies</li> <li>6 Permits required to open, like pharmacy/liquor lic</li> <li>7 Medical staff from hospital/stop lounge function</li> <li>8 none, other than product quality and purity standa</li> <li>9 one violation and club is closed</li> <li>10 no clubs find an alternative pharmacy system</li> <li>11 Perhaps only allow on-premises cosumption</li> <li>12 have medical prescription required</li> <li>13 you need to show a prescription</li> <li>14 Keep area cleaned up. Well-lit. No loitering.</li> <li>15 Clubs should be more covert altogether.</li> <li>16 track incidence of increased illegal activity</li> <li>17 no onsite doctors.minimum requirements for rec</li> <li>18 verify customers have medical needs</li> <li>19 Permits/Licensing process; just like alcohol</li> <li>20 Require a prescription or government issued id</li> <li>21 No pot clubs within 1 mile of schools or public sv</li> <li>22 Need quality control by drug/ food authorities</li> <li>23 enforce medical card requirements</li> <li>24 better regulate medical prescriptions</li> <li>25 Free samples</li> <li>26 stricter requirements for qualifying for drugs</li> </ul>	26	33%

7. If the Board of Supervisors regulates the "Cannabis Clubs" appropriately, would you feel okay with any Clubs in your neighborhood?	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Yes 	54	70%
No 	23	30%
<b>Total</b>	77	100%
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- 1 I'm a little skeptical considering the City is already trying to close a gaping budget deficit, so where's the money coming from to police and monitor the clubs?
- 2 we have enough drugs in the neighborhood without inviting additional pushers to set up shop
- 3 we already have too many
- 4 Possibly, but it would require strict regulation and more importantly, enforcement.
- 5 To a certain degree, yes. The question would be how they could appropriately regulate them.
- 6 The Board of Supervisors is a joke. I don't trust them to regulate anything properly.
- 7 Lot of ground covered by "appropriately."
- 8 stupid pointed question. only allows negative feedback. NO REGULATIONS PERIOD SPEND THE TIME WORKING TO MAKE THIS MEDICINE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO
- 9 Security issues would need to be addressed.
- 10 still will attract lowlife dirtbag street scum like on Haight Street
- 11 With the proper regulation they can be no worse than a Walgreens. Their primary problem now is their noteriety and dumb teenagers bugging people to score for them. (Sounds a lot like alcohol, no?)
- 12 Again. We should not have more than one club on Divis, which is really the only logical location in our neighborhood.
- 13 I don't believe the city can regulate appropriately
- 14 I am not into any kind of drugs, but they do not bother me. I don't buy it and they don't try to sell it to me.
- 15 B of S interested in revenue--why not have this money go straight back into the community, if we can't get rid of them?
- 16 I would prefer that they not be in the neighborhood.
- 17 additional limits needed on recommendations.idea, list of approved illnesses/sypmtoms for rec.if you don't have an approved illness, or can't show certain symptoms, no recommendation
- 18 club - singular... there's no need for more than one per neighborhood or specified radius.
- 19 Our neighborhod is already home to numbers of petty criminals and addicts; they will absolutely abuse any club dispensing drugs.
- 20 The Board of Supervisors cannot effectively regulate this activity. They cannot even focus on the mundane city activities that they were elected to oversee.
- 21 Depending upon how hard they regulate them
- 22 Unfortunately, the Board of Supervisors has not shown the ability to handle issues of this nature appropriately. I would want to see how they regulate clubs in other neighborhoods first.
- 23 how would they regulate?
- 24 The neighborhood derives no benefits from the clients of these clubs.
- 25 Allowing clubs in the neighborhood is inconsistent with the promotion of children in SF and families.
- 26 To the degree we have the same percentage of clubs in our neighborhood as Pacific Heights, Marina the Richmond etc

**8. What additional information would you find useful in considering this issue?**



18 Responses

Who to contact to get them blocked from my neighborhood

- 2 What the regulations were and how it was being policed.
- 3 Relative density of marijuana clubs by neighborhood. Marijuana clubs should be conditional use buildings and subject to those rules regarding neighborhood density.
- 4 Crime statistics, how many have business licenses, who their suppliers are, how much taxes they pay on their product, what quality and health controls there are on the product, etc.
- 5 what programs they provide - accupunture etc what specialists in pain management are available.
- 6 What do the police say about it???
- 7 I definiitly think that the clubs have an impact on the neighborhood but I'm not sure how bad it really is. It's really no different than having several bars in the neighborhood except that marijuana is not as socially accepted. I definitely don't feel that the clubs in the neighborhood look as if they are distributing marijuana for healthcare purposes. I guess what I'm saying is that if it's legal only for healthcare purposes than the feel of the establishments should reflect that. If the medical marijuana law is just a front for recreational smoking (and the neighborhood is ok with that) then the neighborhood needs to ask if it would allow more bars in the neighborhood.
- 8 How are the clubs regulated now? How much can be purchased by individuals and how often?
- 9 Background checks of individuals who open these clubs.
- 10 Relationship of illegal activity to legal activity. Is there an increased level of illegal activity in the vicinity of the legal locations?
- 11 while unrestricted usage and access may develop a backlash from the federal government, we should take a stand as a community to promote personal autonomy.
- 12 why is it called a CLUB? is it for medical purposes or just to have fun
- 13 What is being done to prevent this drug from getting into the hands of people who have no "legitimate" reason for using it?
- 14 Research on it's actual impact on neighborhoods, not just theorizing that it draws drug users/ dealers.
- 15 see #10
- 16 I would not feel safe buying bottled water in any of the current clubs in my neighborhood.
- 17 how have other cities managed the situation? what can we learn from them?
- 18 Ways to shut them down.