

Louisville Sustainability Advisory Board

Agenda

Wednesday, May 15th, 2013
City Hall, 749 Main Street, Spruce Room
6:30-8:00pm

Chair: Cullen Choi

Secretary: Claudia Lenz

6:30-6:40pm:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Current-Meeting's Agenda
- IV. Approval of April 17th Meeting Minutes
- V. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

6:40-7:10pm:

- VI. Review of Draft White Paper: Urban Agriculture Backyard Chickens (Mary Ann);

7:10-7:50pm:

- VII. Update on Urban Gardens (Mary Ann);
- VIII. Update of Building-Code Board meeting & their ICC discussion (Andy);
- IX. Proposals for promoting energy conservation (Jim).

7:50-8:00pm:

- X. Items for next meeting (scheduled for June 19th)
- XI. Adjourn

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Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, April 17th, 2013

City Hall, 749 Main Street, Spruce Room

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Jim, Chair. Mary Ann served as Secretary (swapping with Cullen for Secretary in August).

II. Roll Call: Members present (*in bold*): Cullen Choi, **Mary Ann Heaney**, Andy Johnson, **Claudia Lenz**, **Jim Bradford**, **Mark Persichetti**, Ted Sontrop; Staff Liaison **Dave Szabados**; City-Council Liaison **Emily Jasiack**

III. Approval of Current-Meeting's Agenda: The agenda was approved with no changes.

IV. Approval of February Meeting Minutes: The minutes were approved with no changes.

V. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda:

The following members of the public attended to participate in the conversation on urban chickens: Debbie Fahey, Meg Sandoval, Sarah Paz Hyse, Natalie Olsen, Steve Domenico, and Lynn Yancey.

Lynn Yancy represented the Boulder County Sustainability office. She mentioned the Boulder County matching grants available for energy. Dave said he was planning on presenting two or three of the grant options to the City and asking which they would like to pursue, if any.

VI. Urban Chickens - (Mark, Mary Ann)

Mark read a summary of local regulations that Andy had developed. (Attached)

Mary Ann provided some background on the chicken issue. A white paper for all aspects of urban agriculture was determined to be too comprehensive for Council to work on in 2013. They decided to only address urban chickens this year and asked LSAB to develop a white paper on that topic. Mary Ann is working with Troy Russ in the Planning Department in developing the paper.

Mark asked the members of the public if they had raised chickens before. Meg stated that she had raised hens previously with no problems except the dog next door.

Dave asked guests how they felt about slaughter - most agreed that outside slaughter should be prohibited.

Mary Ann suggested that we work with the humane society and publicize it as a source for obtaining chickens.

Meg asked how to place the chicken issue on a ballot this fall. Emily instructed her to check with the City's clerk.

Discussed was how to address owners who lose interest in raising chickens. The consensus was that it was a non-issue. People would handle chickens the same as they do cats and dogs - perhaps donate to the humane society, place ads on Craig's list, or list them on the Boulder free list.

Also discussed were other issues that may be of concern; noise, routine inspections by the city, financial impact on the city, coops' distance from property line, coops on rental property, coyotes, and disposal of chicken poop in Western Disposal bins.

Debbie suggested providing as much information as possible from other municipalities regarding issues/problems. She advocated being prepared to state how other cities handle those issues.

Mary Ann summarized the plan forward: a draft paper will be developed and send to LSAB for review and comment. She will also forward the draft to Troy and to the public attending tonight for review and comment. Emily and Dave will work with Malcolm to get the issue scheduled for a Council study session.

Sarah said that she knew many people who were interested in chickens. She can obtain comments from them and pass on to LSAB for incorporation in draft recommendation.

Emily suggested that Mary Ann ask Troy Russ about the coyote problem in Louisville and how it is being handled.

Dave said to offer best practices to the Council in the white paper.

VII. Report on Building Code Board of Appeals status (Andy)
Deferred to next month due to Andy's absence.

VIII. Update on Urban Gardens (Mary Ann)

Mary Ann summarized the project's status; she has begun putting together a package for the Council that includes a description of the management structure, a timeline of the garden's development, and the city's involvement.

The location was discussed as well as aspects such as parking, noise, and access. Andy had previously offered to provide a sketch of the design for the Council package.

Mary Ann asked what the Council might be concerned with/require information on. Differences between this garden and the one at Harney Lastoka, and whether or not a non-profit status would be required were suggested as concerns.

Emily suggested contacting Louisville Middle School to see if they would be interested in helping with construction.

Emily volunteered to discuss the topic with Council members prior to the study session.

IX. City Energy Report (Dave)

Dave reviewed the energy usage for 2012 for the city: usage, cost, solar production/value, fleet fuel, carbon footprint, energy projects, and 2013 projects.

X. Promoting Energy Conservation (Jim)

Topic deferred to next month.

XI. Items for next meeting (scheduled for May 15)

1. Promoting Energy Conservation (Jim)
2. Urban gardens (Mary Ann)
3. Urban chicken white paper (Mary Ann)
4. Building code (Andy)

XII. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

2013 Schedule, Deadlines, Assignments

Please note due dates for sending documents to Kerry.

Circulate Draft Agenda to board for review and comment	Send final Agenda, previous Minutes to Kerry Holle	Meeting Date	Chair	Secretary
January 4	January 8	January 16	Andy	Mary Ann
February 8	February 12	February 20	Mary Ann	Mark
March 8	March 12	March 20	Mark	Ted Jim
April 5	April 9	April 17	Ted Jim	Cullen Mary Ann
May 3	May 7	May 15	Cullen	Claudia
June 7	June 11	June 19	Claudia	Jim Ted
July 5	July 9	July 17	Jim Ted	Andy
August 9	August 13	August 21	Andy	Mary Ann Cullen
September 6	September 10	September 18	Mary Ann	Mark
October 4	October 8	October 16	Mark	Ted
November 8	November 12	November 20	Ted	Cullen
December 6	December 10	December 18	Cullen	Claudia

*Denotes a substitute for that person that month.