

**Hyattsville Code Compliance Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes 5.15.2024**

Attendees:

- Thoa Hoang (Chair)
- Ian Fay (Vice Chair)
- Stacy Dennery (Recorder)
- Arinee Flurry (Member)
- Kareem Redmond (Council Member Liaison Ward 3)
- CJ Reading (Staff Liaison)
- Jamie Bean (Member)
- Susan Zahran (Member)
- Lena Bradly (Member)
- Gloria Felix-Thompson (Member)
- Jimmy McClellan (Councilmember Liaison Ward 3) - absent

Topics Discussed:

- Stacy Dennery approved as Recorder for 2024.
 - Otter AI note taking tool: Stacy to look into this.
- April 2024 meeting minutes are approved.
- Code Issue Updates (CJ Reading)
 - Fire Alarm issue follow up at an apartment complex; Code Enforcement Team got the alarm to stop 2 days after the last meeting.
 - Utility Solicitors: CJ/Joe/Laura Reems are going to reach out to the Communications team to let residents know that they have the option to ask the solicitor for a badge or ID. CJ will ask for an update from Joe.
 - Lots of current code issues with overgrown grass and rodent issues. Code Team will do more outreach on rodent issues. Have tried to use rodent birth control to not harm other animals.
- Loose Bricks (Kareem):
 - Bricks are still loose at UTC. Kareem walked the UTC campus today with the Management Company and pointed out the brick issues (sidewalks, stairs). The Management Company acknowledged and saw it. Timeline for repairs is TBD but keeping a close eye on it.
 - Some UTC street lights are still out but Code Team is working on it.
- Dogs Barking on Balcony:
 - Code Enforcement Team already sent a note to the management company about this issue and the noise ordinance 2 weeks ago. If it continues, Joe or CJ would meet with management and the complaineer to see if a meeting could be facilitated.
 - Gloria: Management company needs to address this issue with the owner, but we should be careful about too much pressure on the owner that forces them to give up the dog on the street. Perhaps animal resource people should have a discussion. Discuss barking collars, like citronella sprayers. Or keeping the dogs inside.

- No further action from the committee. The committee should not engage with any complaints from the public.
- Changing a provision for shortening the length of the grass
 - As discussed last month, Kareem is willing to take this on. Budget season and the transition of the City Clerk are putting this on hold. It's not forgotten.
- [1 Page Memo](#) to update the list of prohibited animals in Hyattsville, MD charter to align with County Zoning Ordinance.
 - Bird flu may slow the acceptance of this change.
 - Committee members should review the memo again and provide comments and feedback in the document.
 - Kareem to flag any prior issues that came up previously that we may want to address; the Committee will add it to an agenda when they think it's ready for discussion, but we're not there yet. Because the Council moves slowly, if it doesn't get to Council until the Fall, it won't get changed until the Spring.
 - The memo does not discuss how to regulate the change in the code language. Jamie believes that the recommendation discussed previously was to mirror how the County regulates it, as well as MD Dept of Agriculture. We are tabling the regulatory details for now. Joe Brewer had recommended not going into too much regulatory detail, because it had impacted the enforcement options.
 - We should use the next 4-6 months to flesh out the regulatory details (add to next meeting). Perhaps developing our own FAQ.