

City of Hyattsville Code Compliance Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes 3.20.2024

Agenda and Notes:

1. Roll Call taken and the committee meets quorum. Attendees included:
 - a. Jamie Bean (Chair)
 - b. Ian Fay (Vice Chair)
 - c. ~~Arinee Flurry (Record Keeper)~~
 - d. Gloria Felix-Thompson (Member)
 - e. Stacy Dennery (Member)
 - f. Lena Bradly (Member)
 - g. Joe Brewer (Staff Liaison)
 - h. Jimmy McClellan (Councilmember Liaison Ward 3)
 - i. Kareem Redmond (Councilmember Liaison Ward 3)
 - j. Susan Zahran (proposed new member)
 - k. Thoa Hoang (proposed new member)
2. 2024 Meeting Calendar
 - a. Proposed 2024 calendar is approved.
3. Vote on Chair, Vice Chair, Recorder
 - a. Chair Duties: Draft basic monthly agenda, deliver agenda to City on time, coordinate with city code enforcement, send out minutes to be approved at the next meeting.
 - b. Jimmy McClellan agrees with Joe's recommendation to wait another month to replace the Chair to let some members get a better sense of the committee and Chair position.
 - c. Thoa will check with Jamie offline about the Chair role.
 - d. Ian Fay is approved as Vice Chair.
 - e. Will wait to see if Arinee Flurry would like to be recorder again. Stacy Dennery can serve as back-up.
4. Approval of October Meeting Minutes
 - a. October meeting minutes are approved.
5. Update on Code issues with Joe Brewer
 - a. Joe Brewer reviews Code Compliance background and practices, The Good Neighbor brochure, Door Tags prior to written warnings, young entrepreneur challenge coins.
 - b. Getting ready for May's business license inspection
 - c. Budgeting for an additional F/T inspector (from 4 to 5)
6. Committee News & Updates
 - a. Urban Farming:
 - i. Does Urban Farming have a higher urban footprint? Need more data on this to understand why/why not. Does the amount of emissions to get the supplies to create/sustain an urban farm outweigh the efficiencies of mass distribution from non-urban farms? Unclear if this triggers a conversation with the Environmental Committee.

- ii. Urban Farming topic was a focus of this committee in 2023 because of chickens in Hyattsville. 1.5 years ago (2022) the PG zoning changed to allow chickens if on an “urban farm.” Code Compliance is currently handling chickens in Hyattsville by not contradicting what is already allowed by the County.
- iii. Ian still wants to push forward with at least having the city code being “in kind” with the County code language. Do we prefer to keep this change simple, or try to add additional language? Would likely pass more quickly by keeping the language very simple.
- iv. Jimmy’s thoughts on presenting the new language to the City Council: Confused on what is trying to change/make stricter? Joe: Current code says no one can have chickens, but the County says you can have chickens. This would catch Hyattsville up with PG. Jimmy: Yes, he agrees this would be a good discussion to have. No opinion on what the Council will say.
- v. Next Steps: Refresh our memories on the Google Doc and whether everyone has completed their assigned portions. April Meeting: determine what language we want to remove and whether we are prepared with the right info to go to the Council. Thoa will create a 1 pager based on the Google Doc content.

7. New Business

- a. New Member Intros and background:
 - i. Susan Zahran: Lived in Hyattsville for 2 years and wants to get to know other residents, especially those that are making the city a good place.
 - ii. Thoa Hoang: Originally from CA. Moved to DC 8 years ago, and to Hyattsville in 2019. She was always super involved in her community.

8. Next Meeting

- a. Confirmed for April 17, 2024
- b. Joe will look into whether the same link can be used for multiple meetings (will ask Tree Committee Chair), or he could create the links for every meeting to have in advance.