

CITY OF HYATTSVILLE
CODE COMPLIANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 18, 2023, MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Jamie Bean, Chair
Ian Fay, Vice Chair
Arinee Flurry, Recorder
Gloria Felix-Thompson, Member
Angel DuBose, Member
CJ Redding, Supervisor Code Compliance (standing in for Joe)
Kareem Redmond (Councilmember Liaison Ward 5)

ABSENTEES

Stacey Dennery, Member
Joe Brewer, Code Compliance Committee Liaison
Lena Bradley, Member
Jimmy McClellan (Councilmember Liaison Ward 3)

MEETING NOTES

1. Approval of August Meeting Minutes

Committee reviewed August and unanimously approved meeting minutes. Committee approved September meetings unanimously.

2. Update on Code Issues

- a. Business and rental licenses season. CJ informed committee that they are reminding businesses of deadline. Continuing to update code brochure. Door hangers for friendly precursor violation notice to gain compliance without receiving a formal notice is done and will be ordered and supplied soon.
- b. CJ informed committee lapels for young entrepreneurs in the city is done and will be ordered and supplied soon.

- c. Weather is changing so Hyattsville Code Enforcement efforts have decreased related to grass cutting.
- d. Resident/community attendee informed CJ of water leak issue around 31 st. CJ advised he would go look tomorrow. Anything on the street is public works but Hyattsville Code Enforcement is responsible for redirection so it's a joint effort. CJ informed resident to report it to <https://seeclickfix.com/hyattsville> and provided instructions on how to complete.
- e. Update on Ch 113 Proposed Revisions related to junk vehicles. Jamie reached out to Shakira last month on equity analysis and Jimmy reminded her. She is planning to be able to complete assessment by 10/27/23 and will include in 11/6/23 council member packet. Jamie and Joe are meeting with her next week to discuss the recommendations.
- f. Urban farming initiative. Jamie met with Environmental committee to consider presentation with Kim, the chair (Thaddeus) indicated he would be interested and would add on to the agenda for the meeting. Jamie was able to attend their meeting and provided an overview and analysis and focus on chickens but emphasized she was not a scientist but wanted to emphasize why it was important for the community. The committee was concerned that urban agriculture would increase elicit discharge (chicken waste) and the environmental benefit of having chickens is negligent to the discharge. Environmental Committee voted on being interested in the topic and still expressed interest. Jamie or Ian will follow up with Thaddeus.

Jamie heard back from race and equity leads and set up time to talk with cochairs to solicit their input.

Arinee informed committee of analysis of Jamie's resource and identified categories that committee should consider to not only help communities understanding but possibly decrease concerns from environmental committee.

- Registration, permit, and approval requirements – state, county and city requirements; approval process with city and neighbors, annual performance requirements (Jamie)
- Permitted Locations: allowed environments (e.g.: commercial, industrial lands, residential) and types detached for residential etc. (Arinee)
- Maintenance (e.g.: litter removal, managing predators, irrigation, pest control, illness (sick birds), removal of dead organisms) (Angel)
- Placement and Measurements: number of allowable chickens, size of land per chicken, and coop, rear of property or elsewhere, etc. (Ian)
- Nuisance clause (Angel)
- Cruelty and Neglect consequences (Arinee)

Jamie clarified that she wanted the analysis to be about changes that county made in their code to reflect it in our city code and be consistent. CJ informed committee that simplification is easy for him to enforce but prescriptive language is helpful to enforce and litigation. However, prescriptive with technical jargon confuses the community and makes it hard to enforce. Arinee informed the committee that she still suggests prescriptive language to make it clear for community and have enforcement apply code fairly for the long term and suggested committee split up discussions into the sections. Kareem suggested team consider the concern of preventing predators.

Arinee asked how urban farming would be implemented, Ian advised the urban farming was the social piece to help promote the allowance of chickens in the community and committee held further discussion. Jamie level set committee conversation back to the objective of the code changes being specific to update language specifically for chickens.

Gloria suggested committee start simple and go from there and break up into sections but that discussion during meeting for every section prolongs the process. Committee agreed to independently take sections as aligned above and draft consistent language with counties. Everyone will submit updates with initial draft of section by November 15, 2023. We will make updates within Jamie's resource document with our sections and when we are making changes to another member's section using track changes.

3. Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled on January 17, 2024 –Committee will discuss sections and begin to consolidate and draft code language.