



AGENDA

**Food Policy Advisory Board
Friday, December 6th 2019, 8:00AM-9:30AM
City Hall, Pikes Peak Conference Room
107 N. Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs CO, 80903**

In attendance:

- Carly H
- Megan H
- Sean V
- Zac C
- Two High school members
- Morgan Hester
- Aubrey Day

8:00AM: Call to Order

8:35AM: Public Comment/Board Member Comment

8:20AM: Current Issues – Review Current issues in Chapter 7. Morgan Hester from Planning will be joining us in the discussion.

1. **Colorado Springs Chapter 7:**

Planning Ideas:

- Accessory structures (this is where structures for greenhouses, chicken coops could be incorporated. Yes, they're allowed now, but if they are wanting to further expand on something, they could).
- Definitions/use table: Establish/define a new use that isn't included now, ie – community garden, urban ag
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- Create a totally new section (ie – Boulder has a section specifically for [community gardens](#))
 - Sean: Its good to have community garden codes such that grassroots groups can use a boiler plate code for getting a community garden started.
 - Ellen: the westside community garden is a great example of how a community can pull together to create a garden. Dont write in too much in our codes for community gardens, because they use a very innovative approach.
 - Morgan: you can type in “community garden zoning code” into google, you can find information that can be copy/pasted for our zoning purposes.
 - Morgan: the majority of related code enforcement calls are related to “weeds”.
 - Sean: we don't have a comprehensive resource list, and it would be good to have some sort of guide that could be public and posted to help people make community gardens. What about working with Larry Stebbins in to write a resource packet for making a community garden?
- Landscape code
 - I.e. – allowances for urban ag/crops, substitutions for required plant species
 - Sean: Residential community gardens- is there a threat there with infringing codes related to “becoming an annoyance” to neighbors.

- Aubrey: when we're thinking about codes, how much should we worry about negative consequences?
 - Morgan: I can let you know when public meetings will be. Also, funnel things through Carly to me. If there's something that needs to be worked in, we're listening to community members. It's very important to hear what people's interests are. The approach that I would take is to anticipate what the pushbacks will be. We can mitigate by being prepared.
- Aubrey: Should we be making recommendations for what we think should be happening in Banning Lewis ranch?
 - Morgan: I would keep it more general.
- Aubrey: Areas where there's more density, and less land, I could see there being more drive for community gardens.
- HOAs:
 - Some HOAs are very strict about maintaining their rules, and others are not so much. The process of changing HOA rules is very hard, as it demands a high density of homeowners to come to the table for a quorum.
 - Sean: reach out to Max Cupp to learn more.
 - Recommendations for Food policy audit- Morgan will send it over to planning contractors.
- Aubrey: We've also talked retail
 - Morgan: The need for having little pockets of markets with locations that provide food is really important. City planning in the 50s & 60s resulted in these markets falling away.
- Next Steps to do:
 - Megan: Perhaps for our next meeting we can divvy out our responsibilities. Are we able to look at similar cities (ABQ, Omaha, etc.)? Morgan recommends looking into Detroit & Chicago-models for reducing food deserts.
 - Start with low hanging fruit regarding food retail.
 - Aubrey will do research.
 - Sean recommends a word doc with bullets, each person coming back with three solid resources. Even if it's just a reading list.

Location in Chapter 7 Code:

- Accessory structures
– http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=855&chapter_id=62731#s849726
- Definitions -
http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=855&chapter_id=62728#s849721
- Use Table (Residential) –
http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=855&chapter_id=62731#s849726
- Use Table (Commercial) –
http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=855&chapter_id=62732#s849731
- Landscape code -
http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=855&chapter_id=62742

9:30AM: Final Public Comment/Board Member Comments

9:45AM: Administrative Issues – Timing for interviews, can we get these scheduled?

10:00AM: Adjournment – Next Meeting: January 3rd, 8AM

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WORKING GROUPS:

Urban Agriculture (Backyard Farming and Land Use:

DEFINE: The urban farm and homesteading group will focus on defending and expanding the rights of homesteaders in this city through policy identification and policy change.

Food Literacy: Sean

DEFINE: The literacy group focuses mainly on education. They promote nutrition, local food, and cooking skills through celebratory event and educational campaigns.

Rural Policy:

DEFINE: The rural policy group is the main advocate for rural farmers and bridges the physical distance between rural and urban in order to promote the benefits of rural production in our city.

-Identifies the benefits of rural farming to our city, bridging the physical and communication barrier between rural farmers and urbanites.

-Connects with rural farmers to learn about policy challenges and barriers they are facing.

Community Retail/Economic Growth: Emily

DEFINE: The community retail group focuses on promoting and enabling local procurement in our city.

-Identifies policy, bureaucratic, and educational barriers that inhibit retail of local foods from the perspective of restaurateurs, farmer's markets, local grocery stores, etc.

-Researches procurement in other cities to develop a guiding model for our city.

Communication/Media:

DEFINE: The communication/media group works with all other subcommittees to help keep FPAB and the initiatives in city and county radar.

-Keeps up steady communication with other subcommittees about the current projects and work that is being done.

Policy Brief: Purpose - A policy brief presents a concise summary of information that can help readers understand, and likely make decisions about, government policies. Policy briefs may give objective summaries of relevant research, suggest possible policy options, or go even further and argue for particular courses of action.

Policy Brief: Format –

- **Title:** A good title quickly communicates the contents of the brief in a memorable way.
- **Executive Summary:** This section is often one to two paragraphs long; it includes an overview of the problem and the proposed policy action.
- **Context or Scope of Problem:** This section communicates the importance of the problem and aims to convince the reader of the necessity of policy action.
- **Policy Alternatives:** This section discusses the current policy approach and explains proposed options. It should be fair and accurate while convincing the reader why the policy action proposed in the brief is the most desirable.
- **Policy Recommendations:** This section contains the most detailed explanation of the concrete steps to be taken to address the policy issue.
- **Appendices:** If some readers might need further support in order to accept your argument but doing so in the brief itself might derail the conversation for other readers, you might include the extra information in an appendix.
- **Consulted or Recommended Sources:** These should be reliable sources that you have used throughout your brief to guide your policy discussion and recommendations Erika- City Council work sessions- <https://coloradosprings.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Megan- City Council meetings- <https://coloradosprings.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Sean- El Paso County Commissioner activity <http://74.208.113.192:8080/ams/el Paso>

Beth- Parks projects and initiatives/ upcoming master planning activities etc.

Zac – Planning Commission - <https://coloradosprings.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Possible Future Briefs:

Enhancing local food production

Award's farmers markets

Next Policy Briefs: zoning codes in residential areas

Don't Forget!

Finalize FPAB Single Page Handout

Pollinators: Next steps could be recommending a process for tracking hives and what contracts could be revised with pesticide