

**Project: Urban Agriculture
Stakeholder Discussion**

June 19, 2012

4:00-6:00 p.m. at 215 N Mason, Community Room
Draft Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Andrea Sauer	Ginny Sawyer
Karen McManus	Beth Sowder
Michael Baute	Kristin Kirkpatrick
Erich Stroheim	Deryn Davidson
Mary Miller	Seth Lorson
Joel McClurg	Lindsay Ex
Brigitte Schmidt	
Chuck Cotherman	
Shari Due	
Ria Burgos	
Aaron Rice	
Lesia Graber	
Hill Grimmett	
Karin Livingston	
Dennis Stenson	
Gregg Doster	
Elisa Doster	
Eva Cassel	
Ragan Adams	
Megan Phillips	

Notes:

Each attendee introduced themselves and their interest in the topic.

Lindsay Ex presented on the purpose of the meeting and how numerous efforts throughout the City support local food production.

Kristin Kirkpatrick with CanDo presented on the relationship between local food production and health. All of these presentations are available online.

A summary of the questions asked and responses provided is as follows:

Notes:

What urban agriculture practices are currently happening?

- Bees
- CSAs

- Community Gardens
- Neighborhood Supported Agriculture (NSA)
- Farmers' Market
- Donation Gardens
- Neighborhood Shares (barter system)
- Farm Stand (residential)
 - o Plant starts
 - o food
- Commercial Stand (at other retail stores)
- Value-added products (kitchens)
 - o Do not have enough commissary kitchens or access to them.
- Gleaning (left-over products after farms have been picked; items that are not going to be used)
- Communal Gardening
- School gardens
- Do we need a central database?
- Compost facilities
- Church gardens
- Farm to school programs
- Animals
 - o Miniature goats
 - o Ducks
 - o Worms
 - o Chickens
 - o Horses (Manure)
 - o Rabbits (food)
- Water retention for irrigation
- Greenhouses
- Cold frames
- Fish production
 - o Issue: fish getting into native waters.
 - o Scale?

What practices do you want to see happening in the City?

- Legalize what we're already doing.
- Land and water from a governmental initiative
 - o Unused land (parks, medians, vacant lots)
- Tax incentives for farmers.
 - o All levels of government.
 - o Obtain land.
- City donations for neighborhood gardens
- Farm required to feed a development
- HOAs overridden for farms
- Water price structure providing priority for gardens

- Allowing more intense growth/bees/chickens per size of lot.
- Central database for this information
- Clear building standards for greenhouses/cold frames
- Allow community gardens and markets in all zone districts
- A central year-round market
- Less farmers' markets so farmers can thrive
 - o If you lose farmers' markets you will lose demand.
- No central market (anything)
- City get out of the way.
- Facilitate an easier system for ag.
- Greenhouse/cold frame clarity and communication in the system.
- Meat. Slaughter!
- Define community gardens in LUC.
- Increase chickens to 8.
- Cottage Food Act
 - o Exemptions to FDA/health dept., value-added, rules for selling.
 - o Farmers' markets, out of house, not at commercial stores.
- Local food stands...
 - o Community building v. nuisance
- Goats.
- Fear of further restrictions from our efforts.
- We already have municipal laws for animal nuisance.
- Pigs. Probably not, they stink.
- City owned property for food production?
 - o Commercial? (Grow Forth)
 - o Individual?
 - o Community?
 - o Non-profit?
 - o Subsidized?
 - o Incentivize?
- Land Access
- Detention Ponds
- Food Trees
- Rooftop gardens
- You-Pick it
- Edible landscapes

There was a brief discussion naming of the effort. These ideas included:

Growing Local Food Systems

Local Urban Food System

Community

Sustainable

FC Food