



Sustainability Committee

Minutes
May 7, 2018
6pm - Room C

Attendance:

Phil LeBlanc, Joan Strawson, Joanne Petersen, Eric Daniels, Mark Broski, Christine Maher

Aldermen: Ben MacShane

Guests: Angela Burke, Cathy Canning

1. April minutes were approved.
2. Eric Daniels was nominated and accepted the nomination. All members present voted to approve Eric as Chair of the Committee.
3. Backyard Chicken Ordinance Update
 - a. All members voted to approve the draft letter of recommendation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen
4. Green Neighbor Festival, Saturday, May 12—planning update
 - a. Christine offered to create the composting and cigarette butt posters for the table
 - b. Tent from Economic Development and table from Hood will be provided.
5. Quarterly Community Engagement
 - a. Mark discussed bringing various ways to engage the public and a list of topics that could be continuously updated. Mark plans to bring the first draft of the

document to the Committee in June.

6. Subcommittee Discussions

- a. Mark and Joan are working to outline the official process to follow procedure for updating ordinances, etc. They will update the Committee in June.
- b. Joanne will approach the Frederick Arts Commission to determine their interest and willingness to pilot a project.

7. Other Administrative Items and Future Meeting Topics

- a. Next meeting Monday, June 4

Mayor

Michael C. O'Connor



Aldermen

Kelly Russell
President Pro Tem

Derek T. Shackelford

Roger A. Wilson

Donna Kuzemchak

Ben MacShane

May 7, 2018

Mayor Michael O'Connor and Board of Aldermen
101 North Court Street
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

The City of Frederick Sustainability Committee endorses the proposed amendment to the Backyard Chicken Ordinance (Article IV Sec. 3) that would allow individuals living in two-family dwellings (duplexes) to own chickens in accordance with the additional provisions as outlined. The proposed amendment would read:

...a person may own live chickens in the backyard of a single family detached **or two-family dwelling (duplex)** residential lot in any zoning district,

Backyard chickens contribute to achieving our HEAL goals:

Healthy Eating Active Living. The City adopted the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Policy (Resolution No. 15-13), which highlights opportunities to adopt strategies to remedy inequities in access to healthy food for all, establish creative and adaptive use of spaces to allow for additional farmers markets, and to continue to develop and promote community gardens, urban agriculture, and urban farming.

Residents should not be excluded from participating in sustainable living practices based on their type of house, but rather on the suitability of the remainder of their property.

Sincerely,


Eric Daniels, Chair
City of Frederick Sustainability Committee

cc: Sandra Nickols, City Attorney