

January 22, 2015

Planning Commission

- Public Hearing, 772.05 agriculture

Chairman Jason Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the City of South Euclid Community Center. Members present: Megan Blubaugh, Earl Stovall and Tracie Zamiska. Also present: Paul Kowalczyk, Building Commissioner, Sally Martin, Housing Manager, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, and Councilman Marty Gelfand

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Chairman Jason Russell explained procedure for public hearing; he said the public speaking time would be limited to 2 minutes per person. Process if hearing is closed or continued was also explained. Tracie Zamiska said South Euclid residents would be given first chance to speak, followed by others. Chairman Russell then opened up the floor for public comment.

Laurel Tree – 4233 Lambert Rd, vet at Belvoir Pet Hospital and member of Heights Chickaneers was given the floor for slide show presentation, highlighting positive aspects of allowing ordinance and giving statistics of other cities who allow chickens. She pointed out that Lakewood Animal Hospital is available to care for sick hens. She discussed possibility of having continuing education at Belvoir Pet Hospital if ordinance passes.

Jane Goodman-4034 Wyncote Rd, Councilwoman is sponsoring the legislation. Ms. Goodman spoke about County Board of Health sanitarian availability for home owners who decide to have hens. She also is encouraging reduction of distance allowed for coop from the home.

Marty Gelfand-3954 Eastway Rd, Councilman stated that he was in attendance to support his colleague, Jane Goodman. He supports the legislation and feels the limitations are good and necessary; he could not emphasize enough the importance of the limitations. Will really help keep South Euclid a progressive community.

Sally Martin-1515 S Belvoir Blvd. She is a BIG fan of the legislation! It makes for responsible housing and green and sustained living.

Kathleen Krupar-1260 Winston Rd. New resident to SE, she grew up in Cleve Hts, moved away for a while, when came back came to SE after being very impressed with street fair. She is supporter of legislation; she had hens while living in NC. She read a testimonial from Matthew Wilson, Cleveland Hts resident who has had hens for 24 years. Board asked for copy of testimonial. More information can also be found on Facebook, Chickaneers.

Jeff Henderson-4481 Golfway Rd, considers himself an urban farmer, he owns 2 hens and tends a beehive. The hens are very fun to have, brings neighbors together for conversation and friendships. He is concerned with where food comes from, this gives residents control if they choose. South Euclid addresses this issue already with community gardens and farmers market. This legislation adds to sustainability.

Sara Continenza-4222 Bexley Blvd, stated the reason she moved to SE was for the gardens and sustainability, these pluses add to the appeal for young professionals.

Laurel Tree read an e-mail from Andrea Zelinger, Shaker Hts resident who favors the legislation. Andrea has a neighbor who has hens. Copy of full e-mail is attached.

Dan Ivans-1772 Maywood Rd, asked of coops had to be fixed in place or is moveable tractor acceptable. Tractor is acceptable, not specified in legislation.

Jane Goodman spoke about issues those opposing may have: people who live in urban area are not looking for rural living. They may fear noise, smells, but limitations on how many hens and upkeep will prevent these issues from being problem. Emphasized that she would like to see the setback allow for coop to be closer to the house, will be more convenient for resident.

Sally Martin spoke. She feels the decenters have not fully read what the process will be to have hens. It will truly be a regulated process.

Tracie Zamiska encouraged residents to talk to neighbors. She asked how much room is needed per hen. Laurel Tree said the general recommendation is 1-2 square feet per hen. She also provided a flyer with facts to answer questions people may have regarding owning hens. Sheet is attached.

Laurel can provide application process that Cleveland Hts has in place.

Jason Russell asked what maximum coop size allowed. Per Paul Kowalczyk, would be regulated like any other appurtenant structure on property.

Molly Monaco-4542 E Berwald Rd, pointed out that per State of Ohio regulations when buying chicks, must buy a minimum of 6. Others recommended splitting with neighbors or purchasing on line or buy adult hens. Jason Russell asked Laurel Tree if she knows how many coops the City of Cleveland Heights has, they have had law in place for 3 years. Laurel believes it is a few dozen, but will find out. She also mentioned that coop tours are available if anyone is interested.

Kari Ivins-1772 Maywood Rd, spoke to those who have concerns about predators, predators are concern for any type of animals.

There was discussion of education and continuing education.

Jason Russell addressed Sally Martin as Housing Manager as to inspections; how will housing department guarantee coop is safe and aesthetically acceptable. Per Sally and Paul; department will continue to enforce standards as done now through department.

Jason Russell asked if Cleveland Hts requires conditional use for hen coop. Yes

Discussion of putting slide show presentation on the Planning Commission website; will discuss if legislation is approved.

Discussion of permit price; per Paul Kowalczyk, price not determined yet. Lakewood charges \$25.

Conditional use permit application is \$100. Permit cost would follow after conditional use is granted.

Tracie Zamiska brought up discussion on allowing resident, who may not be homeowner, accessibility to applying for permit, it is always property owner or agent in charge who is allowed to apply.

Jason Russell made motion to close public hearing, Traci Zamiska seconded. All ayes. Motion approved.

(4-0-0) Public hearing closed.

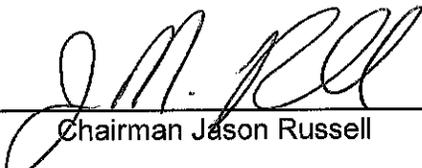
Next Planning Commission meeting will be held February 12 at 7:00 pm at City Hall, board will discuss legislation, items heard and make decisions.

Any e-mails regarding tonight's meeting can be sent to building@seuclid.com.

Tracie Zamiska made motion to approve minutes, Earl Stovall seconded. All ayes. Motion approved. (3-0-0)

Jason Russell made motion to adjourn meeting, Tracie Zamiska seconded. All ayes. Motion approved. (4-0-0).

The meeting adjourned 8 :08 pm.



Chairman Jason Russell 2/26/15
Date



Monica Ferrante, Acting Recording Secretary