



**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**

8:30AM: Call to Order

8:35AM: Public Comment/Board Member Comment

8:40AM: 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
- Create a totally new section (ie – Boulder has a section specifically for [community gardens](#))
- Landscape code
  - I.e. – allowances for urban ag/crops, substitutions for required plant species

**Location in Chapter 7 Code:**

- Accessory structures –  
[http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book\\_id=855&chapter\\_id=62731#s849726](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](http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=855&chapter_id=62728#s849721)
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- Landscape code -  
[http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book\\_id=855&chapter\\_id=62742](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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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