

## AGENDA

### 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group 11.9.2010

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| I.   | Introductions   |               |
| II.  | Goals & Objectives  | 5 – 7 minutes |
| III. | Role of Task Force  | 5 – 7 minutes |
| IV.  | Rezoning Strategy - Two Phases  | 10 minutes    |
|      | a. Phase I – DND parcel disposition and rezoning  |               |
|      | b. Phase II – Citywide Rezoning   |               |
|      | c. Schedule for Phase I   |               |
|      | d. Neighborhood Meeting: <i>Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 p.m.</i><br><i>@ Erie Ellington Community Center, 31 Erie Street, Dorchester</i> |               |
| V.   | Draft Urban Agriculture Open Space Subdistrict language   | 15 minutes    |
| VI.  | Site Management and Operations Issues   | 60 minutes    |
| VII. | Other   |               |

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#### **Attachments:**

- List of Urban Agriculture Working Group Members
- Goals and Objectives
- Draft Proposed Zoning Code Amendment
- Schedule for Rezoning, Phase I
- Maps: DND Disposition Parcels in Relation to Existing Zoning Districts
- List of Site Management and Operations Issues for Discussion

**MAYOR'S URBAN AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP, FALL 2010**

Greeting	Name	Title	Organization
<b>Farm Advocates</b>			
Ms.	Danielle Andrews		The Food Project
Mr.	Glynn Lloyd		City Growers / City Fresh Foods, Inc.
Mr.	Don Wiest		Boston Public Market Association
Ms.	Alice Leung		Top Sprouts
<b>Business Interests</b>			
Mr.	David Begelfer	CEO	NAIOP Massachusetts
Ms.	Sue Sullivan	Executive Director	Newmarket Business Association
Mr.	Marco Suarez	Chef	Ledge Kitchen & Drinks in Dorchester
Ms.	Melissa Kogut		Chefs Collaborative
<b>Neighborhood Leaders</b>			
Mr.	Gareth Kinkead		Colorado Street Neighborhood Group (Mattapan)
Mr.	Bruce Bickerstaff		Roxbury YMCA, Roxbury Trust Fund Committee (Roxbury)
Mr.	David Warner	Founder	City Feed and Supply (Jamaica Plain)
Ms.	Rosanne Foley	Site Coordinator	SCI Dorchester @ DotWell (Dorchester)
Mr.	Camilo Hernandez		Piers Park Sailing
<b>Other Advocates &amp; Experts</b>			
Mr.	Larry Spang	Associate Principal	Arrowstreet Inc
Ms.	Nina Mukherji	Consultant	Boston Park Advocates
Mr.	Bob Ritchie	General Counsel	Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources
Dr.	Judith Layzer	Associate Professor of Environmental Policy	Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT

## **CITY OF BOSTON URBAN AGRICULTURE INITIATIVE**

**As of 11.9.2010**

### **Goals & Objectives**

Mayor Thomas M. Menino and the City of Boston seek to establish an environment in which all of its citizens have direct access to locally produced fresh food, the ability to produce food for themselves, and access to education and knowledge about healthy eating.

Objectives for the Mayor's Urban Agriculture Initiative include:

1. Increase access to affordable and healthy food, particularly in those communities that are currently underserved.
2. Promote greater economic opportunity and self-sufficiency, including increasing the capacity of Boston residents and business to grow and distribute local, healthy food;
3. Increase education and knowledge around healthy eating and food production, particularly among youth.
4. Increase partnerships with, and/or between, local and regional food producers
5. Increase healthy food supplies to local schools, organizations, institutions and corner stores.

**DRAFT PROPOSED ZONING CODE AMENDMENT**

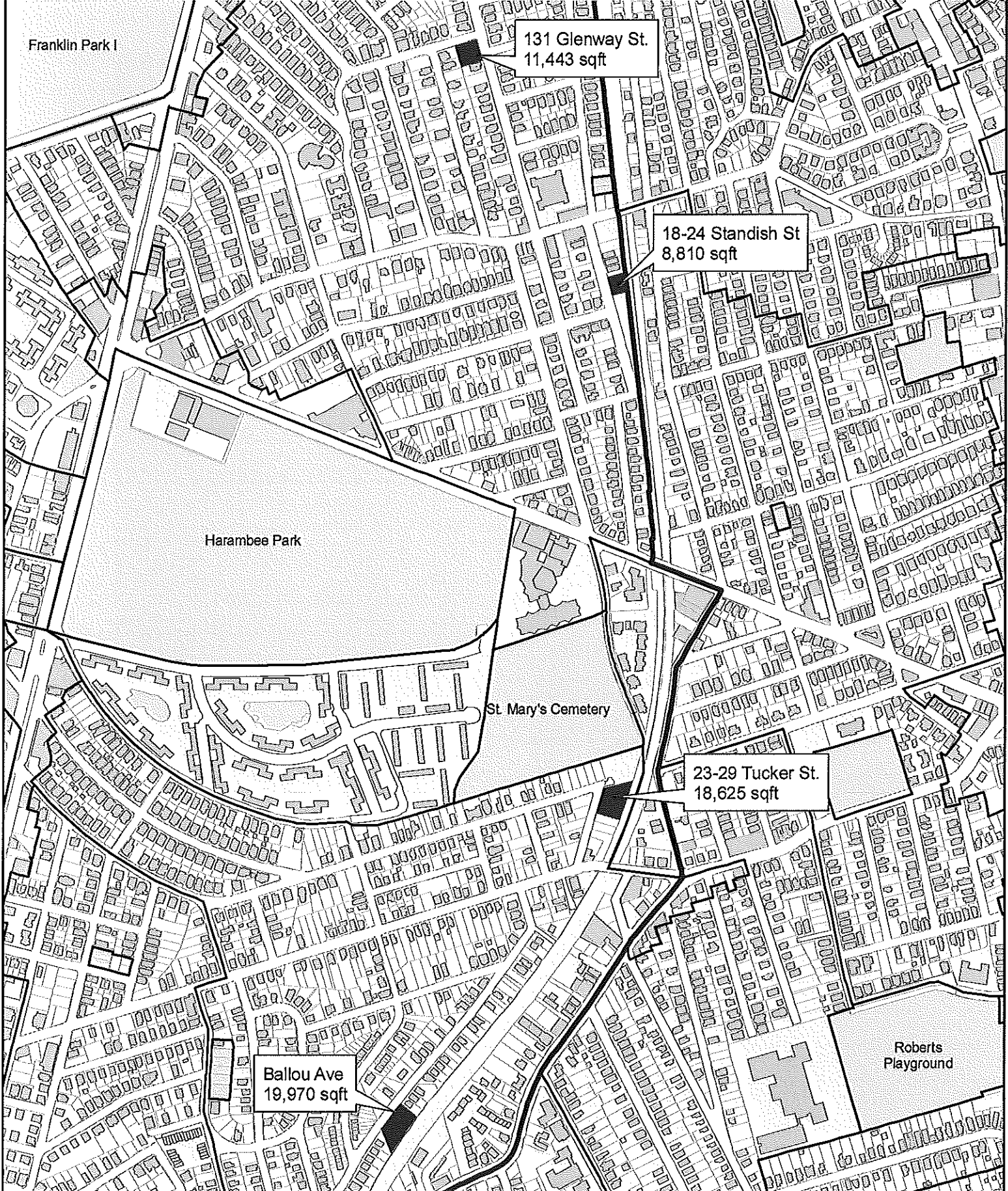
**As of 11.8.2010**

*The following draft language would be added to Article 33 ("Open Space Subdistricts") of the Boston Zoning Code to create a new Urban Agriculture Open Space Subdistrict:*

**Section 33- 17. Urban Agriculture Open Space Subdistrict.** Urban Agriculture Open Space Subdistricts shall consist of Vacant Public Land appropriate for and limited to: a) the cultivation of plants, herbs, fruits, flowers, or vegetables, including the cultivation and tillage of soil and the production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, floricultural or horticultural commodity; and b) composting (the accelerated biodegradation and stabilization of organic material under controlled conditions for beneficial garden use) only of materials produced on site. The cultivation of any and all edible produce shall comply with all applicable federal, State and City requirements.

The raising of small animals, including and limited to chickens, rabbits, ducks, turkeys, small goats, geese, pigeons, and/or beekeeping (the maintenance of one or more hives of honeybees in order to collect honey and beeswax or for the purpose of pollinating crops) shall require a conditional use permit from the Board of Appeals in accordance with the provisions of Article 6. The raising of small animals shall comply with all applicable federal, State, and City requirements.





Franklin Park I

131 Glenway St.  
11,443 sqft

18-24 Standish St  
8,810 sqft

Harambee Park

St. Mary's Cemetery

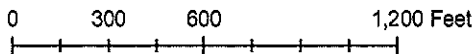
23-29 Tucker St.  
18,625 sqft

Ballou Ave  
19,970 sqft

Roberts  
Playground

Prepared by the Boston Redevelopment Authority  
 Property information is courtesy of  
 City of Boston Assessing Department FY 2010  
 Sidewalks and building footprints derived from  
 Boston Water and Sewer Commission  
 1994 digital orthophoto project,  
 Building footprints updated in 2008

### DND Disposition Parcels for Urban Agriculture Rezoning



## **SITE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**

1. Minimum annual lease payment per property: \$1,200.00
2. Season extending structures, visual impacts, and screening
3. Use of mechanical equipment
4. Chemicals and pesticides
5. Safe soil practices (soil testing)
6. Waste management (trash collection)
7. Impacts on abutting properties
8. Irrigation system requirement; irrigation and runoff plan
9. Traffic and parking
10. Noise and odor



## AGENDA

**Meeting #2 of  
The Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group  
October 27, 2011**

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Status of Pilot Urban Agriculture Project in South  
Dorchester 20 minutes
- III. Launch of Phase II: Citywide Rezoning 45 - 60 minutes
  - a. Citywide Approach to Rezoning
  - b. Scope of Work/Schedule
  - c. Public Outreach Strategy
  - d. Possible use of Working Group subcommittees
  - e. Citywide kick off Meeting & possible dates/locations
- IV. Regular Working Group meeting day and time; next meeting
- V. Other Issues

**Handouts:**

- Phase II Citywide Rezoning Scope of Work
- Phase II Schedule

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## AGENDA

**Meeting #3 of  
The Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group  
January 5, 2012**

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|------|--|-----------------|
| I.   | Welcome & Introduction of New Working Group Members  | 10 minutes      |
| II.  | Status of Pilot Urban Agriculture Project in South<br>Dorchester   | 5 minutes       |
| III. | Planning & Preparation for Kickoff and Visioning Meeting   | 45 - 60 minutes |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of Meeting Flyer</li><li>• Discussion of Meeting Agenda</li><li>• Open House: Information Tables</li><li>• Breakout Groups: Questions</li><li>• Publicity and Outreach</li><li>• Working Group member participation</li></ul> |                 |
| IV.  | Soil Safety: Module 1 Preview  | 15 minutes      |
| V.   | Public Comment   | 15 minutes      |
| VI.  | Next Meeting/Regular Meeting Time  |                 |
| VII. | Other  |                 |

### **Handouts:**

- Draft Flyer for Kickoff and Visioning Public Meeting
- Open House Information Tables – Preliminary List

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## AGENDA

**Meeting #5 of  
The Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group  
February 2, 2012  
City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room**

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|------|---|------------|
| I.   | Welcome & Introduction of New Working Group Members   | 5 minutes  |
| II.  | De-Briefing from January 30 <sup>th</sup> Kickoff and Visioning Meeting   | 15 minutes |
| III. | Discussion of Preliminary Zoning Recommendations concerning<br><b>Module #1:</b><br><b>a. Soil Safety</b><br><b>b. Composting</b><br><b>c. Fertilizers &amp; Pesticides</b> | 60 minutes |
| IV.  | Public Comment  | 15 minutes |
| V.   | Next Meeting  |            |
| VI.  | Other   |            |

### **Handouts:**

Memorandum on Soil Safety, Composting & Pesticides

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## AGENDA

### Meeting #5

#### Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group

March 8, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room

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|-------|--|------------|
| I.    | Review and Discussion of Kickoff and Visioning Meeting<br>Public Comments  | 15 minutes |
| II.   | Discussion of How Content or Process of Citywide Urban<br>Agriculture Rezoning Initiative Might be Modified Based on<br>Public Comments Received | 15 minutes |
| III.  | Discussion of <i>Draft</i> Working Group Mission Statement   | 20 minutes |
| IV.   | Continued Discussion of Module 1   |            |
|       | a. Soil Safety (Thomas Plant, BPHC)  | 15 minutes |
| V.    | Discussion of Module 2: Growing of Produce; Structures   |            |
|       | a. Definitions   |            |
|       | b. Potential Thresholds for Different Sizes of Urban Farms   |            |
|       | c. Dimensional Regulations for Structures  |            |
|       | d. Other   |            |
| VI.   | Public Comment   | 15 minutes |
| VII.  | Next Meeting: Revisiting of Date & Time  |            |
| VIII. | Other  |            |

**Handouts:**

- A. Kickoff and Visioning Meeting Public Comments *Transcribed*
- B. Summary of Public Comments from Kickoff and Visioning Meeting
- C. Draft Working Group Mission Statement
- D. Memorandum for Module 2: Growing of Produce; Structures

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# URBAN AGRICULTURE

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## AGENDA

**Meeting #6**  
**Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group**  
**April 11, 2012**  
**8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**  
**City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room**

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| I.   | Discussion of Revised Mission and Vision Statement  | 15 minutes |
| II.  | Discussion of Supplemental Recommendations Concerning<br><b>Module 2: Growing of Produce; Farm Structures</b> | 30 minutes |
| III. | Presentation and Discussion Regarding Possible Concepts<br>For Rooftop Agriculture ( <b>Module 3</b> )        | 30 minutes |
| IV.  | Public Comment  | 15 minutes |
| V.   | Other   |            |

### **Handouts:**

- A. Revised Draft Mission and Vision Statement
- B. Supplemental Discussion and Recommendations Concerning **Module 2: Produce; Farm Structures**
- C. Background Research and Preliminary Concepts for **Module 3: Rooftop Agriculture**

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# URBAN AGRICULTURE

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## DRAFT AGENDA

### Meeting #7

Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group

May 3, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room

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|------|---|------------|
| I.   | Discussion of Draft Mission and Vision Statement<br>(Refer to Handout A)  | 10 minutes |
| II.  | Continuation of Community Gardens Discussion from <b>Module 2</b><br>(Refer to Handout B)   | 10 minutes |
| III. | Discussion of Modified Definitions related to<br><b>Module 2: Growing of Produce &amp; Accessory Farm Structures</b><br>(Refer to Handout B)  | 30 minutes |
| IV.  | Oral update on status of Soil Safety recommendations ( <b>Module 1</b> ),<br>Composting recommendations ( <b>Module 1</b> ), and<br>Rooftop Agriculture recommendations ( <b>Module 3</b> ) | 20 minutes |
| V.   | Project Schedule Update   | 10 minutes |
| VI.  | Public Comment  | 15 minutes |
| VII. | Other   |            |

### Handouts:

- A. Draft Vision & Mission Statement
- B. Supplemental Memo II, **Module 2: Growing Produce & Accessory Structures** .

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## **AGENDA**

### **Meeting #8**

#### **Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group**

**June 7, 2012**

**8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room**

- I. Presentation and Discussion of Draft **Rooftop Agriculture** Zoning Recommendations (**Module 3** cont'd) 30 minutes  
(Refer to Handout A)
- II. Presentation and Discussion of Draft Zoning Recommendations for **Comprehensive Farm Review** (**Modules 2 and 3** cont'd) 30 minutes  
(Refer to Handout B)
- III. Update on Composting; Presentation and Discussion of Conceptual Zoning Recommendations for **Composting** (**Module 1** cont'd) 30 minutes  
(Refer to Handout C)
- IV. Introduction to **Hydroponics and Aquaculture** and Related Zoning (**Module 4**) 15 minutes
- V. Public Comment 15 minutes
- VI. Other

#### **Handouts:**

- A. Draft Rooftop Agriculture Zoning Recommendations (forthcoming)
- B. Draft Zoning Recommendations for Comprehensive Farm Review (forthcoming)
- C. Conceptual Zoning Recommendations for Composting (forthcoming)

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# URBAN AGRICULTURE

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## AGENDA

### Meeting #9

### Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group

July 12, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room, Room 900

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|------|---|------------|
| I.   | Format for Public Comment at Working Group Meetings   | 10 minutes |
| II.  | Presentation and Discussion of Draft Zoning Recommendations for <b>Aquaculture, Aquaponics and Hydroponics (Refer to Handout A)</b> | 30 minutes |
| III. | Presentation and Discussion of Draft Zoning Recommendations for <b>Keeping of Hens and Beekeeping (Refer to Handout B)</b>          | 60 minutes |
| IV.  | Public Comment  | 20 minutes |
| V.   | Next Steps  |            |
| VI.  | Other   |            |

### Handouts:

- A. Memorandum and Recommendations Concerning Aquaculture, Aquaponics and Hydroponics
- B. Memorandum and Recommendations Concerning Keeping of Hens and Beekeeping

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# URBAN AGRICULTURE

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## AGENDA

**Meeting #10**  
**Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group**  
**September 6, 2012**  
**8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**  
**City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room, Room 900**

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| I.   | Continued discussion of Comprehensive Farm Review ( <b>Module 2</b> )  | 10 minutes |
| II.  | Continued discussion of Accessory Keeping of Hens ( <b>Module 5</b> )  | 20 minutes |
| III. | Continued discussion of Accessory Keeping of Bees ( <b>Module 5</b> )  | 20 minutes |
| IV.  | Presentation and Discussion of Farmers Markets, Winter Markets, Farmstands and On Site Sales ( <b>Module 6</b> ) | 30 minutes |
| V.   | Next Steps   |            |
| VI.  | Public Comment*  | 10 minutes |

*\*To facilitate communication between the public and Working Group members, public comment on agenda items will be taken throughout the course of the meeting.*

### **Written Materials:**

- A. Revised draft zoning language for Comprehensive Farm Review
- B. Revised draft zoning language for Accessory Keeping of Hens
- C. Revised draft zoning language for Accessory Keeping of Bees
- D. Memorandum re Farmers Markets, Farmstands and On Site Sales

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# URBAN AGRICULTURE

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## AGENDA

### Meeting #12

#### Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group

November 1, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room, Room 900

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|------|---|------------|
| I.   | Revised Zoning and Permitting Regulations related to Beekeeping<br>( <b>Module 2</b> )              | 20 minutes |
| II.  | Update on Zoning Recommendations related to Rooftop Composting<br>( <b>Module 3</b> )               | 20 minutes |
| III. | Update on Soil Safety Protocol ( <b>Module 1</b> )  | 10 minutes |
| IV.  | Continued Discussion of Farm Review Thresholds and Comprehensive<br>Farm Review ( <b>Module 2</b> ) | 20 minutes |
| V.   | Schedule and Process for Working Group Review of Draft Article 89,<br>Urban Agriculture Facilities  | 15 minutes |
| VI.  | Next Steps  | 5 minutes  |

**Written Materials** forthcoming. Any written materials will be posted on the project web page (see link below) and mailed to our list of interested persons prior to the Working Group meeting

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## AGENDA

### Meeting #12

#### Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group

November 1, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room, Room 900

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|------|---|------------|
| I.   | Revised Zoning and Permitting Regulations related to Beekeeping<br>( <b>Module 2</b> )                  | 20 minutes |
| II.  | Update on Zoning Recommendations related to Rooftop Composting<br>( <b>Module 3</b> )                   | 20 minutes |
| III. | Update on Soil Safety Protocol ( <b>Module 1</b> )  | 10 minutes |
| IV.  | Continued Discussion of Farm Review Thresholds and <i>Comprehensive Farm Review</i> ( <b>Module 2</b> ) | 20 minutes |
| V.   | Schedule and Process for Working Group Review of Draft Zoning Code Article 89, "Urban Agriculture"      | 10 minutes |
| VI.  | Next Steps  | 5 minutes  |

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# URBAN AGRICULTURE

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## AGENDA

### Meeting #13

Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group

January 3, 2012

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room, Room 900

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|------|---|------------|
| I.   | Review/discussion of Draft Zoning Code Article 89*        | 90 minutes |
| II.  | Update on Rooftop Composting Recommendations              | 5 minutes  |
| III. | Preparation for Neighborhood Meetings on Draft Article 89 | 10 minutes |
| IV.  | Public comment  | 10 minutes |
| V.   | Next Steps  | 5 minutes  |

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# URBAN AGRICULTURE

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### Meeting #14

#### Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group (WG)

February 7, 2013

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room, Room 900

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|------|--|------------|
| I.   | Presentation & Discussion Re: Draft Soil Safety Protocol, by Boston Public Health Commission                             | 30 minutes |
| II.  | Continued Presentation and Discussion of Draft Article 89 (including responses to questions from January 3rd WG meeting) | 50 minutes |
| III. | Update Rooftop Farming, Rooftop Composting & Related Fire Safety Issues  | 10 minutes |
| IV.  | Preparation for Neighborhood Meetings on Draft Article 89  | 15 minutes |
| V.   | Public comment   | 15 minutes |
| VI.  | Next Steps   |            |

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## AGENDA

### Meeting #15

#### Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group (WG)

March 7, 2013

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room, Room 900

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|------|--|------------|
| I.   | Continue and finalize presentation and Discussion of Draft Article 89.<br>Outstanding presentation items include:  | 30 minutes |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keeping of Hens and Bees</li><li>• Aquaculture, Hydroponics &amp; Aquaponics</li><li>• Farmers Markets &amp; Farm Stands</li></ul> |            |
| II.  | Cumulative changes to Draft Article 89 since 12.28.12 version  | 10 minutes |
| III. | Definition Changes: "Urban Agriculture" (revised) & "Farm Area" (new)  | 10 minutes |
| IV.  | Response to questions 2/ 7 Mayor's Working Group meeting   | 20 minutes |
|      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Role of Boston Water &amp; Sewer Commission: likely process and estimated costs</li></ol>   |            |
| V.   | Update and discussion re: Neighborhood Meetings in spring  | 20 minutes |
| VI.  | Public comment   | 15 minutes |
| VII. | Next Steps   |            |

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# URBAN AGRICULTURE

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### Meeting #16

### Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group (WG)

April 11, 2013

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room, Room 900

- I. Update on **Soil Safety Protocol** for Urban Farms
- II. Update on **Roof Level Farming and Fire Safety**
- III. Proposed **Modification of Definition of Community Gardens** to Exclude community gardens in the Community Garden Open Space (OS-CG) Zoning Subdistrict
- IV. Wrap Up Discussion of the **Role of Boston Water and Sewer Commission** in Reviewing Urban Farm Plans
- V. Discussion of Expanding Article 89 to More Explicitly Include **Non Commercial Farming**
- VI. Presentation of New Language re General Parameters for Composting on Roof Level Farms
- VII. Discussion re Possible **Addition of Language to Article 89 Concerning Commercial Keeping of Hens**
- VIII. Update on **Schedule and Media Materials** for Neighborhood Meetings
- IX. Public Comment

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**URBAN AGRICULTURE**  
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## **AGENDA**

### **Meeting #17**

**Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group (WG)**

**May 9, 2013**

**8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**

**City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room, Room 900**

- I. Final Soil Safety Protocol for Urban Farms
  
- II. Recommendations for Roof Level Farms and Fire Safety
  
- III. Final Changes to draft Article 89 prior to neighborhood meetings, including revised definitions to re: role of commercial farming
  
- IV. Update and Discussion re: Schedule, Outreach Materials and PowerPoint Presentation for Neighborhood Meetings on draft Article 89
  
- V. Public Comment

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# URBAN AGRICULTURE

CITY OF BOSTON | THOMAS M. MENINO, MAYOR

## AGENDA

### Meeting #18

#### Mayor's Urban Agriculture Working Group (WG)

September 5, 2013

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, BRA Board Room, Room 900

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|------|---|---------------|
| I.   | Report on Neighborhood Meetings, Public Comment, and Response to Comments                             | 5 min         |
| II.  | Report on "Introduction to Article 89" Document   | 5 min         |
| III. | Report on Permitting Guide  | 5 min         |
| IV.  | Revised Soil Safety Protocol  | 5 min         |
| V.   | Changes to Article 89*  | 1 hr & 15 min |
|      | 1. Height of Farm Structures (Section 89-4)   |               |
|      | 2. Review thresholds for farm structures, including greenhouses and freight containers (Section 89-4) |               |
|      | 3. CFR Thresholds for Expanded Farms (Section 89-6)   |               |
|      | 4. Signage (Section 89-4)   |               |
|      | 5. Comprehensive Farm Review: Other Changes (CFR, Section 89-6)                                       |               |
|      | -Changes to Design Guidelines (89-6)  |               |
|      | 6. Composting (Section 89-8)  |               |
|      | 7. Freight Containers (Section 89-11)   |               |
|      | 8. Farmers Markets and Farms Stands (Section 89-2)  |               |
|      | 9. Roof Level Beekeeping (Section 89-10)  |               |
| VI.  | Public Comment  | 20 min        |
| VII. | Next Steps  | 5 min         |

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\*If there is insufficient time on September 5 to discuss all of the agenda items, an additional meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19 at the same time of day and location to continue the discussion.

#### **HANDOUTS\*\*:**

**Attachment A** – Revised Soil Safety Protocol

**Attachment B** - Matrix Summarizing Public Comments, Response to Comments, and Changes to Article 89

**Attachment C** – September 2013 Revised Version of Article 89, with redlining to show changes since May 2013 version

\*\*All of the above documents are posted on the project web page (see link below) and was mailed to the BRA's list of interested persons prior to the September 5, 2013 Working Group meeting.

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