U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
and
CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Technical Assistance
SUSTAINABLE LAND USE CODE AUDIT

PUBLIC MEETING
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
June 18, 2012
5th Floor City Council Chambers
6801 Delmar Boulevard
University City, Missouri

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions:

   a. *Raymond Lai, AICP, Deputy Director – Economic and Community Development, Department of Community Development, City of University City and*

   b. *Karl Brooks, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 Administrator*

2. Overview of Sustainable Land Use Code Audit Tool – *Kevin Nelson, AICP, Office of Sustainable Communities, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*

   a. Discussion about Sustainable Development Codes

   b. Public Visioning Discussion

   c. Key Sustainability Topics

   d. Questions and Answers

(For persons with disabilities who require special arrangements, please contact Raymond Lai, Deputy Director of Community Development, City of University City, at (314) 505-8502)

Day 1

Consultant and U.S. EPA staff meets with local staff regarding logistics, schedule, etc. A brief tour is provided.

An evening open house/public presentation explaining sustainable land use code concept and audit process is conducted by the consultant, U. S. EPA, and City staff. The meeting will occur at 6:30 p.m. in the 5th floor Council Chambers of University City, City Hall, 6801 Delmar Boulevard.   Brief opening powerpoint presentation about sustainable development codes followed by discussion of what participants perceive as their vision of sustainable growth and development in their community, what are key community sustainability topics.

Day 2

Workshop with 12-15 member stakeholders group--city/county/regional officials, representatives from boards and commissions, other stakeholders.

9:00 to 9:15 a.m.   Introductions – Raymond Lai, City of University City and Kevin Nelson, U.S. EPA

9:15 to 10:15 a.m.   What Is A Sustainable Development Code? – Kevin Nelson
          Presentation explaining the concept of a sustainable development code focusing on removing barriers to sustainable growth and development, creating incentives, and filling regulatory gaps. What are other communities doing to tune-up their land use codes to promote sustainable growth and development?

10:15 to 12:00 noon   Selecting Key Sustainability Topics to Focus Code Audit – Elizabeth Garvin, Clarion Associates

          Discussion with stakeholders group of sustainable development issues:
          • What are key sustainability topics in our community (e.g., alternative energy, climate change, recycling, housing diversity, etc.)?
          • What are some of the community's goals in key sustainability topic areas?
          • What has the community accomplished to date? (e.g., sustainability plans, greenhouse gas emission inventories, code amendments to promote sustainability, etc.)?
          • What shape are our land use plans, codes, and ordinances in to address sustainable development and promote community sustainability goals? Identify specific shortcomings if possible.

12:00 to 1:30 p.m.   Lunch With Elected Officials and Community Leaders (not in morning session)

          Short presentation by consultant of sustainable land use code concept and summary of morning discussion. Goal is to hear from elected officials and other community leaders and get their take on what are key sustainability issues and challenges in the community and their priorities:

- What is your reaction to key sustainability topic list and code shortcomings from morning session?
- What are your priorities for sustainable community development? Code amendments?
- Potential hurdles to advancing priority code amendments and possible responses.

1:30 to 2:45 p.m.   Stakeholder Group Discussion—Priority Sustainable Code Amendments – Elizabeth Garvin

Discussion of feedback from lunch session and identification of potential priority amendments to local codes/ordinances for community to work on.

2:45 to 4:00 p.m.   Implementation Strategies – Elizabeth Garvin

Discussion of potential hurdles (e.g., staff resources, political resistance, lack of planning foundation, costs/benefits, etc.) to making sustainable code amendments and how other communities have addressed or overcome them.

4:00 to 4:30 p.m.   Wrap Up and Next Steps – Kevin Nelson

4:30 p.m.   *Adjourn*