

Kim Dietz

From: Bob Yoder [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2011 3:52 PM
To: Kim Dietz
Subject: Re: FW: Chicken on web

Thanks, Kim.

Good day,

Bob

On Mon, Aug 8, 2011 at 3:45 PM, Kim Dietz <KDIETZ@redmond.gov> wrote:

Good Day Bob;

Thank you again for keeping us informed regarding the comments and reports on the Redmond blog.

I will include your comments in the community feedback portion of the recommended amendments that staff sends to the City officials. After preliminary briefings, I anticipate the Planning Commission initiating their review in late September.

Best regards,
Kim

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From: Hank Margeson
Sent: Sunday, August 07, 2011 9:49 AM
To: Bob Yoder; MayorCouncil
Cc: Kim Dietz
Subject: RE: Chicken on web

Dear Mr. Yoder,

I am responding for the Redmond City Council as Ombudsman for the month of August. Thank you for participating in the discussion and sharing your thoughts on this issue.

Sincerely,

Hank Margeson

Redmond City Council

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From: Bob Yoder [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2011 10:37 AM
To: MayorCouncil
Cc: Kim Dietz
Subject: Fwd: Chicken on web

Dear Mayor / Council -

Below is a comment under a blog post: "Juel Park, pea patches, and backyard chickens". <http://redmondblog.org> Also, attached is a comment I sent Kim on chickens, for your consumption! Thanks for your consideration. Bob

I went to the city chicken meeting last night with my wife. She doesn't like the idea of bringing chickens from rural farms to our backyards; but she suggested a community area where residents could "rent a coup" and raise their own chickens for organic eggs. I think Juel Park could be an excellent community site. There's already a larger area than the pea patch area that's laying fallow and covered with landscape cloth. A community coup could be a good starting point and excellent venue for education. What do readers think!!

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From: **Bob Yoder** [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Aug 4, 2011 at 9:52 AM
Subject: Chicken on web
To: Kim Dietz <kdietz@redmond.gov>

Hi Kim -

Thanks for putting on the chicken program conversation. It was very interesting. My first reaction (months ago) to the idea was to withdraw from even the thought of chickens on our properties. However, with LOTS of education and soul searching, I believe backyard chickens have potential to be a tremendous community builder and neighbor connector.

As for chicken ambassadors, this may sound strange, but I think the Real Estate Industry may some day be our most effective educators. They would have to educate their clients and prospects about many of the issues we talked about last night. How to plan for anti-chicken enclaves/associations appears a can of worms.

99.8% of the Redmond population is dis-engaged on chickens. Are our international residents more accepting of the concept? I expect only a small minority of residents will install chickens. It may be a non-issue - more of a talking point. But chickens (the concept) get more interesting the more we talk about it. The big question to answer: are chickens a definite, proven long-term, growing trend in our society? If so, then I understand why the city had so many planners present and presented a PRO bias.

Could you please send all of the links from the website on the meeting and on chickens, including the farming workshops?

Thanks again for the conversation,

Bob

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