



Centennial

Beekeeping Council
Subcommittee Update
January 11, 2016

The “Buzz” Over Beekeeping

Public Comment/Council
Initiates Subcommittee

Subcommittee Meeting

Site Visit

Open House

Subcommittee Presentation
to Council

7/2015

9/2015

11/2015

12/2015

1/2016

7/2015 – 11/2015

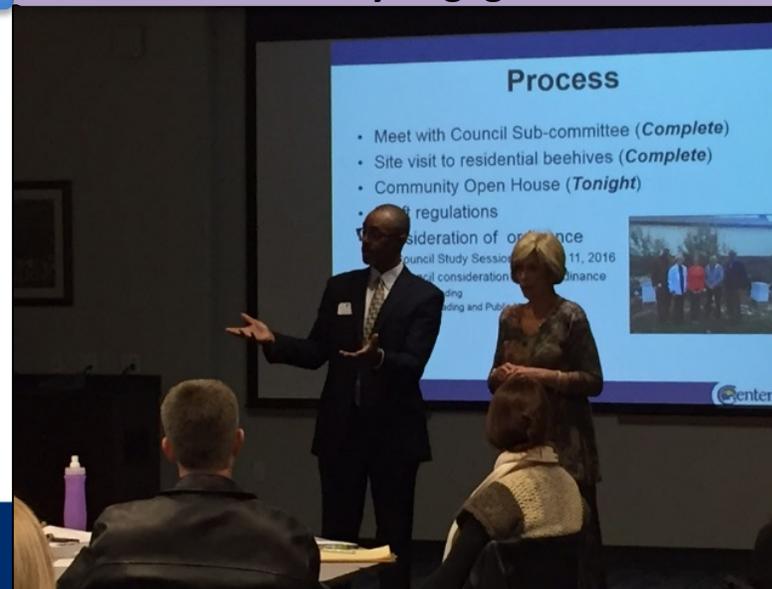
11/2015 – 12/2015

12/2015 – 1/2016

Research

Community Engagement

Policy Formulation



Research

- Sub-committee researched and discussed how beekeeping works – a basic education.
- Surrounding municipalities, including, but not limited to Aurora, Littleton, Castle Rock and Greenwood Village regulate in some form.
- Sub-committee researched and reviewed the general types of regulations other communities have adopted to balance the interests of beekeepers with other residents.
- Sub-committee met with two Centennial beekeepers.



Community Engagement

Open House advertised to the public via

- Social Media
- Electronic Messaging Signs
- City website
- City web events calendar

Colorado State Beekeepers Association

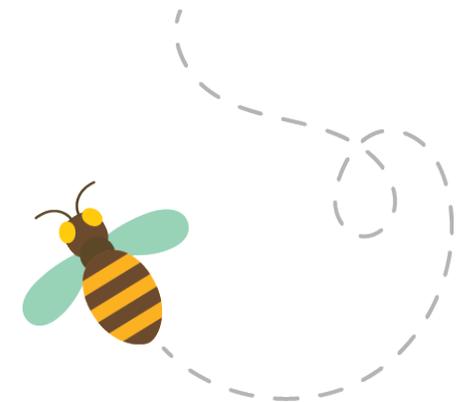
- President attended and answered questions
- Provided informational brochures

Comments and Feedback from the Public

- Written on posters of five most common types of regulation
- Survey (both written and electronic)
- Verbal comments at the Open House

Open House Outcomes

- 32 people attended the December 8th Open House
- Attendees were provided opportunities to comment at the Open House:
 - ‘Considerations’ posters
 - Survey
- Feedback received:
 - 14 comments on the posters
 - 13 completed surveys (8 with comments)



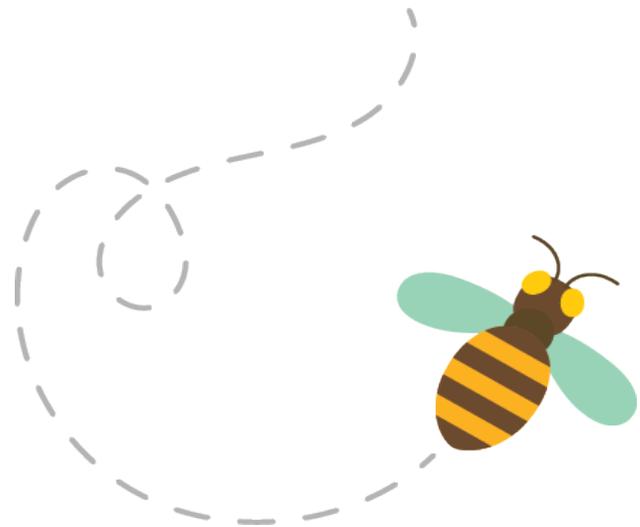
Policy Considerations

1. Hive Placement/
Setback
2. Fencing/Fly-away
Barrier
3. Water Source
4. Number of Hives
5. Signage



Recommendation

The subcommittee is aware that City codes are silent on beekeeping and recommends that they be amended to affirmatively permit beekeeping with reasonable regulation; such as yard placement, setbacks and direction of hive openings.



Next Steps

Pending direction from City Council:

- 1) Staff will bring a draft ordinance to City Council
- 2) Staff will reach out to stakeholders and update the beekeeping page on the City's website with Council's recommendation and links to resources.

