URBAN AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – 4PM

at the Public Service Center in the Grand River Room (1st floor)
(1500 Scribner Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504)

Committee Members:
Present: Amanda Faber, Evvia Marshall, Muriel (Dolli) Lutes, Kimberly Moore

Absent: Stacy Stout, Connie Bohatch, Sarah Larson

Other: Kat Hart (City Staff), Robert Cloy II (City Staff), Angélica DeJesus (City Staff), Kathrine Force (Community Member), Atlanta Grubbs (Community Member)

Mission:
To educate and empower the community by providing policy review, recommendations, and support for urban agriculture.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order: 4:32pm
2. Determination of Quorum
3. Approval of Agenda
    a. Motion made by Kim Moore & seconded by Dolli Lutes, to approve the October 14, 2026, agenda as presented. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2026, meeting
    a. Motion made by Kim Moore & seconded by Dolli Lutes, to approve the September 9, 2026, minutes as presented. Motion carried.
5. Public Comments - none
6. Old Business
    a. Review strategic plan category **Community Education** to generate potential actions for the UAC to take.
        1. Update outreach materials
            1. A general brochure about the definition of urban ag in CoGR (front/back)
                i. Who, what, when, basics
                ii. High-level overview of UAC topics
                iii. Call to action!
                iv. QR codes to website
            2. Topic-specific brochures
                i. Chickens, bees, composting, gardening (backyard, patio, community gardens & greenhouse permits)
                ii. UAC members will share specific content for brochures with OS

7. New Business
    a. Review strategic plan category **Community Access** to generate potential actions for the UAC to take.
        1. Amanda Faber makes a motion to postpone the review of **Community Access** to the December 9, 2026, UAC meeting. Evvia Marshall seconds, motion carried.
    b. Provide recommendations for backyard livestock & edible trees/shrubs (*CAAP Food Systems* Strategy 4, Action 1)
        1. Invite Urban Forestry Committee to attend November 18, 2026, UAC meeting
        2. Interest in promoting herbs & container gardening at an entry to urban ag.
        3. Encourage community to pick community fruit
8. Partner Reports
    a. Upcoming City of Grand Rapids community events
        1. Free mattress recycling event on Saturday, October 24, 2026
        2. Food scrap program informational session on Thursday, November 5, 2026
9. Agenda items for future meeting on November 18, 2026
    a. Upcoming UAC meetings to review strategic plan priorities
        1. **Community Education Materials Editing** – November 18, 2026 (90 min)
        2. **Community Access, Shaping Policy** – December 9, 2026 (60 min)
10. Motion to adjourn was made by Amanda Faber and seconded by Kim Moore. Motion carried.
11. Adjournment at 5:28pm

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 4pm (90 min)
at the Public Service Center in the Blue Bridge Room (2nd floor)
(1500 Scribner Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504)