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MPC Announces Leadership of Task Force to Revise Animal Control Ordinance

Upon the request of the Chatham County Commissioners to study the compatibility of the Animal Control Ordinance with the Zoning Ordinance, the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission has partnered with Healthy Savannah and the Food Policy Council to assist in the study.

Dr. Blake Caldwell, a member of both Healthy Savannah and the Food Policy Council will head the Task Force to study the ordinances. Dr. Caldwell is and MD, MPH recently retired for the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). While at CDC she did epidemiological research and later infectious disease health policy. She is now a Landings resident and was one of the leaders who conceived and developed the community garden on Skidaway Island – Skidaway Farms (<http://skidawayfarms.com/>). At the Landings she also Chairs the Dog Park Committee and serves as a member of the Public Works Committee. She was award the Environmental Steward Award in 2011 by Skidaway Audubon. (<http://www.skidawayaudubon.org/2011/blake-caldwell-2011-environmental-stewardship-award-winner/>)

Task Force members will include representatives from the City, County, MPC, CCSMPD, chicken community, horse community, bee-keeping community, etc.

It is anticipated that the Task Force will make recommendations on the Animal Control Ordinance before the end of the year.