



Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Eastern Market

Minutes

1. Welcome and Roll Call

In attendance: Suezette, Jerry, Ashley, Kathryn, Mimi, Velonda, Zaundra, Phil, Colin (phone), Tepfirah (phone), Sandra (phone)

2. Review and Acceptance of the September Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved with corrections

3. Remarks from the Chair

4. Notes From the Field – Green Grocer Program, Mimi Pldel

Green grocer in 4th year. Primary areas are technical assistance, financing, and façade improvement. Matching grants range from \$10,000 – \$50,000. Program is encouraging people to use full windows on the front of the store instead of half or quarter windows. Mimi showed examples of stores that have improved their façades. Some stores have also made investments into the surrounding businesses. In some places stores worked with other organizations to redesign the store façade. The next phase is to get people into stores to see the improvements. The goal is to recapture some of the grocery expenditure that is spent outside the city every year. Partnering with Phil Jones and other organization.

Discussion: some of the parking lots are very large, and redevelopment of some sites could be opportunity for incorporating green infrastructure. Some stores are exploring water catchment because they already have high sewerage fees.

What has been the feedback on the stores? Green Grocer is in the process of evaluating changes in the stores as a result of the program.

10 of the stores are part of the DUFB programs this year.

Some of the other programs include expansion of produce sections, and improving the variety of products offered in the stores.

5. Bylaws

In the proposed revision the following changes are proposed

Article IV: defining the term of the youth seat based on age of representative can be determined by EX CO. 4.03 council member emeritus status added and defined. 4.05 added information about leadership of non-DFPC member committee leadership. 4.07 reduces required frequency of meetings to four meetings, allows special meetings and requires quarterly community meetings and the notice required.

Article V: 5.01 council or council emeritus member may chair committee, and chair of special event does not have to be member.

Discussion

Food security policy, if there are changes to areas will we make changes in bylaws, or will bylaws dictate policy have specific areas?

Drafts and checks: executive director is signer on check and we have procedures about who can sign checks at what amounts. It's not addressed in the bylaws. It is ok to address this in the financial policies and procedures as long as it is not contradictory to what is in the bylaws.

Motion to accept bylaws

In favor: support to accept the bylaws

6. Committee Reports

a. Research and Policy Committee

Meeting was cancelled last month. Our next meeting is October 22 5:30 at Eastern Market. The public listening session will be October 21, 5:30-8 pm. We need volunteers to help with note taking. Kibibi sent an email to share and there are fliers to distribute.

b. Education and Engagement Committee

Detroit Food 2016: Food for Change. March 10-11 at the Benson and Edith Ford Conference Center in Taubman Design Center, New Center area. We have a call for proposals for conference sessions. We ask each sector representative to submit or solicit a proposal. The topic areas are Culture, Economics, and Wellness.

c. Fund Development Committee

Winona is working on several grants. We are working on securing sponsorships for the Golden Beet Awards fundraiser.

i. Golden Beet Awards

Ads are due October 26. We have a couple sponsors so far: Bonbonbon, Edible WOW, JP Morgan Chase. We will need some volunteers on the day of the event. Kibibi will send out a call for volunteers.

We need a push to sell tickets. We need to do more to promote the event. Please drop off money as you receive it. We were not able to get the venue to let us bring in our own food for order. We will also put together a gift bag, and we can include some information about some local food businesses in the gift bag.

d. Nominating Committee

We have new council member nominations to put forward for next month's vote. There are some seats that we didn't receive nominations for, we will hold another round of nominations for these seats. The Nominating Committee will work to provide more written detail for the qualifications for each sector seat. New council members orientation will be Monday, December 4. Kathryn's term is also limited and we need to determine if we need to ask City Council to appoint a new representative. The Bylaws committee will revisit the term limits for appointees. We have candidates for the seats: at large, sustainable agriculture. We need candidates for retail, food processors, food industry workers.

We need to have a robust nominating committee and we need two additional council members to serve on the nominating committee. Jerry and Velonda will join the nominating committee.

7. Director's Report

We were invited to submit a proposal for the Health Endowment Fund. Met with Chris Dobe of Erb Foundation. She invited us to submit a proposal. Met with Wendy Jackson at Kresge. She said we could check with her at the end of this month about funding for next year. We have been invited to submit letter to McGregor. We submitted a letter to Americana. We have been invited to submit a preproposal by community foundation of SE Michigan.

Economic Development has been the focus of our work to expand the capacity of the organization.

Winona met with Councilmember Racquel Castaneda Lopez at DEA steering committee.

Continue to work with

Healthy kids healthy community action team, healthy food access. Annual meeting October 28 in Bath. Registration is \$40. If any council members are available to attend let us know.

Winona met with the new director of DHWP, Dr. Abdul El-Sayed, and they plan to talk again to discuss future partnering about community health topics.

Ben Carson HS approached us about working on a food system report. Kick off is Tuesday, October 20. If they have specific topics they want to touch on as they develop their project we will reach out to council members. The top projects will report out at the summit, we will need volunteers to judge the presentations.

Winona attended Food and Nutrition Conference, Public Health and Community Nutrition DPG asked us to be a resource. Met editor of Today's Dietician and pitched a story about DFPC.

Winona attending Women of Color in STEM, is presenting at PolicyLink's Equity Summit, and American Public Health Association's Annual meeting.

Our office space is being painted, and we will send an email with a move date as soon as we confirm. 1420 Washington, 2nd floor. We will continue to meet at Eastern Market for the near future, and any meetings we have at our new office we will make arrangements for parking.

8. Reports from Governmental Representatives (20 minutes)

a. Department of Health and Wellness Promotion – Velonda Thompson

DHWP is the new director. Deborah Whiting has retired as of last Wednesday. Dr. Kanzoni Asabigi is the Interim Deputy Director and health officer. DHWP is searching for two deputy directors. Administrative offices will move October 27 to MI Basic Insurance Building on Michigan next to 5/3 Bank. Velonda attended National WIC Technology Conference and Michigan is ahead of many other states in using electronic system.

b. Legislative Branch Report – Kathryn Underwood

Livestock sessions will be November 16 at a location on the east side (location TBD), November 18 at Greater Grace. There will be a mailing out of CPC office and will share promotional material. Focusing on educating people on proposal to integrate livestock. Continuing work with Detroit Collaborative Design to develop design guidelines. Animal control will be transferred from Police Department to DHWP.

Food Trucks – Council member Castaneda-Lopez is taking lead on new ordinance. There were questions on the proposal that was before council a few years ago. It will come forward soon. Initial ordinance will focus on food truck courts so they can come together on a vacant lot, but not on right of ways. Downtown has provisions for food trucks for special events.

Question: will the existing law to ban livestock have to be overturned? Yes, it is part of animal code and the new ordinance will amend the law.

c. Executive Branch Report – tabled
Revisit RAP committee report: advocacy on CNR. We have had a webinar on advocacy vs. lobbying, and have been in contact with a policy analyst.

9. Next Meeting – November 10, 2015 @ Eastern Market

10. Public Comments

We had a session on food security policy with food system professionals, and had good participation. One of the things that emerged was that there should be a policy agenda and community action agenda. Cheryl sent a note with three questions to answer. We will have a meeting on October 21, and we encourage people to share the information about the meeting with folks who are working on issues such as livestock, food trucks, etc.

Anne Ginn can give further background on CNR. The continuing resolution that is effective until December 31 does not include child nutrition programs. Congress is recessed this week. Senate agriculture committee expected to release a comprehensive bipartisan child nutrition reauthorization soon. Rumors that committees will focus on school meal program child eligibility. The national organizations are hopeful that **the**. Congress passed CR to extend some funding until January. We will hit debt ceiling in November, and this gives opening to renegotiate programs that use discretionary funding for food programs. If congress doesn't act by January the sequester takes effect. Would affect funding for some child nutrition programs and defense. Anne can share more detailed reports also. Food Bank Council of Michigan says state mil still needs to come up with \$40 mil of funding, and funding for food programs could be affected.

Kathryn – when there is that level of update can we have it on the agenda instead of part of public comment.

Phil – send info about CNR for chefs day of advocacy. Phil will share a toolkit over next week.

Renee – Food Plus Detroit October 27 convening and reception. Renee will share information about reducing food loss and food waste. EPA has a Food Recovery Challenge to help meet goal of reducing food waste by 50%. State plan Recycle by design. Renee is forming Detroit team to participate in both opportunities.

December 27 Kathryn's Birthday

11. Announcements

Ashley – KGD, Monday Oct 19 cooking and eating seasonally and locally class with Angela Newsome at City Temple Church. Perineal division and distribution at Plum Street on Tuesday, October 20. Batch Brewer making craft beer class on October 22.

Kathryn – Slow Food through national office and international office sponsoring Eddi Mikibbi to visit US: NYC, Detroit, NOLA, California. Over 10,000 Gardens in Africa program. November 8-10: Nov 8 tour of Brighmore and dinner at Sprit of Hope and report out of Kadiri's trip to Milan; Nov 9 dinner with Eddi, Malik and Naim by invitation; Nov 10 visit city council. we would like to invite him to give a presentation at council meeting nov. 10 also.

Phil – Healthy holiday cooking classes at Whole Foods Nov. 3, 4, 5, Vegan holiday appetizers and small plates Dec. 3, 4

Jerry – Oakland Ave Farmers Market October 24 3pm Afro Jam jam making class, premier of value added products seasonal jams

12. Adjournment 7:40