



**Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2018**  
**5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
**EMC Corporation Conference Room**  
**Minutes**

- 1) 5:30 – 5:45 PM Food & Networking
- 2) Welcome and Roll Call  
Mimi Pledl, Alex Hill, Lindsay Pielack, Velonda Anderson, Kristi Evans, Joel Howrani Heeres, Kathryn Lynch Underwood, Clara Gamalski, Kevin Frank (phone), Patrice Brown (phone)
- 3) Remarks from the Chair
- 4) Review and Acceptance of the February Meeting Minutes  
**Approved**
- 5) Committee Reports
  - a. Research and Policy Committee – see attached report
  - b. Education and Engagement Committee
    - i. Detroit Food 2018 - Kibibi gave a report of attendance and feedback from the Summit. She will compile the notes from key sessions and share a summary of what occurred the summit. The dates set for next year's summit March 7-8
    - ii. Food Literacy For All - DFPC has hosted several events in partnership with the Food Literacy for All series at UofM. The last event, a meeting with Rep. Blumenauer, was held this morning. The course will conclude next week.
    - iii. Grocery Store Coalition - The grocery store coalition has a seed grant from DEGC to conduct focus groups with neighborhood organizations as part of the Healthy Grocer Initiative. Their goal is to hold a focus group in each city council district by the end of May.
    - iv. Food Power Awards - Planning for this year's Food Power Awards will begin at the May EEC meeting. Review of possible dates, **Food Power Awards tentatively set for Sept. 27**. DFPC Members will submit nominations at the June DFPC meeting.  
Discussion: The Youth category is age 24 and under
    - v. Big Hunger event - DFPC is a partner in the Big Hunger book talk with author Andrew Fisher hosted by SEED Wayne and Eastern Market.
    - vi. We will not hold an EEC meeting in April, we will meet again May 16.
  - c. Youth Leadership Development Committee
    - i. Olivia thanked everyone who volunteered at the summit
    - ii. Olivia is working with Workforce Partnership Initiative to evaluate career and vocational centers in the DPSCD. They will be making recommendations for steps to improve the career pathways in the district.

- iii. Olivia had a meeting with a group from Slovakia to talk about youth programming for food systems
  - iv. The youth leadership program is not funded this year. DFPC applied for a joint grant with DPSCD to provide programming for their summer program.
  - v. Question about 10 cents a meal: an advocacy group is preparing something to present to state legislature, and is gathering data from school districts around our prosperity region
- 6) Reports from Governmental Representatives
  - a. Health Department – Alex Hill
 

Locations for WIC Keep Growing Detroit produce stands will be available soon. DDOT Fresh Wagon will start running April 21. April 21 is also the DPSCD Earth Day Festival. There will be presentations with ProsperUs to understand food code and requirements for launching food businesses
  - b. Legislative Branch Report – Kathryn Underwood
 

Livestock Policy Outreach 2.0 is planned to launch this summer. Kathryn has been meeting with people in neighborhoods across city who keep animals. Big part of passing policy will be community acceptance. Animal keepers will have to be ones to help promote animal husbandry and help people feel more comfortable. This may be first role of livestock guild.
  - c. Mayor’s Office – Joel Howrani Heeres
 

The Office of Sustainability is kicking off the Sustainability Action Agenda Process. They have contracted with a consultant team to help craft a broader engagement plan that will be implemented in the spring, summer and fall. Sign up for their list serve at [detroitmi.gov/sustainability](http://detroitmi.gov/sustainability). The Sustainability Ambassadors program is kicking off to collect information and engage community members. The idea behind the action agenda is to create a set of goals and measures to become a more sustainable city; and find out what sustainability means to Detroit residents. The office currently has three workgroups: Food Access, Urban Agriculture, and Procurement
- 7) Director’s Report/Strategic Planning
 

Winona continues to participate in CURES at WSU, some participants want to connect issue they are working on with the Food Metrics Report. Mi Local Food Council Network participants have been discussing the Farm Bill. The Detroit Environmental Agenda and Good Food For All are concerned about SNAP funding levels. There may be as many as 8 million people impacted by cuts to SNAP under the current budget. One comment from lawmakers was that most groups that talk to them about the farm bill are not diverse across race, age, ethnicity, etc. NSAC also has resources for Farm Bill advocacy on their website.

**Winona will send advocacy points for Farm Bill to council members.**

Winona will attend Policy Link this week. She participated in panel at Food Literacy for All, and gave a lecture to UM’s Health Policy Class.

Winona, Sandra and Zaundra met with JFM about strategic plan. They will compile information from our last two convenings and we will meet again to go over the synthesis document.
- 8) Next Meeting – June 12, 2018
- 9) Public Comments
 

Calli Brannan, MSUE  
 Leah McCulla, urban farmer  
 Ken Elkins, Big Green

Ava, Big Green

Odie Avery, Big Green

Anne Ginn, Forgotten Harvest – last Thursday the House Agriculture Committee was expected to do a mark-up of the farm bill, but nothing has been introduced yet. Anne will share anything she receives in the next few weeks. There have been some troubling proposals introduced as ideas to incorporate into the Farm Bill, so we need to continue to do thoughtful education of legislators.

Wendy Casey, EarthWorks Urban Farm

Has a coalition of city legislators ever come out with a statement about the Farm Bill? Not that anyone is aware of. Congressman Blumenauer has been challenging communities to come out with their own version of the farm bill.

#### 10) Announcements

Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) has a calendar of events. Cold crop distribution is next week. KGD has moved to the Welcome Center in Eastern Market. KGD is supporting growers with water infrastructure – Water Wise helps growers have better access to water, and continues work to make sure growing projects have curb appeal. The Water Wise application is out now, Curb Appeal will be out in fall.

#### 11) Adjournment 6:35