



Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 14, 2018
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Repair the World – Conference Room
Minutes

- 1) 5:15 – 5:30 PM - Food & Networking
- 2) Welcome and Roll Call
Kevin Frank (chairing meeting), Nick Leonard, Alex Hill, Kristi Evans (phone), Clara Gamalski (phone), Sandra Turner HandyTurner Handy (phone), Jonathan Roberts
- 3) Remarks from the Chair – Sandra encouraged everyone to engage in the Food Power Awards.
- 4) Review and Acceptance of the July Meeting Minutes
No quorum, minutes not accepted
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a. Research and Policy Committee
We planned a Farm Bill meeting in partnership with Washtenaw food policy council and Forgotten Harvest at Rhulig Farm. A representative from Senator Stabenow’s office, Walmart, Rhulig farm, and others. RAP is developing a database of metrics to track. Amy participated in the Michigan Food Council Network meeting.
 - b. Education and Engagement Committee
 - i. Food Power Awards/Make Food Not Waste
Make Food Not Waste will be Sept. 30
 - ii. Youth Summit
Youth Summit will be Friday, October 19
 - c. Nominating Committee
We will be accepting nominations for the following seats: Sustainable Agriculture, Emergency Food, Food Retail, Farmers Markets, Environmental Justice, Urban Planning, and 3 At Large seats. We need at least two additional council members to join the Nominating Committee. contact Winona to participate in the committee.
- 6) Director’s Report/Strategic Planning
We are doing collaborative activities with CURES, MLFCN, Detroit Environmental Agenda, Good Food For All, Food Metrics Steering Committee, Capitol Impact Partners, UM Food Literacy For All. Winona was on WDET Detroit Today, Center for Concerned Scientist webinar. We need to wrap up our strategic planning. We submitted four proposals to participate in the Michigan Good Food Summit. Winona will speak at the Farm to School gathering on September 14.
- 7) Food Co-Op Presentation – Jermond Booze

Detroit had a food co-op many years ago that closed. Malik Yakini at the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network has been working for many years to start a new Detroit People's Food Co-Op. It will be located at Woodward and Euclid, and the building will include a community kitchen. Their goal is to open by the end of 2019. The co-op is owned by the members and the members set the policy for the store. Their partner in the project is Develop Detroit. Jermond is currently an assistant manager at Whole Foods, and the co-op has recruited him to consult with the store to develop their operations. In order for the store to develop they need to have more community members join as members.

Discussion: to become a member you can purchase a share for a one time fee of \$200. The co-op needs help with outreach and promotion, promoting the co-op model for food businesses. September 17 is the annual members meeting, it's open to the general public. Members receive benefits like dividends from the operations each year. The board of the food co-op will hold elections in March, and members must be members for six months before the elections in order to be eligible to serve on the board. They plan to break ground next spring.

The sourcing of products for the store is still being developed, but they will have to use national suppliers for many of the

8) Financial Report

We don't have a quorum so Winona will send the financial report by email for approval.

9) Reports from Governmental Representatives

a. Health Department – Alex Hill

The Fresh Wagon has had steady ridership but it has not increased. The office of Sustainability will be holding town hall meetings for the Sustainability Action Agenda for the next few weeks.

b. Legislative Branch Report – Kathryn Underwood (absent)

c. Mayor's Office – Joel Howrani Heeres (absent)

d.

10) Next Meeting – October 9, 2018

11) Public Comments

Anne Ginn – Feeding America has an action oriented sign on letter that will go to the members of the House and Senate. Anne will send it to the staff to review and share with council members. The staffs for the members of the conference committee are writing the bill now. One concern is that the bill will not be voted on until after the midterm elections, and some of the programs will expire before that happens.

Callie Brannon – starting a food recovery program for several schools that repackages food left from school lunches to provide food that families can take home

Hannah – Hazon is holding the Michigan Jewish Food Festival Sunday, August 26 at Eastern Market.

Jonathan – working with a group to talk with residents whose homes are going into foreclosure to help them purchase their homes before they are foreclosed. Group is canvassing homes that are going to be foreclosed on to let them know about foreclosure relief program. United Community Housing Coalition is looking for more volunteers to help with canvassing. We can refer people to the United Housing Coalition or the city when we share the information

12) Announcements

13) Adjournment 6:20pm