



Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

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

Eastern Market Corporation

Minutes

- 1) 5:30 – 5:45 PM Food & Networking
- 2) Welcome and Roll Call: Patrice Brown, Diane Cress, Kevin Frank, Clara Gamalski, Carla Underwood, Lindsey Pielack, Alex Hill, Joel Howrani Heeres
Staff: Winona Bymum (phone), Kibibi Blount-Dorn, Olivia Henry, Amy Kuras also present
- 3) Remarks from the Chair – not present
- 4) Election Results/Introduction of the new council members
New members
Patrice Brown – Wholesale Food Distributors
Diane Cress – Nutrition and Well Being
Kristi Evans – Colleges and Universities
Kevin Frank – K-12 Education
Clara Gamalski – Institutional Food
Jonathan Roberts – Food Industry Workers
Carla Underwood – At Large, Youth
- 5) Review and Acceptance of the August Meeting Minutes – corrections made, no quorum to accept
- 6) Notes from the Field – Lindsay Pielack gave Notes from the field: KGD believes sustainable agriculture has a place in every neighborhood, and supporting policies that support urban agriculture all along the chain
More gardens than ever that have joined the Garden Resource Program. A lot of more advanced gardeners have continued to stay with the GRP. KGD staff is dug in on land security policy and access to water and have a lot of work going into policy in that regard. They've been working closer with the Office of School Nutrition of Detroit Public Schools on procurement and how to build connections between larger farms and gardens. It's been exciting to see connections between sectors.
We have been working with the health department to allow people who use Electronic Benefit Transfer (Bridge) cards will be able to use benefits for a CSA box or GRP enrollment, With KGDs CSA they can use their Bridge card to swipe but they have to do it weekly -- they subscribe ahead of time but then can pay week to week. We are trying to figure out ways for seasonal boxed fresh fruits and vegetables can be connected with nutrition education. KGD has been working with American Indian family services and KGD just got certified to accept EBT.

Urban Roots applications are kicking off; 450 people have taken the class, which is a 9 week community training program.

7) Committee Reports (20 minutes)

a. Fund Development Committee

Winona gave the report from the fund development committee

We have our annual campaign going as you have noticed; we also got sponsorships for the Food Power Awards and are seeking them for the Summit

b. Research and Policy Committee

Amy Kuras – presented at the Sustainable Detroit Forum in October

DFPC met with Toronto Food Policy Council Director

The Food Metrics Report has been released

The Food Waste workgroup is developing a toolkit

The Land Use Workgroup is meeting with the land bank, developing a survey of growers on land security

Legislation: SB 108/109 has not moved

The Food Security Policy Update was adopted by City Council

Joel Howrani Heeres reported that the Office of Sustainability toured Cobo a few weeks ago. They compost food waste there and send it to Lansing. Regulatory barriers prevent sending it to Detroit. DFPC does send out policy alerts if people need to have information on what a policy is, who the target lawmakers are lawmakers and how to contact their own local policymaker.

c. Education and Engagement Committee

Kibibi Blount-Dorn – the Detroit Food Summit, which is scheduled for March 8-9. The theme is: It Takes a Village: Reclaiming Our Power in the Local Food System. We're reaching out around the city for content reflecting that theme. Monica White will be the keynote speaker. All council members have program ad forms, and the Summit RFPS are due Jan 8.

The grocery store coalition is a coalition of agencies around the city working on food access and developing a strategy for increasing food access within our sector. We've developed a strategy based on developing a stamp of approval program for local retailers based on the NEMS survey by WSU and other community based innovators. We're also working on the "adopt a shop" program to develop relationships between stores and community. We've submitted to grants, to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund and also as a subcontractor on the Community Food Projects grant through WSU. The What About Food film series is starting up again with a screening of Just Eat It Jan 31; we're working with Amy and the Wasted Food Workgroup to have a panel discussion following that film.

U-M is having the Food Literacy for All Course again; DFPC is working with U-M so community members can attend lectures. We will be bringing people to Detroit; will have events with Winona LaDuke and Kimberly Seals Allers. Three of the lectures will be streamed at the U-M Detroit center and people can tweet questions to the speakers.

d. Youth Leadership Development Committee

Olivia Henry – submitted a grant along with DPS for revamping the youth program and youth summit for next year. Olivia has also been participating in Hope Starts Here initiative for early childhood; I've also been helping a lot with other programs.

8) Director's Report / Impact 2 Update/Strategic Planning

Winona Bynum gave the Director's report: She was in DC at Good Food for all, where we talked about national food policy and did Hill visits with Senate and House staffers working to craft the farm bill. Markup should be available really soon. The next meeting is planned for that group in February to see how to work on mutual priorities we all have and will forward that document regarding shared priorities.

Jan 25 9-18 there will be a strategic planning session through Impact Squared.

The first media training is happening this week and there are two more sessions planned.

9) Reports from Governmental Representatives

a. Health Department – Alex Hill

There is an exciting partnership with KGD at WIC offices, as mentioned. We got the food metrics report finished-- thank you to the people who shared data, programs or pictures. Health department is in the middle of a community health assessment process. There are lots of opportunities to engage and let us know what you think of health in your community.

b. Legislative Branch Report – Kathryn Underwood (not present, no report)

c. Mayor's Office – Joel Howrani Heeres

The Sustainability Office is helping to facilitate some conversations about food; we have a Food Policy workgroup internally and two subgroups around Food Access and Urban Ag, as well as Procurement which Betsy Palazollo chairs

As a city overall we're trying to figure out how do we coordinate how the various activities play a part in food access and how do we prioritize food access as an asset in those neighborhoods. We're in the early stages of beginning to coordinate work for the various agencies throughout.

Alex and Joel have been talking to DDOT and Fresh Wagon -- ridership isn't where they want it to be and they are looking at new models.

The Good Food Ambassadors program is formally partnering with Community Health Pipeline here essentially student can get exposure to the health and nutrition career pipeline while at same time being able to educate Detroit residents about the nutrition programs that exist.

The Urban Ag workgroup has been working on land access and how do we get access to land and water.

There is good momentum at the city around that issue; I'm frankly not sure if the alignment of various things had happened or if people have sent enough letters or what, but I think that's exciting.

Alex and I have been working on how to get more food into rec centers, procurement group are looking at that – can we incorporate more local fresh food into the development pipeline. The rec department did 200 thousand meals last year; Meet Up and Eat up did a ton of meals last year.

Betsy is working on the procurement issue -- large institutional purchases of food, which is a government way to say sourcing. What do we need from you to provide food -- format, funding, etc. on vendor side it's how do you meet all those needs, of volume, etc. We're hoping to loop Kevin Frank into that.

10) Next Meeting – Feb 13, 2018

11) Public Comments

Kevin Kay

Bill Thomason

Carolyn Sagi -- work with Gleaners with Cooking Matters trying to help folks to stretch their food dollar in the most nutritious way possible.

Joan Mandel –Green Toe gardens; have been beekeepers here for 17 years, want to do more announcing of where honey is sourced from and think about bees and how they fit into food policy might seem obvious thinking about how to partner with programs.

Anthony Lombardo, opening restaurant in Midtown called SheWolf, just moved back from DC where I was chef there and also on board of Campus Kitchen's DC Central Kitchen, doing feeding training etc. We're taking people out of prison mandatory minimum victims teach them to cook filter throughout the area.

Von Willis, community gardener in process of expanding garden

Hayley Sakwa: when at UWSE working with Meet Up and Eat Up, now works for Cherry Capital to help them source local food.

Ilana Unger, Hazon does a lot of justice work have honor of partnering with DFPC and greened the summit last year. We do a variety of things from greening events to working with the Jewish community to make Jewish places more sustainable

Leah McCollough; recent urban roots graduate

Jeremy Falcon, friend of Carla's

Calli Brannan, MSU extension

Mary Rochelle, Coordinator for Michigan Food Corps, AmeriCorps program and recruiting we are opening application in January into March. Our members work with K-8 schools and connect kids to healthy food through hands on service leaning experiences

Emma—Second-year Food Corps member, worked at Eastern Market

12) Announcements

13) Adjournment