



**Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

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

**EMC Corporation Conference Room**

**Agenda**

- 1) 5:30 – 5:45 PM Food & Networking
- 2) Welcome and Roll Call (2 minutes): Sandra Turner-Handy, Alex Hill, Jerry Hebron, Lindsay Pielack, Kevin Frank, Kristi Evans, Jonathan Roberts, Clara Gamalski, Mimi Pledl  
Staff: Amy, Kibibi, Olivia, Winona
- 3) Remarks from the Chair – encouraged members and guests to volunteer for the summit
- 4) Review and Acceptance of the October and December Meeting Minutes
- 5) Ten Cents a Meal – Amy  
Started 10 years ago, piloted by Growndwerks center, uses state funding to fund 10 cents per meal to allow school districts to purchase produce from local farms. The state runs the program by prosperity region, and we have not had the program in our region. There are a couple of legislators that could bring this to the committees to have this program in our region. There is no funding for it in the governor's budget for next year, but the program is typically not included in governors' budget and gets added later in budget process. The annual funding has been \$375,000, but it would have to be increased if it was offered in our region.

Discussion and Q&A

**Amy and Kevin will meet to discuss the ask from DPSCSD. Also include Alex**

**If we do not have a quorum today to pass motions we will ask council members to approve by email.**

- 6) Notes From the Field – tabled
- 7) Committee Reports
  - a. Research and Policy Committee
    - i. Policy focused sessions for the summit: Policy Boot Camp, State and Local Policy, Farm Bill 101, Policy Action Table. We would also like to have a voter registration table – Jonathan can help with that
    - ii. The proposed federal budget cuts cash benefits for those receiving \$90 or more per month, and recipients will get a food box instead. The budget is unlikely to pass as written, but we will keep monitoring the process. Amy will attend a webinar tomorrow and will have more updates. There are also about 39 unfunded programs that are part of the Farm Bill that would be at risk.

iii. Metrics Report, Food Security Policy Linking

Carolyn Sagi is a volunteer in the Speakers Bureau. She has been working on developing a presentation on each of the policy areas of the food security policy. As the Food Metrics Report has come out we have been looking at including the information in the Food Metrics Report into the focused presentations. Carolyn has been looking at the policy and report with Kibibi and Amy. Carolyn has started the process and would like to involve students in the process in order to make this happen in a more timely manner. Carolyn has a contact who is a professor who would like to have her students work with this project. She teaches at another university in another state. If there is a university with a program locally that would like to work on this project we are open to looking at partnership with another entity.

Clara: there are a couple UDM faculty members who might be able to work on this project, but they would probably not be available until the fall.

Winona: part of this report is looking at the benchmark of what we want to measure to evaluate progress on our priorities.

Sandra: would Kami be a resource, Alex is also connected with the public health interns.

Clara: will approach faculty and Carolyn will prepare a brief of what we are looking for.

b. Education and Engagement Committee

i. Detroit Food 2018

The annual summit is March 8-9. We need council members to promote the summit and drive people to attend. Kibibi reviewed the agenda and other content. Kibibi will send information for registration and the volunteer shifts that need to be filled by email.

c. Youth Leadership Development Committee

i. Olivia is working on the Workforce Partnership Initiative with DPSCSD.

ii. Earth Week event is being planned at DPSCSD.

iii. United Way of Southeastern Michigan partners meeting was about homelessness and resources. They created a resource list that Olivia distributed.

8) Director's Report/Strategic Planning

We got a grant from Cliff Bar, and we will apply again next quarter. We are waiting to hear from several other grants we have applied for. We need additional help with looking for funding opportunities.

We need more members to participate in the Fund Development committee.

We will be contracting with Career Evaluation for six months and subletting them space in our office. We will also have EJAM in our office and sharing the rent with us.

Collaborative activities include CURES; Michigan Local Food Council Network; Detroit Environmental Agenda; Good Food For All national collaborative – Winona will be traveling to Washington D.C. next month to hold educational sessions with members of congress; MOTION Coalition; Detroit Delegation to Policy Link Equity Summit; presenting at Renaissance High School parent meeting; UWSEM formed a group to help shape Mackinac Policy Conference.

Sandra: put together a diverse sector based group of 4-5 sectors and ask one of the foundations that participates to sponsor delegation to attend the conference and talk about equity.

Thank you for participating in strategy session. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 9am-12pm at the UM Detroit Center, park in the structure behind the building and we will validate the parking.

9) Financial Report

Assets vs. liability shows we are funded to end of April.

Friends of Detroit Food Policy Council – we have been trying to grow that for a few years to bring in discretionary funds.

**This month's financial report will be sent by email to all council members for approval**

10) Reports from Governmental Representatives

- a. Health Department – Alex Hill  
City Food Policy Workgroups kicked off for year last week. One subcommittee is on food access, they will be putting programs from different places together. Gearing up for summer, meeting with BSEED to look at food business process. WIC clinic at Family Place flooded  
Community health assessment process: four community visioning sessions are coming up, #MyHealthyDetroit
- b. Legislative Branch Report – Kathryn Underwood, absent
- c. Mayor's Office – Joel Howrani Heeres, absent

11) Next Meeting – April 10, 2018

12) Public Comments

Carolyn Sagi – Cooking Matters Volunteer Coordinator, many volunteers attended the Just Eat It screening  
Kevin Kay – Detroit Food, Brudders Pizza, part of Wasted Food workgroup  
Cali Brannon – MSUE, Research And Policy committee  
Ilana Unger – Hazon, sustainability partner for summit  
Hayle Sakwa – Cherry Capitol Foods  
Anne Ginn – Forgotten Harvest, Feeding America has a sign on letter for organizations to protect SNAP, TEFAP, CAFAP. Focus is on Farm Bill, and it is even more important based on budget proposals. DFPC will share electronically.  
Lorenzo Heron – Grower and eater

Reminder from chair – fill out the survey for the strategic planning meeting if you have not completed it already

13) Announcements

Oakland Ave is going to be a 4-H Club Hub supported by Michigan State Fair, working with young people to learn how to show livestock at the State Fair and County Fair.  
Oakland Ave Farm has obtained GAP certification, only urban farm that has done it

Detroit People's Food Co-Op needs members, and is looking for organizations to host information sessions. Need 1200 members by opening day.

14) Adjournment 7:30pm