



Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 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
Sandra Turner-Handy, Zaundra Wimberly, Alex Hill, Patrice Brown, Lindsay Pielack, Clara Gamalski, Joel Howrani Heeres, Nick Leonard, Kevin Frank (phone), Diane Cress (phone), Jonathan Roberts
Staff: Winona Bynum, Kibibi Blount-Dorn, Amy Kuras
- 3) Remarks from the Chair
This month's meeting is outside of the regular meeting, and the regular meeting schedule will resume next month. Sandra congratulated Olivia Henry on her new position.
- 4) Review and Acceptance of the April Meeting Minutes
Accepted with corrections
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a. Research and Policy Committee
 - i. DFPC co-authored a sign on letter for the Farm Bill
 - ii. RAP is compiling a database of sources for metrics that we will track
 - iii. Amy is developing a food waste toolkit for restaurants. Sandra will connect Amy with the Green Task Force food waste committee to make a presentation
 - iv. The Land Use subcommittee is setting up interviews with farmers to develop case studies to share with DLBA
 - v. Amy is meeting with partners to organize parents around 10 cents a meal
 - vi. Farm bill is in conference committee and will likely go up for a vote in early August
 - vii. Discussion of Farm Bill: Senate bill would reorganize some federal agencies and SNAP would be managed by a different agency. It's unknown how the White House would react if the conference bill looks more like the Senate bill.
 - viii. Sandra asked the committee to develop an education piece for council members and their networks.
 - ix. MLFCN is hosting an event with Sen. Stabenow's staff and Amy will share the date when it is confirmed.
 - b. Education and Engagement Committee
 - i. This year's Food Power Awards will take place at Make Food Not Waste, Sunday, September 19, 10am-4pm at Eastern Market Shed 5. Council members can submit nominations until July 13. Online voting will be open July 26 – Aug. 30.

- ii. Youth Food Summit will be hosted by DFPC, Office of School Nutrition, and WSU Community Health Pipeline. It will be Friday, October 19, 10am-2pm at WSU, we plan to host about 300-400 Detroit high school students
 - iii. The Grocery Store Coalition has hosted focus groups with 5 community hosts, and we plan to host two additional meetings this summer. The next phase of implementation is dependent on receiving grant funding from proposals we have submitted. Jermond Booze now has a position with the People's Co-op and the coalition will contact him to engage in the initiative.
 - c. Nominating Committee

Next month we will need to start looking at electing new executive committee members and new council members. Winona will convene nominating committee
- 6) Director's Report/Strategic Planning
- We received Erb Foundation funds last month. Continued collaborative activities with MLFCN, MOTION Coalition, and others
- Presented May 25 to UDM health students
- Invited to participate in campaign for promoting healthy food incentives in Michigan
- Partnered with Ecology Center to present at Health Care Without Harm event
- We need to wrap up strategic planning. We will meet another day to finalize the plan
- Winona submitted a mini grant for board development
- 7) Financial Report
- Jerry absent and Winona gave the financial report. We have submitted a proposal for a research project and we have been invited to submit proposals for a few other grants.
- Joel will introduce Winona to a program officer at the Kresge Foundation.
- Send Ford Foundation program officer an invitation to Youth Food Summit, and send foundation officers invitations to MFNW/FPA**
- Winona will convene a meeting of the Fund Development Committee.
- Winona will send the financial report by email and will approve financial report by email vote by Friday, July 13
- 8) Reports from Governmental Representatives
- a. Health Department – Alex Hill

The health department has good food ambassadors. The Fresh Wagon to Eastern Market is running. They have made improvements to the service and outreach efforts. Detroitmarkets.org has a link to the Fresh Wagon. Submitting a grant to the CDC
 - b. Legislative Branch Report – Kathryn Underwood (absent)
 - c. Mayor's Office – Joel Howrani Heeres

Gave an update on the sustainability action plan that is being developed for the city. Next month there will be 4 town hall meetings, workshops, and digital gatherings to ask community members to help prioritize actions. Asked people to go to the coub.co/Detroit and answer question "What do you love about your neighborhood?" The tool is an ongoing engagement tool that can keep people updated on the engagement process for the sustainability agenda.

The Planning and Development Department and Office of Sustainability are working on public land document to provide technical assistance. They will work to connect growers with city departments to help address challenges. They are also working with office of procurement, Parke and Recreation, and DEGC to do more local food procurement for summer meals program.

At some of the summer feeding sites the food is being left at the parks and creating a waste problem at some sites.

9) Next Meeting – August 14, 2018, location TBD

10) Public Comments

Juanita Reynolds – Feed Our First is a free resource to low income families that delivers organic and free range food products. Will hold a banquet Aug. 12 to share information about the organization.

Cara Beats – intern at Office of Sustainability

Hanah Fine

Mary Connely – Arab American Chaldean Council and WIC

Olivia Henry – program coordinator at Council of Michigan Foundations (formerly DFPC youth Coordinator)

Kevin Kay – Detroit Foods Inc., and Brudders Pizza, on steering committee for Make Food Not Waste

Carolyn Sagi – steering committee for Make Food Not Waste

Anne Ginn – Forgotten Harvest

Rebecca Hudson – former White House policy advisor

Jonathan Pavley – Big Green Detroit, works with school to develop school garden curriculums.

Working with charter schools

11) Announcements

Blight Bootcamp Saturday, July 14, FREC Center, registration is still open

Arise Detroit Neighborhood day is August 4, community organizations can sign up to host an event or volunteer at an event that is happening.

Keep Growing Detroit and Office of Sustainability are hosting the Garden Tour Wednesday, August 1 at Eastern Market

If you want to start a garden it's not too late. Fall crops distributions at Earth Works next week

United Community Housing Coalition – city of Detroit and county treasurer are allowing residents whose homes were over assessed to buy back their homes, residents only have one week to apply.

Doing canvassing so more citizens know about the program, canvasser trainings at 5920 2nd Ave tomorrow (two sessions). All day canvassing drive Thursday

Food Access programs at Eastern Market includes the fresh Rx Program is hosting a program at FREC, Food As Medicine, Saturdays 10am-1pm once a month. Find more information on Detroit Community Markets website.

12) Adjournment 7:30pm