



**Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017**

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

**Church of the Messiah**

**Minutes**

- 1) Welcome and Roll Call  
Sandra Turner-Handy, Alex Hill, Kathryn Lynch Underwood, Nick Leonard, Jerry Ann Hebron, Joel Howrani Heeres, Atieno Nyar Kasagam, Mimi Pledl, Zaundra Wimberley, Sueaette Olaker
- 2) Welcome from Church of the Messiah  
Rev. Barry Randolph welcomed DFPC to Church of the Messiah. He shared information about the congregation, housing development, and other community based activities that take place at the Church of the Messiah.
- 3) Review and Acceptance of the August Meeting Minutes  
**Minutes for August accepted with corrections**
- 4) Remarks from the Chair  
Asked everyone take voters' guide developed by Detroit Environmental Agenda. Reported that organization is back on track after a bumpy summer, and encouraged everyone to join one of our committees.
- 5) Office of Sustainability – Joel Howrani Heeres  
Joel had been at City a few months, but the work of the office has been going on for over a year. The focus of the department is using a triple bottom line approach as a city: economy, equity, and environment. For example: when looking at housing make sure affordable housing is environmentally friendly housing options. There are MoGo bikes across the city, LED streetlights, improved scheduling of bus system, fresh wagon that goes to Eastern Market, investment in blue green infrastructure to manage storm water. Mayor Duggan wants to create common goals and metrics for what city achieves in sustainability. The department is working on a sustainability agenda for the city. One of the focuses is food policy, and the department is working with city departments that impact the food system. Blue Green stormwater infrastructure is another focus area. The City will be hiring an energy manager to help improve energy efficiency in city buildings.
- 6) One Fair Wage – Jonathan Roberts  
ROC-MI is a non-profit workers center located in downtown Detroit. Their mission is to empower food service workers in SE Michigan. They brainstorm policy initiatives that benefit food service workers, and direct actions that involve and impact food service workers. Their nationwide campaign talks about food labor. The minimum wage for restaurant works in Michigan is \$3.80. Research shows that most workers who make tips don't make up the difference. Tipped workers have 3x national average of poverty level and 2X national average of food stamp and public assistance use. One Fair Wage is a campaign to raise minimum wage for all workers and eliminate the separate minimum wage for tipped workers. Also, it will protect the tips of wage earners who make minimum wage so wages will not be stolen when workers' wages raise to minimum wage level. There are over 300 new restaurants in Downtown Detroit and it is one of fastest growing sectors in Michigan and Detroit. ROC-MI is collecting postcards with contact info for people who want to learn more about how they can support the initiative. ROC-MI will be collecting

petitions for the initiative to appear on the ballot. ROC has a diner's guide that is nationwide that rates restaurants on their level of fair wage practices.

7) Water Report – Jerry Hebron

Jerry reported there is a place at DWSD where urban growers can address fees charged on agriculture sites where there is little impervious surface. When properties are purchased from the city owners are getting bills for existing water assessment. Guests in attendance at the meeting can contact DFPC about their problems with water drainage fees to get further information.

Sandra discussed concern about unpaid water bills incurring liens against property and leading to foreclosure.

Joel will also work with DWSD to look at how city can help to resolve the issue.

8) Financial Report – Audit and Current

Jerry reviewed the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Audit. The management letter from the auditor is included in the board packs.

Winona will forward the Audit to council members. **Council Members will look at the audit by Monday and vote on acceptance of the audit electronically by Tuesday, October 17.**

Asked that office supplies be added as a line item in the budget.

The Executive Director reviewed the financial reports for the past two months. Council requested a finer detailed financial report for the next financial meeting. Winona will be meeting with the accountant before the next meeting to provide more detailed monthly report. Council members can contact the staff or Treasurer anytime to view the current financial statements.

**Financial report accepted with adjustments.**

9) Council Member Elections

The nominating committee put together a slate of nominees to be elected to the open seats on the council.

Institutional Food: Clara Gamalski

Wholesale Food Distribution: Patrice Brown

Colleges and Universities: Krisi Evans,

Schools and Institutions: Kevin Frank

Nutrition and Wellbeing: Diane Cress

Processing: Zaundra Wimberly (move from Institutional Food seat)

At Large Youth: Carla Underwood

At Large: Jayne Jackson (reelect)

At Large: Velonda Anderson

Council members ask if we can share information about each nominee that is recommended by the nominating committee before the election.

Send short bio for each person that is new to the board. Vote to renew current council members.

Each nominee was given information about the commitment required of council members.

We have also lost most of the council members that were on the nominating committee, so we need to have more members participate in the nominating committee also.

**Accepted motion to send information to all council members and vote electronically by Tuesday, October 17. Quorum of 9 members must vote to elect the slate of nominees.**

10) Executive Committee Elections

All the executive committee members' terms are up. We would like to move our executive committee terms to match our fiscal year. Existing executive committee members would extend their terms to stay on the committee until the end of the current fiscal year, June 2018.

**Motion to extend the term so of the current executive committee members, accepted and approved.**

11) Notes from the Field – Sandra

Educate yourself on the candidates running and vote in the next election. Get a recycling cart. If you know anyone who doesn't have a cart send them to DPW website.

12) Food Power Awards

Kibibi gave an update on the fundraiser being held October 19, and made requests to Council Members for the event.

Discussion of how tickets will be made available to community members to attend.

13) Committee Reports

a. Fund Development Committee

Requested additional council members to serve on the Nominating Committee and Fund Development Committee, those interested will contact Winona. Emeritus Members can participate in internal committees.

b. Research and Policy Committee

Hosted U.S. Representative for Michigan John Conyers on an urban agriculture tour of Brightmor Farmway.

The Food Security Policy Update was accepted by the City Council at the September 19 meeting.

The Food Metrics Report will be completed and will be shared with council members for review.

Last week Amy testified before the State Agriculture Commission about the senate bills that would impact local ordinances for livestock in urban areas. Sen. Hune is interested in hearing input from communities. Kathryn will be putting together a resolution for city council to weigh in on the bill.

The Food Waste committee has connected with Forgotten Harvest, they have started a program to connect small and medium entities to food recovery programs.

We sent a letter to DLBA, we had about 10 signatures. Amy will forward a copy to Joel.

The Research and Policy Committee and Education and Engagement Committee will be working together on education on the Farm Bill.

c. Education and Engagement Committee

We are partnering with DBCFSN and UM SFSI to host Land Justice tomorrow, details were provided in the event email.

Reported out on work of the Grocery Store Coalition.

The next EEC meeting will be a phone conference.

d. Youth Leadership Development Committee

The summer youth program ended last month. Youth Leaders did a service project and donated packages including healthy foods to COTS

Olivia is looking for funding to host the next Youth Summit

Olivia has been participating in Local Food Local Places, Hope Starts Here (Kersge Foundation), and WSU Community Health Pipeline initiatives; and presented at several health fairs and career fairs for students.

Trademarking and copyrighting for Detroit Food Policy Council is complete.

14) Director's Report

Winona reported out on collaboration activities.

Sustainable Food Systems initiative will partner with us to host programs for Food Literacy For All lecture series.

Winona will speak at the CURES symposium October 26, and will be a guest speaker at a Food and Nutrition course at Wayne State.

Winona will attend Good Food For All biannual meeting November 1-3.

Our End of Year Celebration will take place in November at our office.

15) Reports from Governmental Representatives

a. Health Department – Alex Hill

Alex has been working with Amy on the Food Metrics Report. It will go to members tomorrow, and asked members to give feedback on the draft. Alex will be meeting with Building Safety and Engineering Department to improve inspection and approval process for food businesses.

b. Legislative Branch Report – Kathryn Underwood

Resolution passed at city council “RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council accepts and supports the updated food security policy and affirms its use as a guide and resource for decisions that impact food and related policy in the City of Detroit”

Kathryn is working with Alex and Joel to discuss city food policy.

16) Next Meeting – December 12, 2017

17) Public Comments

Renee Wallace – what happens if a nominee if not accepted by the council? We will take new nominations and start the process again. Ideas for resources that exist within organization could help to make fundraisers more accessible. Legislation at state level around composting is moving to state legislature.

Renee will share more information as it becomes available.

How can people find out about leans against property for unpaid water bills?

18) Announcements

19) Adjournment

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