



Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

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

EMC Corporation Conference Room

Minutes

- 1) 5:30 – 5:45 PM Food & Networking
- 2) Welcome and Roll Call
Lindsay Pielack, Nick Leonard, Kevin Frank, Jason Lindy, Shelby Holmes, Joel Howrani Heeres, Patrice Brown, Shiloh Maples, Dazmonique Carr
- 3) Remarks from the Chair
Lindsay Pielack, Vice Chair, chairing meeting
- 4) Notes from the field
Shiloh Maples works with AIGFS. Sacred Roots is currently conducting two assessments - a community health assessment of community members, and a community snapshot assessment in District 6 to look at access to traditional foods. Shiloh looks forward to sharing information from those assessments and bringing back information about how DFPC can support Sacred Roots. This is different from the community health assessment that Detroit Health Department is doing. This is a follow up to the assessment that was done five years ago, they hope it will give them an idea of how their activities and policies have impacted the community
Kevin Frank – Child Nutrition Reauthorization is coming up. There is a proposal to shift Child Nutrition programs to Block Grants. Programs DPSCD draws from are legacy programs and won't go away. WIC could go away if it is moved to a Block Grant. 10 Cents a Meal is moving forward and Macomb School district has gotten on board to support 10 Cents a Meal. DPSCD has increased amount of halal food offered, improving school cafeterias, has hired one additional chef, and is looking to hire three more chefs.
- 5) Review and Acceptance of the June Meeting Minutes – Tabled, we will send them to be approved electronically
- 6) Strategic Planning – Lindsay / Winona
We started working on this in the fall. Several people began working in each of the groups, and some people have left the council in the time since we started looking at it. We need more council members to help look at each section so we can complete the strategic plan. Lindsay will help to facilitate completion of the plan. Lindsay asked for volunteers to look at the plan and bring a proposal back to the council – Patrice, Shelby, Jason and Shiloh. One idea is to have a leader from the council to be the leader of each area of the plan. We also need to have some ground rules to help the council make decisions about what needs to be in the strategic plan. Meet and prepare something before the October meeting.

7) Nominations – Lindsay / Jonathan

We have four seats that need to be filled: Maternal and Infant Health, Faith Based, Emergency Food Providers, Retail Food Stores. The existing nominating committee needs to meet, update the call for nominations, we have the sector, and determine what changes in the process need to be made. The current process is council members get the word out. People nominate someone or people can self nominate. Nominating committee members reach out to nominees to discuss the seat and expectations. Also make sure the nominee is qualified to represent sector. Present their recommendations to council at October meeting. Kevin, Nick, Patrice. Deadline of September 15.

8) Grow Detroit Young Talent Youth Presentation – Kibibi/ GDYT
Presentation attached.

9) Committee Reports

a. Research and Policy Committee

CNR – Brief was passed around. there are marker bills out, but no bill has been introduced yet. Sen. Stabenow's office said the turnaround time will be very short so we should share our priorities with them soon. Contact Amy if you would like to give input on what we submit. Trump administration will be instituting rule that immigrants will be denied applications for permanent residency if they use more than one social service program or are likely to once they are approved. A proposed SNAP eligibility change would remove categorical eligibility. There is a public comment period that will expire Sept. 20. Amy will post the links with information on our comment.

10 Cents a Meal is in part of state budget process. The current budget includes the expansion of funding, expansion to statewide, and expansion to early learning centers. Land Based Projects is still in implementation phase with city. They have been meeting with KGD to train BSEED staff on the updates, and will be hosting some get unstuck sessions with city residents.

We will be holding meeting with stakeholders in Brightmoor in September and wrapping the project up. Discussion about how to ensure Detroit schools receive significant investment from 10 Cents a Meal if it is expanded. MDE is collecting data to be able to revise the way funding is disseminated so funds will be distributed based on sizes of school districts instead of equally distributed around state

b. Education and Engagement Committee

i. Choose Your Own Tomato Adventure

Kibibi presented mini version

Patrice would like us to present the activity to Food Fellows on a Monday. We will bring the stick wall to the October meeting.

ii. Detroit Food 2020 Visioning

Challenges: getting certain people to participate like food system workers, understanding how everyone in the room is connected, showing how certain things progress from year to year

Successful: engagement of the people that do attend, keynote speakers and workshop speakers, variety of activities going on, food is good, engagement of people across food sectors to produce meals, location, activity breaks,

iii. Food Power Awards

The 5th Annual Awards will take place Sept. 8 during Make Food Not Waste at Eastern Market in Shed 5. Voting for the finalists is open until Aug. 19. Kibibi will send a sign up sheet for volunteers at the DFPC table at Make Food Not Waste.

10) Financial Report – Treasurer

Financial report is attached. We have been invited to apply for a grant from UWSEM that will be an operating grant. Fund Development Committee met last week and would like to do a solicitation of donations from local sports teams for tickets to auction off at MFNW or at the summit, kick off of annual giving campaign in October, getting sponsors for Detroit Food 2020, and developed a perspective funder list.

11) Director's Report

Collaborations with CURES, Michigan Local Food Council Networks, Detroit Environmental Agenda – thinking about next grant period and what will come next, Good Food For All – national group that advocates for federal policies and today talked about strategies for going on offensive and change narrative about food security and why community wide food security is important to everyone, Capitol Impact Partners Advisory Committee – made a video, UM Food Literacy For All – planning for the next semester, DFPC is a community partner, scholarship to attend Closing the Hunger Gap conference put on by Why Hunger, CRFS Shared Measurement Steering Committee – good food charter ends in 2020 and thinking about what next phase of the charter will look like.

12) Reports from Governmental Representatives

- a. Health Department (absent)
- b. Legislative Branch Report (absent)
- c. Mayor's Office – Joel Howrani Heeres

Published sustainability action agenda, will give a full presentation at next meeting. Included a public engagement campaign. Shifting into implementation for a lot of the plan, and the land based project work is part of implementation. Strategies fall under four pillars.

13) Next Meeting – October 8, 2019

Meet in the Kid Rock Commons on October

14) Public Comments

Olivia Henry

Taylor Curry – student at Tuskegee and work with Department of Parks and Recreation, Anne Ginn – Sen. Stabenow expects to have a bill out by the end of August. Feeding America network is focused on streamlining current programs, groups that want congregant meal requirements are not going to advocate for it this round, public charge admissibility requirement – someone will assess likelihood that potential immigrant will be public charge in future, also may introduce public charge deportability rule, removal of SNAP categorical eligibility 3.1 mill may lose eligibility – hope to have statistics for how this will affect Michigan Catrina Crawly – Urban Fit Kids for 18 mo , to 12 years, doing SNAP Ed to provide cooking with children in Pontiac, looking for information about policy systems and environment. Hosting an event Oct. 26 at Michigan Science Center, more information at www.urbanfitkids.org

Valerie Newbrook – SNAP educator for age 60+, and working with PSE chain systems in Wayne County on developing action plan to address food insecurity in communities

15) Announcements

16) Adjournment