



Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Detroit Food Policy Council Office

Minutes

5:00 – 6:00 pm DFPC Office Open House and Refreshments

6:00 – 7:30 pm Quarterly Meeting

1) Welcome and Roll Call

Welcome from Sharon Madison. Invited all to look at interior building displays honoring her father and building supports entrepreneurs and nonprofits. Event space is also available. Suzette – open with roll call. We have a quorum at this time.

2) Review and Acceptance of the November and January Meeting Minutes

Consensus acceptance of minutes for both November and January.

3) Remarks from the Chair

We have a lot of work moving forward and encourage support and involvement of all of the areas – which are all important to our health and well-being.

4) Urban Livestock Guild

Kathryn Underwood presentation of Livestock in Detroit and are close to an urban livestock ordinance. Process was very intentional to have extensive community involvement and engagement. With community pushback from the community, Planning Commission knew that this ordinance would have to receive special attention. Definition of Animal husbandry. Must be an accessory use, not a principal use. Must have pen enclosures to protect the animals from wandering off site. There will be space and setback requirements. Table shows space and setback requirements for each allowable animal under the ordinance. Preliminary recommendations provided. Animal control regulations are in Chapter 6. Includes housing restrictions (not on front or back porches) adequate food, shelter and water. How feed needs to be stored and how the manure will be handled. And finally, enforcement and penalties under the ordinance. Chickens, ducks, goats, rabbits and honey bees envisioned now but have also allowed for potential future projects on a case by case basis. Permits are required and policies to obtain them are detailed in the ordinance. Some training will be required as part of the process. Urban Livestock Guild is an innovative association that currently does not exist anywhere else in the US that will protect mutual interests and mutual support. MSU has committed to a Train the Trainer program. Propose that the Livestock Guild will be housed at DFPC. Looking to get resources for the Guild. Sandra suggested that a seat be reserved for the Livestock Guild at some point in the future.

Question regarding exactly where livestock will be allowed in the city.

Kathryn: at this point looking at a minimum standard to apply I all neighborhoods.
What is the issue with landlords/tenants – who is responsible for the animals – probably would need permission from the landlord. Permit process may address this issue.

Livestock slaughter question related to commercial, if individual is looking to do single slaughter that is different from commercial – still to be decided.

Question: How firm are the space requirements?

Kathryn: they will take comments but considerable research has gone into these recommendations. Question: What budget funds are available from the city for this?

Probably some money would come from animal control, but ultimately that is for the Mayor to decide. Question: Can incentives and not just penalties be built into this ordinance –

Kathryn: City probably doesn't have money for financial incentives at this time. Best management practices and suggestions coming. Kathryn – this is new and this should be considered pilot policy that is expected to change, but at this time, it is fairly conservative – we don't want this to cause issues in neighborhoods. Kathryn provided contact information to the Council and visitors.

5) Committee Reports

a. Fund Development Committee

Has not met for a few months but two grants have been received – Community Foundation and Health and Wellness Development fund. September 8 or 22 will be the second Golden Beets Award that will be held at the Julian Madison Building. Second grant will fund five youth leaders and are looking to council members to support these youth leaders. Grant will also support staff increase. Youth will be chosen by July. Golden Beet nominations will be different this year to encourage greater participation. Open voting in June or July.

b. Research and Policy Committee

i. Update on CNR

Anne Ginn gave an update on the Child Nutrition Reauthorization. The Senate Agriculture Committee proposed a bill in January that includes several of the things child nutrition advocates have promoted. The House Education and Workforce Committee drafted a different bill that does not include the improvements proposed in the Senate bill. The bill has not been officially voted out of the committee. Feeding America and FRAC will release statements once the bill is officially proposed.

ii. Food Security Policy Update

Kibibi will send the draft to council members at the end of the week. We will take comments and finalize the update for the special meeting in May. We will then share the update with city council and community.

iii. Other items

Alicia Ferris at ROC-MI, COLORS will revisit the Good Food Good Jobs ordinance and determine if they will take up the ordinance again.

iv. Next meeting is April 19 at 4pm

c. Education and Engagement Committee

i. Report out of Detroit Food 2016

Kibibi presented the video recap that was made of the summit. There were 281 people at the summit, and 308 total with the movie and summit. At least 163

people were new contacts who had not participated in a DFPC event in the past. We sent an electronic feedback form to participants after the summit. Highlights included rooms named after food heroes. Food work still needs more food justice people and work. Consider schedule of summit for next year that allows more people to attend (evening/Saturday) time. There will be a full report out of the feedback at the next meeting

ii. Next meeting May 20, 6pm

6) Director's Report

Think expansively to further engage the community

Collaborative activities – DFPC and DFFC working together to move forward.

7) Reports from Governmental Representatives

a. Department of Health and Wellness Promotion – Velonda Thompson

b. Legislative Branch Report – Kathryn Underwood

Kathryn is meeting Friday with DPW regarding growers getting blight tickets. Kathryn will facilitate a meeting with DLBA to make sure they understand provisions of the urban agriculture ordinance.

c. Executive Branch Report – Garry Bullock

Growing and agriculture community, Maurice Cox will be reaching out to community groups.

8) Next Meeting – July 12, 2016, Location TBD. We will also hold a special meeting in May, date TBD

9) Public Comments

10) Announcements

11) Adjournment