



**Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 14 2015
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Eastern Market
MINUTES**

1) Welcome and Roll Call:

In attendance: Suezette Olaker, Mimi Pldel, Jelani Barber, Mari Teachworth, Sandra Turner-Handy, Eileen Haraminac, Anika Grose, Velonda Thompson

2) Remarks from the Chair

Suezette Olaker welcomed everyone and reviewed meeting protocol

3) Summit Report update

Renee Wallace was facilitator for the summit and coordinated the facilitation team. See attached report.

At the summit there were people in each session to record what happened. In the first session we had one facilitator, 16 note takers, and one scribe (our guest Jovan Sage). We had participants from several organizations with varying levels of skill. The facilitation team is in the process of transcribing the notes and will deliver electronic and hard copies. Renee will send out a survey to get feedback on how the experience of having note takers went, and how we use the information they gathered.

Renee also coordinated the composting and recycling station. Summit participants were able to see the composting station and help with the sorting. They also provided education to participants about composting and recycling. The materials they collected were distributed to D-Town Farm and Recycle Here. They collected 7 32 gallon containers of compostible materials, 2 32 gallon containers of recyclables, and 25 glass bottles and metal caps.

Renee is participating in the Innovations in collaborative modeling conference, June 4-5. There are several scholarships available, please let Renee know soon if you would like to attend. During the conference the group will be modeling food systems. Renee will be conducting interviews and holding a workshop on May that will contribute to the model.

Discussion: some people did not know there is city wide curbside recycling. You must purchase a cart which costs \$25. Zero Waste Detroit starting Earth Day is collecting donations to provide carts to people who would like to recycle but can't afford the cart.

The invitation to be on the Research and Policy Committee is being passed around to sign up.

Renee and Sandra met with Mourice Cox, planning and development director. They spoke about land sales and urban agriculture. Within the next month we should invite him to a meeting for a presentation, and it would be ideal to have him at a meeting in the community.

Discussion: Should we plan to have a community meeting in June and invite him then?
Renee is going to commit to be a liaison in Urban Ag to the Planning Director, but we should plan to do this towards the end of the summer

Suzette: Thank you so much for your report and your work to make this happen. I was impressed with the summit and the work from so many people to make it happen. Is there a way to make what you compile available to post on the website.

Renee: we are going to deliver the notes, and that will be up to the folks to decide once you get the notes. We will ask the Education and Engagement committee to complete this task.

Discussion: We have two new members. Kirk Mayes and Zaundra Wimberly are our new council members in the seats of Emergency Food and Institutional Food.

4) Review and Acceptance of the March Meeting Minutes

Accepted with corrections

5) Notes From the Field

Eileen Haraminac from MSUE represents Colleges and Universities. She deals with food and nutrition, and food safety at MSUE. Extension has a new interim director, Dr. Hamersmidt, and they are currently looking for a new full time director. He was recently on a show called "Greening of the Great Lakes." He was talking about the major outreach that MSU is able to deliver with research based programs, and one way they do that is through Extension. One topic he dealt with is STEM. STEM is a commitment with 4-H which raises awareness about science, technology, engineering and math. MSUE has worked hard to have an urban 4-H in Detroit. One of MSU and MSUE's goals is to expand recruitment for 4-H statewide. Dr. Hamersmidt invited people to look at opportunities where adults could be involved with youth in their communities. Wayne Co. STEM and Entrepreneurship Camp is coming up. See attached form. There are scholarships available, and Eileen encourages council members to let youth they know about the program.

MSUE Product Center teaches food safety for cottage food producers, who are producing food in their homes for, and helps them move to being able to take their products to markets.

Suzette asked that if people have suggestion about other ways we can implement our engagement please send a comment to us by email, or join the education and engagement committee.

6) Director's Report

The biggest thing in the past month has been the Summit. Winona is planning to meet with the Fund development committee. Winona and Kibibi attended a fund development workshop. Winona has joined the Association of Fundraising Professions mentoring program.

Both the Research and Policy and Education and Engagement Committees met. Kibibi sent out a Doodle to set the dates for standing meeting.

The Education and Engagement Committee is planning to have a fall fundraising event. We are still working on what it will be, one suggestion was a scavenger hunt.

The Research and Policy Committee will be working on the Economic Impact Study. Winona met with the DFFC and Meredith Freeman to discuss some strategies for working together on this initiative.

We have two new members and we will have a meeting of the nominating committee next month.

Winona participated in DFFC food access meeting, and they plan to support the summit again next year.

Winona presented at the Detroit Association of Planners meeting, met with Craig Fhale at the Detroit Land Bank, and participated in the Healthy Kids and Communities discussion. Kibibi participated in a panel on food security at UofM Dearborn and attended the Kellogg Foundation Mornign Café. Next week Winona will attend the Kellogg Convening in Louisville

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported us at Detroit Food 2015.

We were invited to attend a Community Partners summit at the White House June 3. More information will be available closer to the meeting day.

7) Reports from Governmental Representatives

- a. Department of Health and Wellness Promotion – Velonda Thompson
Transition of food inspection and environmental health from IPH to DHWP is still moving forward.
- b. Legislative Branch Report
- c. Executive Branch Report

8) Please share your feedback on the summit

Is there information about how many people attended?

There were about 300-350 people this year. We had about 250-300 last year. We had more youth attend, but they attended for less time.

Things went pretty well. The classroom situation was cumbersome, it was difficult to find the workshops.

Having three days was too much time. I think two packed days is good, and if it is more there is too much pressure on council members to do a lot at the summit.

The way the food was handled at lunch was very well thought out. There was different food at different tables.

One challenge was coordinating with the people doing food prep to collect compostable items.

On day 2 Kadiri wasn't able to facilitate the process of composting and we lost some materials.

There could be a small segment when people are all in the room to help people sort their waste.

Overall it went well

Appreciated the breadth of subject matter. The content of the first day and throughout the rest of the week mirrored, so it may not be necessary to repeat some of the information.

It seemed that we had more new people there [than last year].

In terms of the young people there was a challenge. We need to put a little more time to ensure we have information to give to the schools so the students can be pre engaged so they would want to come back the second day. Zaundra will work to find out why from some of the teachers.

We got feedback that some of the high school students felt the content wasn't challenging enough. We have thought about having a separate day for the youth and make it a one day track. We had a keynote speaker that did not get to present to the youth.

What's the work plan looking like so there are more points of contact happening over the whole year instead of just once a year?

Really appreciated the keynote speaker and Jovan. They fully participated through the whole event and go to know our community. We need to set that as the expectation.

There needs to be some sort of an orientation or explanation for the young people so they know why they are there. The activities were excellent.

Phil Jones facilitated a session "Food and Spirituality" and it was excellent. There was a diversity of speakers and participatns, and it was really excellent. In the future we need to look to that type of presentation that was different than some of the other sessions we typically have. The ability of the participants to engage with the speakers and what came out of it with sharing of spirituality with food, what came out of it was so many similarities in the stories people shared, and it allowed for a sharing of the foods that you grew up with and changes you encountered as an adult. There was a lot of soul searching and it was really great to hear that from other people. We need to make sure we provide opportunities for people to share.

After attending several food community conferences, every year this event transforms a little.

The content is on par and a lot of good work and feedback comes out of it. People from different sectors get to be together. It may have been a little confusing as to what was next, and where we go next. The theme of the conference was good, but we didn't have an end goal in mind when we came into the conference. If I had known I would have been more excited to be there for three day.

It is difficult to attend for three days during the week. It is always amazing to see the connections that happen at the event each year.

About four people from the council were able to stay for the dinner at the end. Was it better to have a big space in time between the conference and dinner?

It would have been better to have less time.

What was the rationale for having it during the conference?

It was not as large as we had planned. We learned a lot about what we need to do in doing this event this year.

Is it the intention to draw in people who have not attended the conference to support the Friends of DFPC?

Yes, that was one of our intentions.

There needs to be more intentional planning to raise money and draw more Friends of DFPC rather than just people who have attended the conference.

The last session was a really relaxed and fun session. It was the perfect end to a really hectic time. But it felt we had to rev up again for dinner, but we did not need as much time as we had.

If we cut the time between end of conference and dinner we have to think about the time and labor to transition the space and put everything together before the dinner begins.

One of the ideas for the dinner was that it would be a more formal event, and having more time between would give people more time to change.

It would be better to have a Gala event ahead of the conference and get the energy up for the group. Then there is an evening event and then two full days.

After three full days people were tired and left before the end of the day. People get a chance to mingle before the conference begins. People come for the fun event and hear something that peaks their interest and encourages them to come for the summit.

9) Next Meeting – May 12, 2015 Location TBD

We will plan to have a meeting in the community.

Anika will send Kibibi contact information from GIA, Warren Conner, (now Eastside Community Network) to follow up with them

10) Public Comments

11) Announcements

It's spring! The Garden Resource Program Collaboration (200,000 transplants) is having a crop distribution Thursday 5-7 or Sat 1-3 at Earthworks Urban Farm on 1264 Meldrum. Bring your wagon and get there early. Volunteers are needed on Saturday to help with the distribution on Saturday 12:30-2:30

Uprooting Racism Planting Justice in the Detroit Food System will host a training May 15-17, Friday, 6-8:30, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-3:30. Applications are due April 30. This training is provided by the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond. The workshop is designed to start you on the deep personal work that is required to heal the wounds that racism has inflicted on our own sense of humanity. No background or special knowledge is required for the training except a willingness to explore your own relationship to race in a safe space. The workshop is a cumulative process and therefore It is important that participants attend all sessions. Many of the council members and staff have participated in this training, and we encourage all council members to participate. \$175 for individuals, \$225 for those representing an organization, and \$300 for those representing for profit business. **Can DFPC provide two scholarships to Uprooting Racism Planting Justice Training?**

May 2 Grand Opening of Eastern Market Shed 5 and Community Kitchen, 10-11am

May 17 Flower Day at Eastern Market

DBCFSN What's for dinner lecture series, Jessica Harris author of High on the Hot, April 18 2-4pm at Charles H. Wright Museum

Taramiso: Good Earth Food Movement about food movement in Cuba April 19 4-7, Consodine Center on Woodward.

Workshop for Food Justice and Peace

May 15-16, East Lansing

<http://workshopenfoodjustice.com/>

Food Sovereignty Symposium

May 28-29, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

<http://www.umfoodsovereignty.com/>

Eastern Market Community Kitchen manager position is posted on Eastern Market website, Anika will send the notice to Kibibi

12) Adjournment 7:10 pm