



**Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

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

**Julian C. Madison Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Minutes**

1) Welcome and Roll Call

Sandra Turner-Handy, Nick Leonard, Jayne Jackson, Mimi Pledl, Suezette Olaker, Lindsay Pielack, Kathryn Lynch Underwood, Tapfirah Rushdan, Eileen Haraminac (phone), Zaundra Wimberley

2) Review and Acceptance of the October Meeting Minute

Put not present on government reps who are not present. Winona will resend the work plan for 2017 to council members. Corrections made to minutes, no quorum to accept.

3) Remarks from the Chair

We need to make sure council members are participating in committees. We need to meet more frequently than quarterly. Sandra proposed meeting bi-monthly. We will start in April.

4) Office of Sustainability

Betsy Pallazolo, Housing and Revitalization Department, is part of an advance team to set up an Office of Sustainability. There were over 200 applicants for the position of director, and estimated to have someone in place by end of first quarter.

Kendal Kuneman, General Services Department, is working on collecting a list of sustainability initiatives city is doing or ideas they are about to do. The team is working with department heads to update them on development of the office. Some priority areas that have come from these meetings: green storm water infrastructure, municipal energy conservation, food policy, capitol planning. There is already an interdepartmental working group for green storm water infrastructure. There are employees that are pushing at green initiatives throughout the departments, so they are looking for the things people are already working on to include. The office will develop sustainability action agenda that has some goals, metrics, and clear initiatives. This will probably include some things that are already happening. They are also speaking to groups in the city about what their priorities around sustainability are. Groups looking at food includes Kathryn, Renai from Health Department, PDD, EMC, Garry Bullock, public works person that works on blight, and a representative from environmental. Other issues include access to land, supporting food businesses, not only focus on agriculture but also other food system issues.

Discussion

Currently the members of the advance team are internal, once the director is in place regular open meetings are expected to take place. The city plans to have a director in place by the end of March.

Food waste has come up in every meeting. Regarding compost, and wasted food

Additional priorities suggested by council members: Breastfeeding

The city is thinking about a public engagement process. Someone suggested looking at other models. The group is looking for input from the community about how that process should look. One idea is a mayoral advisory board. There are so many people that are working on sustainability that the city will have to think carefully about how to form a board. A sustainability action agenda would have a lot of public input also. There will be a public relations aspect to the sustainability office. The question about how to take info in is a good question. There are some mechanisms that other entities have, but the office will want to develop mechanisms more.

It's a good idea that the food system is one of the issues that department will look at. The city hasn't always been an expert in areas of sustainability. One of our greatest experts is at the table already, but once the city has someone in place they need to have an external working group to inform the department.

Q: if you want to link what you're internally doing to what is already going on can a group like DFPC take the lead in connecting what's going in in community to sustainability department? DFPC is available to assist in anything that the department needs. Kathryn was the one who suggested the department come to the meeting.

If there are projects already being done the sustainability office won't take it over. But where there are policy concerns the department will be there to take walls down. They will also deal with the internal practices of the city a great deal also.

Questions from city representatives: what are barriers that we have seen that we want the city to work on? What are some things we have done that we want the department to know about? What are our priorities for 2017, and what are some things that we would like to work with the director on?

Discussion: looked at government access and looked at budget hearings of city. Many constituents say they aren't aware what activates/legislation is going forth. People who work for the government are not involved in elections, but if we could use some of same methods national parties use to notify constituents about things that are happening in the city that would help, i.e. automated alerts or phone calls.

The city and mayor's office has gotten us "hot and bothered" about a lot of stuff and doesn't come through on promises. We would like to see some follow through on what city promises.

DFPC is a policy group but it's hard to push policy when we don't have the city backing us.

Priorities from DFPC members: land, water

The Green Infra Sustainable Technology (GIST) is almost certainly going to be handled by the office of sustainability? It will probably be included in the sustainability work plan.

## 5) Committee Reports

### a. Fund Development Committee

Look for a doodle for the next committee meeting. Our remaining goal was \$3000, we raised \$951 which was well worth our efforts. \$5000 from the Michigan Local Food Network. Winona is in talks with Kellogg to determine how they will support us.

### b. Research and Policy Committee

We spoke at lots of events and organizations the past few months. The Detroit Food Toolkit is up on our website. The Annual report is in the process of being designed, and the update is being printed. We will be working on the next food system report.

c. Education and Engagement Committee

i. Summit

Has anything been addressed to the pastors and bishops to speak at the churches to attract people to the summit? This has been done in the past, but we didn't have as many staff to get that done. If we have people around the table to who are connected with churches we need their help.

Reach out to Council of Baptist Ministers, David Paul offered to assist, and to help to connect with some other groups.

We need a strategy for interacting with the faith based community. Part of a strategy we have implemented this year is a train the trainer for healthy nutrition classes.

Dr. Hobbs is principle of Golightly Education Center, they are discussing ways to keep enrollment of anchor schools, and are interested in supporting some of programs around food for students. Chicago has an agriculture high school and it would be good to have school in Detroit for elementary, middle, high school.

Can Golightly Education Center bring people to the summit?

d. Youth Leadership Development Committee

We had a youth summit in October at U of D, about 200 youth attended. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. We got good feedback from teachers and volunteers. Youth leaders packed healthy snacks that were donated to NSO. In December they wrote reports on what they did through the program. This month youth will develop a template for a food club for a school. Olivia will connect with Golightly to pilot the program. Students will also work on developing resumes. DFPC is partnering with City Food Community Concepts for the good food ambassadors program that is funded through the Green Grocers program. The program will employ youth 16-24 years old and will start in two weeks. Ambassadors will provide health and food system information, create relationships inside store, and collect some data.

**At this point in the meeting quorum was reached, Suzette moved to October accept minutes with corrections, minutes accepted.**

We will have a vote in April to move meetings to bi-monthly, we will send an online poll.

6) Director's Report

We have been approached and given some great opportunities. We will host breakfast with Frances Moore-Lappe, author of Diet for a Small Planet, Wed, Jan. 18, 8:30-10:00. She will speak at Food Literacy for All at U of M on Tuesday, and the university has offered to help host their speakers in Detroit. Wednesday, Jan. 25 we will host Shirley Sherrod for a breakfast, and we will send out an announcement once we have a venue confirmed.

We are participating in Authority Heath's Population Health Council Presented at the Association of Dietetics

CURES advisory board meets March 1

Ecology center and BMBFA is partnering with DFPC to show film Milk, March 23 at DIA

Invited to lecture at WSU in nutrition department.

Participating in DEA, Detroit Future Cities, Fresh RX,  
Good Food For All will meet in Detroit in March and attend our summit.  
Invited to speak at Healthy Food Connect event in December  
We will have a half day council retreat in February  
Detroit Food 2017 March 9-10.

7) Reports from Governmental Representatives

a. Health Department – Renai Edwards-Malayil

Renai is in the Healthier Lives division at the Health Department, includes chronic disease issues including diet. Carl Lawson is division director for healthy places division and includes food safety program.

Question: has there been some restructuring?

A: Yes, Renai will speak to people to answer their specific questions afterwards

b. Legislative Branch Report – Kathryn Underwood

The Urban Livestock ordinance is being revised. One area of concern is other category to allow for additional species and maximum number. The director of animal control is concerned with the capacity of the city to handle that. Agrees that urban gardens/farms will be able to petition for greater numbers to city council or animal control. Two chapters of city code are being amended, both still based on language that animal group reviewed. It has been put together with an ordinance dealing with dangerous dogs, and then decided to separate it so the dangerous dog ordinance could go through. The Urban Livestock Ordinance went before the CPC in July, now the department is waiting to go back to CPC for approval so it can go to City Council. Still hearing concerns from people who are opposed to the livestock ordinance, so have a plan b. Plan b is to say there is minimum lot size of 6000 sq. ft. (basically your house plus lot next door) if you want to have backyard animals. If you haven't gotten lots combined you need to do that to have address to associate permit with. They also need to reconcile the figures with some of the tables. Lost some time in formation of guild because we have not been able to reschedule tour with MSU. There will be a training in place even if the guild is not ready by time the ordinance is passed. The ordinance has livestock and tweaks to the production ordinance, but it will be separated it out so it can move forward.

Discussion

To move lots to one address you have to go to the accessor's office. There may need to be some education around this process. The license will only be for livestock: hens, goats, rabbits, honey bees; it will require fences; will require tagging of animals and untagged animals will not be returned to owners if they are picked up by animal control. Confiscated animals: There is no provision for people who shelter their animals in a place different than the owners' home address. If a co-op was registered as an urban farm it could be possible for people to have a shared space for keeping animals? Possible, but animals have to be accessory to another use, cannot be a primary activity. Animal care and control are in chapter 6 of the city code. Onsite slaughter will be prohibited, but it could be an entrepreneurial activity, as could animal sitting. There is not a provision to grandfather existing animals that are not included ordinance because all livestock is currently illegal. The updated draft will be available by February, and the master plan needs to be amended also. At the City livestock will stay with whatever office has responsibility for enforcement, mostly Animal Control and some BSED.

There is also issue with soil contaminants when you keep animals; chickens in NYC have had problems with lead in eggs. The license does not allow you to sell meat.

- c. Executive Branch Report – Garry Bullock (not present)
- 8) Next Meeting – April 11, 2017, Location TBD
- 9) Public Comments
  - Cheryl Hobbs, principal of Golightly Education Center, glad to attend the meeting and fascinated with purpose. Would like to offer school as meeting location for future meetings.
  - Phil Jones, wants to know makeup of rest of council, and are we looking at that as we develop future board members.
  - Kevin K, Detroit Foods Incorporated, has a new pizza kitchen opening in fall.
  - Tomo, owner Detroit Foods Incorporated and Pizza Kitchen
  - Fama, kindergarten teacher at Golightly Education Center, used to go to African World Festival and wants to know more about African centered cooking and healthy eating
  - Carl Lawson with Detroit Health Department, City of Detroit summer internships with Health Department
  - Joyce Jennings
  - David-Paul with Gemini Media, encourages us to use Detroit cable channel and other public access channels to promote DFPC, and church town hall meetings, volunteers to help us connect.
- 10) Announcements
  - I, Too, America ..., A Celebration of Black Men & Food in America, City Food Community Concepts event, February 1, 6-9 pm at MSU Detroit Center, 3408 Woodward. See email announcement for more details and to RSVP.
  - American dissident, fundraiser, donation for bracelet, part goes to Slow Food Central City, suggested \$5
  - Urban Roots Community Garden Training Program is accepting applications, the deadline to apply is Jan. 20. Tomorrow GRP application will be available.
- 11) Adjournment 7:40 pm