



Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 19, 2016

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

Eastern Market

Agenda

1) Welcome and Roll Call

In attendance: Lindsay Pielack, Atieno, Jerry Ann Hebron, Anika Grose, Sandra Turner Handy (phone), Mimi Pledl (phone), Eileen Haraminack, Tepfirah Rushdan, Jelani Barber, Velonda Thompson (phone)

2) Review and Acceptance of the November Meeting Minutes

3) Remarks from the Chair

4) Review of Golden Beet Awards and Fundraiser

We had lots of people attend the Golden Beet Awards November 12. We raised enough money to cover the expenses of the event and raise about \$2000. For this year's fundraiser we are planning to host our event on a Thursday in September.

5) Financial Report: Review of Financial Audit and Tax Return

Our financial audit and a draft of our 990 are completed. The draft has not changed except for the amounts of funding for each line item on page 2. We got a certified opinion in our audit that we are following good financial practices.

6) Committee Reports

a. Fund Development Committee

Fund Development Committee met just before Christmas. We got an update on the grants that have been awarded and the ones still in process. We are under a match requirement, and we have to raise additional funds as unrestricted funds or grant funding. We were able to raise matching fund for the full amount of our requirement last year. One of the things we need to be able to demonstrate is how board members support the work. Council members can let staff or fund development committee members know about funding and sponsorship opportunities. Funders also want to know if board members personally support the organization, and it's important to be able to say that 100% of council members are contributing or securing in kind contributions. The fund development stresses the need for council members to make or secure contributions for our upcoming fundraising campaign. We just started using a new software program called Flipcause to help manage our fundraising campaigns. Discussion: are there specific things that we are always looking for, or does it come up for each event or campaign. Resources are not always viewed as dollars, they are

viewed as time commitments. There are also opportunities for each event. For example: donations of good or services needed to produce the summit.

b. Research and Policy Committee

i. Update on CNR

Child Nutrition Reauthorization Senate Agriculture Committee submitted a bill late yesterday afternoon. Feeding America expects to strongly support the bill, it aligns with the goals that a coalition of organizations have advocated. It will be marked up tomorrow and it will be live streaming. It's expected to get strong support in the Senate, it is unsure about support in the House. Anti-Hunger advocates are encouraging the House to take up the Senate bill. Anne will send information tomorrow about advocacy for the bill and Kibibi will share it with council members. It would be a good idea to share your comments with Senator Stabenow Improving child nutrition Integrity act of 2016. CACFP, Summer Feeding, School Meals, WIC are included in the bill.

ii. Food Security Policy Update

c. Education and Engagement Committee

i. Detroit Food 2016

We will be releasing a press release soon. Review of agenda items for the summit. Kimberly Seals Allers will give the keynote address
Needs: sponsorships, volunteers, program ads, (contact Zaundra and Jerry for volunteers).

7) Director's Report

We applied for three grants that have been awarded: Erb Family Foundation, Cedar Tree Foundation, and Capitol Impact Partners Grant. With the Grants, Golden Beet Awards, and commitment from DFFC we reached our fundraising goal for 2015. Now it's 2016 and we have a new matching challenge this year. We have submitted three grants that we will hear about this year. Please inform Winona of additional grant opportunities.

We are in the process of hiring an additional Program Manager. We got about 50 applicants. Our goal is to select a candidate before the summit.

We moved into our new office. We hope to hold an open house soon. DFFC is sharing the office space with us.

Our Audit for 2014-2015 is completed.

Winona suffered a loss in her family this year, and thanks everyone for their support.

We were invited to participate in Wayne State's Food System members. We have three people who will be attending the class on Cities and Food

The Detroit Regional Chamber is holding a regional conference on economic policy Feb. 24

8) Program Manager Report

9) Reports from Governmental Representatives

a. Department of Health and Wellness Promotion – Velonda Thompson

Cedric Marks from DHWP has submitted a workshop proposal for Detroit Food 2016

b. Legislative Branch Report – Kathryn Underwood

c. Executive Branch Report – Garry Bullock

10) Next Meeting – April 12, 2016, Location TBD

11) Public Comments

Jeff Row – student at WSU in Anthropology, work for Oregon Tilth

Elenore Eleveth – resident in New Center and works in North End in community development. This includes food planning in the community

DeWayne Wells – DFFC

Renee Wallace

Alexa Eisenburg – Gleaners Community Food Bank, interested in linking pantries to growers.

12) Announcements

Renee – Working to expand the compost project team to participate in MI Recycle By Design competition. Still supporting work on urban livestock to organize focus group. Hope to have ordinance complete by the fall and implementation elements. Submitting a proposal for DEQ community proposal focused on food waste. If you are interested in participating in any of these programs please contact Renee.

Jerry – we have a number of food policy councils in the state. Is there one in Flint? There is Edible Flint that did some work around urban ag ordinance in Flint. There is a food system navigator, and MSUE in Flint is putting together a task force to address lead exposure in the water. No one sharing information about what is being done with the contaminated food that has been grown. We should connect

Garden Resource Program is out. Feb. 9 is GRP potluck. Keep Growing Detroit is hosing event with DBCFSN to learn more about the food co-op, Feb. 11.

Tuesday, Jan 26, 7-9 pm Detroit Urban Farmers Network potluck at the Urban Country Tea House. This is a monthly potluck for farmers to connect.

13) Adjournment 7:00 pm