



**Detroit Food Policy Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015  
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
Eastern Market  
Minutes**

1) Welcome and Roll Call

In attendance: Velonda Thompson (phone) Eileen Haraminac (phone), Anika Grose (phone), Colin Packard, Jelani Barber, Tyler Chatman, Suzette Olaker, Garry Bullock, Mimi Pidel, Zaundra Wimberley, Marisol Teachworth

2) Review and Acceptance of the October Meeting Minutes

Minutes accepted with corrections

3) Remarks from the Chair

Anne Ginn gave an update on federal and state policy. Winona and Kibibi shared the call to action for call in day, and we generated a lot of calls in SE Michigan to urge congress to pass a child nutrition bill in 2015. The ask right now is for congress to pass a child nutrition bill in November, Ghida will share the legislation with DFPC. The government is expected to hit debt ceiling Nov. 3. The president signed bipartisan 2 year debt deal which kicks decision to next administration. It does not include major cuts to fund the bill for food programs. Anne will send links to articles. There's new leadership in the House of Representatives, and the expectation is that several major actions the former speaker wanted to lead will take place in 2017. At the state level governor signed road funding bill today, and new the statute includes requirement that \$600 million that goes towards the bill will be funded by cuts to other areas. It's not specified where cuts will be made. People all over the state are looking at how the cuts will be made to fund the bill.

4) New Meeting Schedule

The revised bylaws call for holding our regular meeting quarterly. The intent is to have more activity in our committees, and we will continue to have meetings in the community. Our scheduled meeting day for November 2016 is Election Day, and Thursday of that week is the annual farmer meeting. We will reevaluate the day for our November meeting. We will have the ability to call special meetings if we need to, and all members will be notified of meetings in advance.

5) Reports from Governmental Representatives (20 minutes)

a. Executive Branch Report – Garry Bullock

Do we have an ask to the administration that we can work on pushing? Has the voice at this table been heard as far a position on the urban agriculture ordinance on livestock?

Discussion: The economic analysis is something that we have been meeting with departments in the Mayor's office about. The steering committee has been getting feedback from different departments to guide our follow up work on the analysis. Ashley: Some tickets have been issued in Brightmoore. Some neighbors put up signs saying they are in favor of agriculture, but not livestock. Some tickets were issued by Environmental Department, and the health department were able to address the issue and remove the tickets. The work that has been done in the nine test areas, if we have a statement that applies to all the areas and focuses on the Brightmoore area that would be significant.

We have been working on the update to the Food Security Policy, we plan to have the report ready in the beginning of 2016 and we will be talking to the city government about the policy once it is updated.

- b. Department of Health and Wellness Promotion – Velonda Thompson  
Dr. Al Said has been talking about trying to get someone from the Food Safety team to participate in the Food Policy Council, so Velonda will connect with the team to bring someone to the next meeting. Velonda and Dr. Al Said will be talking about other divisions that it makes since to be involved in the Food Policy Council.
- c. Legislative Branch Report – Kathryn Underwood (absent)

## 6) Elections

Ashley, Anika, and Winona presented for the Nominating Committee. The nominating committee did not have great matches for all the nominees. We had some great nominees that would be great for seats that are already filled, but we want to be able to reserve the At-Large seats for members of the community who can speak from the voice of a consumer and member of the community. Retail, Food Industry worker, and Food Processor are still open.

At Large: Atieno – urban farmer on the east side

Sustainable Ag – Lindsay Pielack

Urban Planning – Mimi Pledl

Farmers Markets – Jerry Ann Hebron

Environmental Justice – Sandra Turner-Handy

City Council appointee has exceeded the six year maximum, and we either need to revisit the bylaws and extend the term maximum for this seat, or ask for a new appointee.

Nominating committee recommends that the nominating process that the nominating committee has used be used to fill seats that are still open.

Motion to reelect Mimi, Jerry Ann, Sandra. Approved by consensus.

Lindsay – born and raised in Detroit, works for Keep Growing Detroit and has helped to start hundreds of gardens in Detroit.

Atieno – urban farmer in Detroit for 3 years, and comes from a long line of gardeners. Focuses on native edibles and food trees.

Atieno – for her family sustainable agriculture is a lifestyle. They have faced consequences of non progressive urban agriculture policies. Their encounters have urged them to mobilize among the farmers in the city, and her family has started a gathering of farmers to organize for resources to support farmers. There isn't a broad and dynamic representation of farmers in development of urban ag policies.

**Motion to elect Atieno and Lindsay. Approved by consensus.**

Jerry and Anika will join the nominating committee, and their task will be to review nominations for the remaining open seats.

7) Committee Reports

a. Research and Policy Committee

We had a lively meeting last month. The committee chair will send out the meeting minutes. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 5 pm at Eastern Market. Jelani brought some team members from Whole Foods who would like to participate in DFPC. Anne Ginn gave the update that she shared tonight.

b. Education and Engagement Committee

Request for proposals, first foods track, agriculture and schools track. The RFP is posted on our website, next meeting November 18, 6 pm at Eastern Market

c. Fund Development Committee

We have not had a meeting since last month

i. Golden Beet Awards

Our fundraiser is Thursday. If you need tickets or have money to turn in please take care of that today. Ms. Francis (Winona's Mom) made calls last week to remind council members to sell tickets. Community Guest tickets available for \$25.00

We received an inquiry from Cedar Tree Foundation and they are interested in giving grants to organizations in Detroit. We will submit a grant proposal by the end of this week to Community Foundation, and we are looking at a grants to the USDA, Health Endowment Fund, McGregor. Not invited by Americana Foundation. Community Impact invited us to submit a mini grant. We got sponsorships from JP Morgan Chase and Michigan State Fair.

8) Director's Report

A lot of time has been spent on fundraising this month.

Collaborations: talked to CURES about working with their group, held Public Listening Session.

Attended: spoke on a panel at the Women of Color on STEM conference, American Association of Public Health, part of Kresge Foundation delegation to PolicyLink Conference. We need to make sure that some of the things we are doing we are prepared to share and give workshops at other conferences.

We moved to our new office this weekend. We are sharing an office with the Detroit Food and Fitness Collaborative. We got a donation of furniture from a development group. The new space allows us to think about expanding our staff and taking on interns now that we have enough physical space to grow.

Sell your tickets and get proposals for workshops.

We will have an open house for the new office in January, and everyone will be invited.

9) Next Meeting – January 12, 2016 @ Eastern Market

10) Public Comments

We want to acknowledge Ashley and Phil who are the last of our founding DFPC members. We owe a lot to our members, thank you for the work and we look forward to your continued engagement.

Jermon Groves, team leader at Whole Foods – Eastern Mich alumni, native Detroiter, food truck operator

Stephanie Crenick (SP) – masters student at WSU in Public Health, works at Flagship School,

Monica Richardo – DPS Garden Collaborative Program

Cheryl Danly – resident

Angela Pevy – Rec Department, want to start developing more programming in department for food and nutrition

Donna McDuffie – Chandler Park and People’s Platform

Anne Ginn – People’s Platform

Bryan Smith – Director for CURES, works to help bridge the gap between community at large and research community, can help us develop research to back up our policy work.

Barbara McKeand Stevenson – Fundraising consultant working with DFPC

#### 11) Announcements

Mimi – Green Grocer Project at DEGC to improve grocery stores in Detroit: Grocery Crawl on Saturday in SW Detroit.

Atieno – Detroit Urban Farmers Network, join on Facebook or visit [Detroiturbanfarmers.com](http://Detroiturbanfarmers.com)

Tomorrow we will be putting together gift bags for fundraiser 1:30-3:00

Thanksgiving CSA Shares from Grown In Detroit are still available. Pick up Tuesday, Nov. 24 at Eastern Market or Plum Street Garden, contact Imani Foster 575-2635 or at [detroitagriculture.net](http://detroitagriculture.net).

#### 12) Adjournment 7:06