

Food Policy Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
PPRBD, 2880 International Circle
March 4, 2016, 8:00am

Start Time: 8:04am
Quorum

Members in attendance: Jill Gaebler, Lyn Harwell, Laruen Edman, Michael O'Malley, Nanna Meyer, Megan Andreozzi, Clarissa Dominguez, Johnathan Berry, Aubrey Day

Agenda:

- **Introductions**
- **Define/review responsibilities of the board:**
 - Gather thoughts about what it means to be a board member.
 - Rules for board members should be defined, relationship with the board, establish consistent rules.
 - Discuss communications and what it looks like.
 - Roles and responsibilities, who is coming to the meetings.
 - Strategic vision with clear goals.
 - Non-profit course offered by secretary of state, of what is generally required of a board, a task board members should go to, e-learning.
- **Approval of February Meeting Minutes:** Unanimous motion to approve
- **Citizen Comment:** None
- **Update on UCCS-Nanna Meyer follow-up with Food Shed/Food Security possibility to write in research work in a current course:**
 - ✓ There will be a sustainability club meeting next week and the topic is on the agenda to see what is possible for classes. Integrate it into a class project for her week long intensive class. What is important to the city, strategic plan? Get guidance for the best approach with the community—maybe Wendy from Live Well—has experience with food shed. Possibly enter a partnership, collaboration. Nanna will present Wednesday and send out update.
- **Update from Michael O'Malley:**
 - ✓ Production stand point, cherry tomatoes will be ready around mid-April producing 3,500 pounds of tomatoes.
 - ✓ Acquired led lights to grow herbs. Should produce 400 pounds of herbs a week for distribution, to help farmers markets.
 - ✓ Disconnect between regional and El Paso County in regards to greenhouses and regulations that the greenhouses fall under. We need clearer regulations for land development codes for greenhouses.
 - ✓ Disconnect between residential and personal use greenhouse and there are production greenhouses in-between. Michael has drafted policy modification to resolve the issue.

- ✓ If we can get this amended into land development code, this issue can be resolved. Michael wants to sit down as a member of food policy to talk to regional. Set up a meeting with Craig. County and land use first and then go to regional.
- **Update on farmers market best practices:**
 - Consumer stand point
 - Vendor stand point
 - Producer stand point
 - Consumers should ask the producers about if it is local. On Monday Nate Story will help with ideas from Michael. Try to secure contracts with local restaurants and farmers markets to get a base. Develop CSA, take as much part in local community. Get a model for what will work best. Need to understand the difficulty growing locally organically and delivering a quality product.
- **Jill Gaebler Food Stand Update:** Bringing something to Council. It is more compelling to have Jill sponsor something for the group and take to Council. Michael will take the lead to bring this to Council. It is about access to local food—current policy is restrictive on times when stands can sell. Proposal: Take it away from garage sale code. Public health: has to comply with Cottage Food Act. Resolution: Jill and Michael will establish something and move forward. Look at the mobile markets as well. County: has less regulations
- **Public Market:** No Update. Will possibly discuss at the next meeting.
- **Brainstorming Session; Strategic Plan for 2016**
 - Goals, Strategies, Timeline, Who, and How:**
 - Goal 1: Build a resilient local food system from rural farms to urban agriculture
 - Apprenticeship/volunteers/internship program
 - Backyard gardening/community gardening
 - Incentive program
 - Growing food in the county
 - Identifying unused space
 - Selling food in the city/county
 - Goal 2: Increase local food system infrastructure efficiencies including recovery
 - Encourage producers to work together
 - Central kitchen, minimal processing
 - Propose processes, system in alignment with goals *acknowledge barriers
 - Food surplus
 - Kitchen space and institutional policies—identify
 - Model kitchen systems—demonstrate that to increase support
 - Goal 3: Promote food literacy-Reach, Inspire, Educate, Transform
 - Speak Up platform
 - Demonstrate kitchen to teach skills
 - Campaign
 - CSU Extension
 - Utilize board member expertise
 - Identifying the right audience

Goal 4: Enhance economic development through local food

- Local food creates jobs
- Public market as job incubator and venue for selling local food
- Central kitchen → jobs

Goal 5: Make healthful and affordable food accessible

- Food stands
- Public market

*At next meeting will work more on action

April Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Divide and conquer HOA list
 2. Work more on action with brainstorming question
- Adjourn

End Time: 10:02 am