

## **Pikes Peak Region Food Policy Advisory Board Meeting**

July 7, 2017, 8:30 am

### **In Attendance:**

Sabrina Cotta, Jyotsna Khattri, Clarissa Dominguez, Mary Feser, Rachel Frizell, Megan Andreozzi, Steve Saint, Sophie Javna, Rebecca Glazer, Jonathan Shankland, Ellen Johnson-Fay, David Geislinger, Joanna Zaremba, Aubrey Day, Mike Handy

### **Web Site:**

Sabrina is going to connect with Sophie and Clarissa about updating the web site.

### **Bee Ordinance:**

Sabrina said Jill Gaebler and Andy Pico are pushing for more bee hives. The planning dept pushed back. Want more regulatory info and more comprehensive bee ordinance. Usually pushback is about lack of education. She researched what other municipalities have done around bee hives. She thinks it's better to base bee hives to lot size, not just two bee hives. Jill and Andy are behind this. Trying to get one nuculous hive and one regular hive per 2400 square foot lot. Mike said that the nuculous hive will not stay a nuculous hive--it will eventually outgrow the hive and become a full hive. Other things they might want are set backs to property lines and designation of where they could be. Might want a fence, so they would fly higher. Could ask for a sign about bees. Mike said signage could attract vandals. He said a bee hive to many people is a curiosity and could be an attractive nuisance. Regulations for water supply at all times. Maintenance rules, adequate frames. Language around swarming and requeening. Mike said swarming involves the hive requeening itself. Mike said they teach to have a barrier in bee school. The State of Colorado is supportive of pollinators. Mike said it will cost \$300-\$400 to get started in beekeeping. Sabrina suggested the regulation in code be based upon what Mike's bee school is teaching. The City wants to have a permitting process. Sabrina suggests \$25 for two-years. Denver and Pueblo both have two hives in their ordinance, but Sabrina wants to be more progressive so that we could have more potentially based upon square footage.

Sabrina will get together with council members and planning department to try to move this forward minus signage. Mike asked if Pikes Peak Beeking Association could meet with planning department to give input and make sure there's understanding. Megan said we would work on ordinance and then present to planning commission and then after that present to city council. Mike said their organization will catch a swarming bee colony for free. Joanna suggested this would be good information to include on the FPAB web site. Sabrina will talk with Jill and Andy to make a draft, and then she will bring it back to the group. Mike asked that a draft be sent to beekeeping association, and Megan said we will plan to do that.

### **Social Media:**

Clarissa is going to help Lyn some with Social Media this month while Joanna is taking a social media fast.

### **Farm Market Ordinance:**

Aubrey said Tom Gonzales is concerned because the farm stand application says cottage food, which makes it confusing. Maybe the application needs to be changed to just say Farm Stand. The ordinance is actually just for fresh grown food, not cottage food at all. Megan brought up the cost of the permit (\$125) and said she said she thinks Denver's is \$20-25. The group thought the price was too high for many people to participate. Megan said many people don't know where to go, etc. Sabrina suggested having a link to the info on the FPAB web site. Sabrina is going to get more info. Aubrey said the county can help where needed.

### **Mission Trace Shopping Center:**

Aubrey is going to work on Thursday, the 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-5 pm most likely at the Sand Creek Library. Megan said Mathew Craddock is looking at a 5-acre piece of land and growing, building greenhouses, etc. He doesn't currently own it. It's a former King Soopers. Craddock is open to ideas. The City is working on a transportation hub right across the street from Academy, but he's working on moving the hub across the street to that area.

### **PlanCOS Presentation:**

Steve Saint said it's always framed in terms of economics and not in terms of how we get the region to be able to feed itself. Megan suggested imbedding land use into each part theme of PlanCOS. Sabrina said we can go to the steering committee and say that we're food and this is how we fit into the plan. David suggested we fit the language of the PlanCOS themes into our presentation. Sabrina said being an "Olympic City" and food fits well into this. David said Centura Health could be a good advocate, so becoming allies to them and mentioned Margaret Sabin, Penrose Hospital's president. David could be a liason to the community health partnership. Aubrey suggested asking the PlanCOS team to ask them what format would be most helpful to them. David talked about the fact that PlanCOS is very visionary. Joanna suggested we do a short video with key players/influencers in town to say why they value local food. David said there are a lot of advocates all over that we could connect with. Steve asked could we add a lens of food security in each of the themes. David suggested focusing on the positive to gradually address the negative.

Sabrina suggested taking some of the major themes and fitting them into our focus goals. David is encouraging that people go to the PlanCOS meetings and engage. Aubrey asked if we want to look at language from other city's plans around local food and the board agreed this was a good idea. Rachel said she has a friend that could help with video. Jonathan offered to help with the presentation. Sophie and Johnathan can help with the written part, and Joanna offered to edit it. Joanna said she could help with videos and having one influencer speak to each theme about this. Nanna brought up an article with an infographic of a tree as a visual. PlanCOS and LocalFood in the tree trunk, linking the two. Sophie thinks that Concrete Couch could potentially help or Nanna has some art students that could help. Megan will talk to Jill on the how and the when, and then we will have to work on Action Items.

### **PlanCOS Meetings that are coming up—please try to attend.**

Discovery Church  
July 18 5:30-7:30 pm

Lincoln School, focus on Young Perspective  
July 19 5 pm

Southeast & Armed Service YMCA, focus on PlanCOS  
July 20 5:30-6:30 pm

Possible Interview List (Megan to fill in)

Nanna said they're working on an institutional documentary with David Gardiner on CC. So they should have some video clips. Mostly interviews around the state of Colorado. Farm to institution. Jonathan suggested that it might make sense to reach out to other communities. Ellen said that Denver might have some ideas. Johnathan said that Krista would be possibly up for a video and is still interested in doing a tour for the board.

### **Three formats for Presentation:**

Writeup

Visual

Video

### **Action Items:**

- Megan will talk to Jill about how and when of PlanCOS.
- Write Up-Sophie and Johnathan will get draft to Megan and Joanna by July 21<sup>st</sup>
- Visual-Nanna will categorize words around the themes; 6 main branches; 4 smaller branches; and then paint it on a big piece of paper. She will send a out to the group via Google docs by July 28<sup>th</sup>. She will have students paint it later.
- Video—Megan, Nanna, Sophie will reach out to all of the people to see if they're interested in doing a video.
  - Susan Davies, Catamount Institute, Rebecca(PLT), Matt Mayberry(Pioneer Museum), Krista (Broadmoor), Matt Craddock(Real Estate), Margaret Sabine (Penrose), Jessica George (Denver Policy), Laurel (Downtown Partnership), Mike (Grazing Life), Michelle Ritchie (CSU Extention), Marrien House, Springs Rescue Mission, Zac Chapman (CSFR), Adrienne (Corner Post Meats), Rocky Mtn. Farmers Union, Olympic Training Center, UCCS, CC.

**Next Meeting: August 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30 am at SustainaCenter.**