



**AGENDA**  
**Food Policy Advisory Board**  
**Thursday, June 6th 2019, 8:30AM – 10:00 AM**  
**City Hall, Pikes Peak Conference Room**  
**107 N. Nevada Ave, CSprings CO, 80903**

8:30AM: Call to Order

8:35AM: Public Comment/Board Member Comment

8:45AM: Current Issues –

1. FPAB Working Priority Document (SP/EPCO) – Review (Aubrey/Sean)
  - a. Use existing dash boarding tools to track key indicators under the identified areas of priority. Example of one such dashboard from the El Paso County Department of Public Health can be found below  
<http://thrivingcolorado.com/partners/el-paso-county-public-health-scorecards/el-paso-county-healthy-eating-active-living/>
  - b. Agreed on using the above-mentioned strategy document to identify two policy briefs to complete in the next 12 months. One brief that would impact urban and another to impact rural.
2. Compost Brief – Review with Jill, when will we present and what needs to be changed. Who will do the work to update with EriKa leaving FPAB?
  - a. Who is presenting what?
  - b. Introduce the FPAB and introduce the compost brief – Ellen and TBD Megan
  - c. Recommendations – Andre
  - d. Key Benefits – Jonathon
  - e. Conclusion – Emily
3. Finalize FPAB Single Page Handout
4. Pollinators: Next steps could be recommending a process for tracking hives and what contracts could be revised with pesticide

9:30AM – 9:45AM: Upcoming Items to Discuss/Review:

Monthly Meetings to be a part of:

- Colorado Food Policy Network (COFPN), occurs last Wednesday of every month, 11am-12pm – Clarissa originally was doing this, anyone else able/willing to take this on?
- Clarissa was also part of the Farm Bill Action Team, which focuses on federal food-related bills (one of the current focuses is Child Nutrition Reauthorization, or CNR). They have a standing meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 12-12:30pm (meetings are cancelled if there is nothing to update on).

Grant Opportunities:

GRANT - Improving Community Food Systems (Colorado Health Foundation)

Amount: Up to \$85,000!

Due: June 15 at 5pm!

9:45AM – 9:50AM: Final Public Comment/Board Member Comments

9:50AM-10:00AM: Action Items assigned/reviewed

10:00AM: Adjournment – Next Meeting: ????

*"In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the City of Colorado Springs will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or reasonable accommodation to participate in this program should make the request as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event".*

**WORKING GROUPS:**

**Urban Agriculture (Backyard Farming and Land Use):**

DEFINE: The urban farm and homesteading group will focus on defending and expanding the rights of homesteaders in this city through policy identification and policy change.

**Food Literacy: Sean**

DEFINE: The literacy group focuses mainly on education. They promote nutrition, local food, and cooking skills through celebratory event and educational campaigns.

**Rural Policy:**

DEFINE: The rural policy group is the main advocate for rural farmers and bridges the physical distance between rural and urban in order to promote the benefits of rural production in our city.

-Identifies the benefits of rural farming to our city, bridging the physical and communication barrier between rural farmers and urbanites.

-Connects with rural farmers to learn about policy challenges and barriers they are facing.

**Community Retail/Economic Growth: Emily**

DEFINE: The community retail group focuses on promoting and enabling local procurement in our city.

-Identifies policy, bureaucratic, and educational barriers that inhibit retail of local foods from the perspective of restaurateurs, farmer's markets, local grocery stores, etc.

-Researches procurement in other cities to develop a guiding model for our city.

**Communication/Media:**

DEFINE: The communication/media group works with all other subcommittees to help keep FPAB and the initiatives in city and county radar.

-Keeps up steady communication with other subcommittees about the current projects and work that is being done.

**Policy Brief:** Purpose - A policy brief presents a concise summary of information that can help readers understand, and likely make decisions about, government policies. Policy briefs may give objective summaries of relevant research, suggest possible policy options, or go even further and argue for particular courses of action.

**Policy Brief: Format –**

- **Title:** A good title quickly communicates the contents of the brief in a memorable way.
- **Executive Summary:** This section is often one to two paragraphs long; it includes an overview of the problem and the proposed policy action.
- **Context or Scope of Problem:** This section communicates the importance of the problem and aims to convince the reader of the necessity of policy action.
- **Policy Alternatives:** This section discusses the current policy approach and explains proposed options. It should be fair and accurate while convincing the reader why the policy action proposed in the brief is the most desirable.
- **Policy Recommendations:** This section contains the most detailed explanation of the concrete steps to be taken to address the policy issue.
- **Appendices:** If some readers might need further support in order to accept your argument but doing so in the brief itself might derail the conversation for other readers, you might include the extra information in an appendix.
- **Consulted or Recommended Sources:** These should be reliable sources that you have used throughout your brief to guide your policy discussion and recommendations. Erika- City Council work sessions- <https://coloradosprings.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Megan- City Council meetings- <https://coloradosprings.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Sean- El Paso County Commissioner activity <http://74.208.113.192:8080/ams/elpaso>

Beth- Parks projects and initiatives/ upcoming master planning activities etc.

Zac – Planning Commission - <https://coloradosprings.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

**Possible Future Briefs:**

Enhancing local food production

Award's farmers markets

**Next Policy Briefs:** zoning codes in residential areas