

Food Policy Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
City of Colorado Springs - Sustainacenter
704 E. Boulder Avenue
October 7, 2016
8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Megan Andreozzi, Jonathan Berry, Nanna Meyer, Lyn Harwell, Clarissa Dominguez, Jill Gaebler, Jacquelyn Puett, Eileen Gonzalez.

Eileen Gonzalez, City Council Administrator, spoke about elements in the City's strategic plan (COS Plan) that are community-oriented and related to food policy. She highlighted the need to pin the FPAB's projects and goals to both the City's and County's strategic plans.

*She was going to reach out to Renee Conglin in the City's legal department to discuss creating bylaws and rules and procedures for the FPAB. She discussed Speakup, the infill project chapter in the City's strategic plan and encouraged members to attend the strategic plan meetings or to send an email at some point during the two-year process.

Larger economic development issues and land use issues that are tied to food policy should be examined and even water issues related to long term planning (i.e. Venetucci Farms).

The Board agreed to focus on providing representation and speaking or listening at food policy-related events in the community. *Another idea to promote the Food Policy Board was to create business and post cards for distribution to the community.

The Food Policy Conference would be held from Nov 2nd-4th and Megan would send an email to determine how the entire Board could attend different segments of the conference.

Farm stand update: The last vote by City Council would be the following week on October 11.

*Picking the apples from the apple tree in front of the City's Administration Building would be put on next year's calendar – bake a pie for the Mayor?

*Jacquelyn was to email Mina Liebert to request a food system assessment grant update for the Board.

Social media / website update: Clarissa offered to place the City's social media policy in Dropbox for review by the Board. She was preparing to post Cottage Foods info on the group's FB page. *She also suggested the idea of conducting an electronic questionnaire on Survey Monkey to obtain feedback from the community.

*City staff was to obtain the email list that was developed during the public process conducted to create the FPAB.

Jacquelyn made many of the requested updates (submitted by Sophie and Clarissa) to the City's FPAB webpage. *She would continue to work on uploading links to resources and the member bios. In addition, she was working with IT to establish the foodpolicy@springsgov.com email for the group.

The last stone soup gathering would take place at the Pioneer's Museum on the 12th.

There was a reminder for the group to consult the LA Food Policy Board's strategic plan and website as a guide for the Pikes Peak Region's Food Policy Board activity/progression.

Discussion surrounding the Board's working groups; Clarissa volunteered to head up the social media / website working group with Sophie, and Nanna volunteered to lead the Board's education group and students' working group. A third working group for food literacy would need organization as well.

Nanna Meyer discussed the publication of The Local Food Revolution and she suggested arranging a reading connected to a related event.

Megan planned to schedule a presentation from the FPAB at the Pikes Peak Environmental Forum in September/October of 2017.

In order for Livewell/USDA to set up the process for farmer's markets to receive SNAP as payment from the community, at least 8-10 markets were needed to commit to sign up and use the process. The group suggested obtaining contact info from Sophie Javna when she returned from travel. The timeline to meet was January 20-21, 2017.

Councilmember Gaebler discussed her desire to move forward to Council with the change to the bee hive ordinance. Megan stated that the Board recommended approval of the item a few months previous. *City staff would find the vote in the minutes and forward to Jill.

*Finally, interviews for Board vacancies would be conducted on October 26th. Commissioner Sallie Clark, Councilmember Jill Gaebler, and Megan Andreozzi would comprise the interview panel.

Adjournment: 9:58 a.m.