



## Food Policy Advisory Board

### Meeting Minutes

704 E. Boulder Street

Sustainability Center

Nov 1st, 2018

8:30am-10:30am

**Board members present:** Julie Slivka/ Erika Liljestrand/ Megan Harris/ Sean Svette/Zac Chapman

**Staff members present:** Sabrina Cotta

**Guest Presenter:** Nat Stein

- 1) **Call to Order** – Megan Harris called the meeting to order at 8:30am.
- 2) **Public Comment/Board Member Comment**  
Sabrina has invited someone from the county to attend meetings.  
Possible opportunity to work on food truck Tuesdays next summer.
- 3) **Nat Compost Presentation**  
Nat from Colorado Springs Food Rescue gave background, research and local best practices for composting. She shared information about CSFR's Soil Cycle composting program.  
Highlights:
  - Soil Cycle is a pilot program for residents in the Shook's run neighborhood.
  - Citizens pay for compost pick up and CSFR composts it at disperse sites.
  - They have demand for expanding their program and likely be expanding next year.
  - This year they included a leaf pickup by inquiry.
  - The new CSFR Hub location will include a composting demonstration area.
  - There is a need in the city for a composting processing facility.
  - Finished compost currently goes to Pikes Peak Urban Gardens for use in community gardens.
  - Reviewed ordinance 6.4.104 and identified opportunity to recommend changes.
  - Nat will send additional research she did to the board.
- 4) **Review and Work on Composting Brief**

Read through first draft of composting brief. Board members made comments and changes. Board members will send additional comment to Sabrina to send to Erika for revisions and the board will vote on final draft at next meeting.

5) **Prioritized list of next briefs to work on**

Reviewed other policy briefs ideas and prioritized which briefs to work on once composting brief is completed. Next two briefs decided on are:

- Changes to ordinance 6.4.10 regarding compost
- Farmer's market – supporting access to fresh foods in farmer's markets

6) **Final Public Comments/Board Member Comments**

The office of innovation and sustainability is working on a Green Business certification and hoping to work with Better Business Bureau to develop a program similar to their age friendly certification. She will update the board as this progresses.