

Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council Minutes



Meeting date: 01.21.2020

Location: Wheatridge Recreation Center (4005 Kipling St, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033)

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Guests: approximately 80 attendees in total

Welcome & Introductions (Mondy Mason)		
TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:00am-9:10am		
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mondy Mason welcomed all attendees to the Denver Metro Regional Food Policy Council meeting This joint food policy council meeting was hosted by Denver Public Health & Environment, Tri-County Health Department, Jefferson County Public Health, Jefferson County Food Policy Council and Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council, and the Food in Communities project 		

Denver SFPC Brief (Kristin Lacy & Reuben Gregory)

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:10am-9:25am		

Discussion:

- Provided an overview of the SFPC mission, a background of the relationship between the SFPC and DPHE, the purpose of the SFPC, the structure of the council and the past accomplishments
- Description of the methods in which the council engages the mayor
- Policy Priorities
 - City Food Procurement, Composting Food Waste, SNAP Utilization, and Food System Infrastructure
- 2020 Goals
 - Two mayoral advisories, two issue briefs, engage 5+ relevant decision-makers and 100+ relevant external stakeholders, support DPHE staff to develop public-facing report on progress of food vision, develop a well-rounded, diverse, and fully engaged membership with the skills and capacity needed

Jefferson County Food Policy Council Brief (Marissa Silverberg)

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:25am-9:40am		

Discussion:

- Mission: Influence policy to increase equitable access to healthy, local and affordable food and support a sustainable community food system
- Vision: Jefferson County is a food secure community with healthy food access for all residents, a vibrant and equitable farming infrastructure, a healthy ecosystem and a thriving local food economy
- Structure
 - JCPH facilitator, leadership committee to lead strategic direction, build out subcommittees when needed, meetings and membership fully open to the public, meetings are currently held the third Thursday of the month at 645 Parfet St, Lakewood from 12:30 to 2:30pm
- Local Policy Efforts
 - Ordinance requiring SNAP at farmers markets (City of Golden), Hoop house and urban agriculture policy in Jefferson County, Organizational policies, comment supporting changes to RTD, JeffCo School Food & Nutrition Task Force
- State and Federal Policy Work
 - Farm Bill, Public Charge, Child Nutrition Reauthorization, Food Pantry Assistance Grant, Statewide School Meal Reimbursement, Regulatory proposals/changes re: SNAP, Root Cause Policy: Paid Family Leave, Renters Rights
- Upcoming Priorities
 - Urban Agriculture

- Land Assessment through GIS Mapping, City of Lakewood Hoop House Policy, Health From the Ground Up: Know Your Local Farmer Event
- Local Procurement
 - Statewide School Reimbursement
- SNAP and WIC Outreach
 - SNAP for Student Success
- Authentic Resident Engagement
- Root Cause Policy
 - Renters Roundtable
 - Colorado Center on Law and Policy

Adams County Food Systems Advocacy Brief (Caitlin Matthews & Anneli Berube)

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:35am-9:50am		

- Discussion:**
- Currently no formal food policy council in Adams County but there are food advocates from nonprofit organizations, resident leaders, housing authorities, city and county staff, public agencies, hospitals and healthcare providers, elected officials and policy makers in some geographies
 - In Adams county 30% of kids face food insecurity and poverty, only 62% of eligible families are enrolled in SNAP and only 64% of eligible families are enrolled in WIC
 - Multi-stakeholder collaborative work, increase SNAP and WIC enrollment and retention, state and federal level advocacy, share accurate information about eligibility and immigration status
 - Urban Agriculture
 - Community food production, commercial and social enterprise agriculture, land and water access, technical assistance for home and community garden growers
 - Emergency Food Assistance
 - Support small and medium sized agencies providing emergency food assistance, overcome barriers to accessing food assistance programs in the community, food pantry infrastructure and coordination, “Small p” policy changes, Colorado Food Pantry Assistance Grant
 - Regional Food System Infrastructure
 - Support producers, food businesses, and food retailers, expand commercial kitchen space, create mobile food distribution channels
 - Local Procurement
 - Emerging policies in institutions including hospitals, schools, etc., includes “buy local” and “hire local” components, support producers and food businesses
 - Land Access & Ag Land Preservation
 - Historic Splendid Valley District Plan in Brighton and Adams County
 - District Plan

- Joint land use plan between Adams County and the City of Brighton, Adopted in 2016
- Encompassing Approx. 5,000 acres: 1,950 acres of entitled lands, 770 acres of floodplain, 300 acres of rural housing, 400 acres of open space, 1,550 of unconstrained lands
- Goals
 - Preserve agricultural land, encourage local food production & consumption, promote agritourism
- Successes to date
 - Joint district plan commission, joint Ag innovation specialist position, historic Splendid Valley brand, toolkits
- 2020 Projects & Activities
 - Local Foods Workshop, transfer of development rights study, wayfinding signage project, farmland interest form, county land use update engagement
- Housing Security and Homelessness
 - Top priority issue in Adams County and Aurora, root cause issue tied to hunger and food insecurity, many food advocates are housing advocates
- Encourage all Adams county and Aurora folks to engage with Denver and JeffCo people in attendance at today's meeting!

Network/Partner Mapping Activity

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:50am-10:50am		

Discussion:

- Meeting attendees split into groups to discuss aspects of the food system in the Denver metro region.
- Attendees were asked to address three main questions to help identify overlapping policy areas and issues across the region;
 1. What is currently happening in the issue/policy area? Who are the leaders/champions of these efforts?
 2. What needs to happen next? Who else needs to be at the table?
 3. What opportunities are there to collaborate across the region on this issue/policy area?
 4. What has happened in the past on this issue/policy area that we can learn from?
- Based on the initial presentations, the group theme discussions were around the following topics;
 - Root Cause Policy
 - Local Procurement
 - Food Business
 - Emergency Food Assistance
 - Urban Agriculture
 - Regional Infrastructure
 - SNAP Utilization

Wrap-up & Networking

TIME	ACTION/DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
10:50am-11:00am		
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18th, 9:00am-11:00am – Posner Center• Meeting Adjourned		