

Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council Minutes

Meeting date: 03.17.2020

Location: Zoom Web Meeting

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Guests: Lyn Kathlene, Sophie Oppenheimer, Rachel Espiritu, Danielle Butbul, Eric Ross, Annie VanDan, Linda Kiker, Maggie Brown, Anne Conner, Tyler Fox, Megan Litchka, Jessica Harper, Adriana Botic

Welcome & Introductions

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:00am-9:20am		•
Discussion:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All were welcomed, and the meeting came to order Roll call and short introductions were made by Co-Chairs, SFPC members, Ex-Officios and Guests 		

Emergency Food Assistance

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9:20am-9:35am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting notes and links to shared documents can be found here (link included on Mobilize post)

Discussion:

- Federal, State, & City Update (Laine Cidlowski)
 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (passed House, waiting in Senate).
 - CO Dept. of Agriculture is coordinating an emergency food response task force, DDPHE is participating
 - DDPHE working on emergency food response
 - Created an up to date database for food access provided by schools or food pantries
 - Also created an up to date list of food pantries operating status, hours, expected closures, pickup/delivery options, etc.
 - Food in Quarantine options - delivery? (lacking, need more solutions)
 - Community Resource Map, web-based tool for basic needs assistance
 - Convening emergency food responders on a bi-weekly basis (contact Laine if other orgs need to be included)
 - Need to get these resources into other languages (some resources are available in many languages on DDPHE website, but not the food resources)
 - The city is looking into options to get more funding out to help with emergency response
 - HFDK is meeting this week to discuss diverting funds to address emergency food needs
 - Laine has been working with Public Health Investigations to get their guidelines for restaurants and is looking to get that information to food pantries and groups doing food distribution work
- Frontline Farming Update (Damien Thompson)
 - Decided to postpone their food rescue programming to determine how to do this safely for the team and those receiving food
 - Assessing where to best direct Frontline's resources
 - Provided a resource document with herbal resources (reach out to Damien if you're interested)
- Sprout City Farms/Mile High Farmers Update (Meg Caley)
 - Working to keep getting farms ready for spring
 - Volunteer groups cancelling which will likely lead to labor shortages
 - Focusing on getting the correct information and resources out to communities
 - Holding pattern to hear about needs of people in their network
- CO Department of Human Services (CDHS) Update (Megan Litchka)
 - Supporting counties and their questions about processing SNAP benefits
 - Can generally be processed without face to face contact, processing can occur over phone, email and online
- Emerald Gardens Update (Roberto Meza)
 - Still producing a lot of food for stores and restaurants
 - Hoping to figure out new distribution models
 - Delivering as far south as DTC and as far north as Fort Collins with possibility of extending south to CO Springs next week
 - Struggling to connect with pantries. Has reached out to HFC to get a list of pantries in the grant program but hasn't heard back
 - Food pantries seeing drop off in volunteers

- Farm is functioning as aggregation site for other farmers
- CSU Extension Update (Dan Goldhamer)
 - Pivoting to serve the community
 - Providing research-based information and education
 - May be able to mobilize volunteers
- Bondadosa Update (Maggie)
 - Connecting with non-profit partners to coordinate expanding delivery services
 - Lost City Denver prep site, small work groups spaced out in kitchen
 - Heavily sanitizing and disinfecting vehicles before and after routes
 - Doing CSA deliveries for The GrowHaus
- The GrowHaus (Kathryn Ardoin)
 - Growhaus building has been closed indefinitely due to zoning and infrastructure issues
 - Looking for new opportunities including mobile market options and online shopping
 - Still operating no cost grocery program, doing some home delivery to meet needs
 - Focusing on Globeville/Swansea neighborhoods but won't turn people away
- Grocery Stores (Sprouts) Update (Mike Spade)
 - Average customer is leaving with over \$600 in their cart
 - Previously a good day in sales was \$100,000 and they're now seeing sales exceed \$800,000+ daily
 - Encourage people to find out when their local grocer is getting deliveries and shopping after deliveries come in and stores are restocked

Next Steps / Ideas

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10:25am-11:00am		●

- Discussion:**
- Interest in working group to address emergency food needs
 - Request for the SFPC to provide support & provide encouragement to prepare for long term support around community needs as the needs will exist for an extended period of time
 - Leadership will take the lead on this but would like help from others
 - Policy considerations around support of food systems workers, economic impacts and housing support
 - Coordinated document to help identify resources and resource needs
 - Suggestion to increase frequency of SFPC meetings to address emergency needs and better support city needs during Covid response
 - Membership:
 - Two applications on the SFPC website. Applicants need to fill out both. One for the SFPC and one for the city
 - Application window is open now, applications due April 15th
 - Four seats are open

- Pushing back the deadline may cause gaps when people term off in June and leave council seats open
- Please promote in your networks
- If interested in participating in the interview process, contact Doug Wooley on Mobilize
- If interested in reviewing applications, contact Patti Iwasaki on Mobilize
- Discussion to extend deadline of application window:
 - Leadership will look into bylaws around extending the window of applications and expiring terms to cover potential gaps of council seats
 - Potentially move the deadline to mid/late June
 - Communication on this will come out via Mobilize to make a decision at a point in the future

Meeting Adjourned

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11:00am		

- Discussion:**
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21st, 9:00am-11:00am – Location TBD
 - Meeting Adjourned