

Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council Minutes



Meeting date: 05.19.2020

Location: Zoom

Co-Chairs: Kristin Lacy & Reuben Gregory

Minutes Prepared By: Dano Nelson

Council Members:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anne Misak	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Wooley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenna Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayra Olivas	<input type="checkbox"/> Neambe Leadon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reuben Gregory
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brittany Goldstein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fatuma Emmad	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathryn Ardoin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meg Caley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patti Iwasaki	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roberto Meza
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Damien Thompson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helen Silver	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Lacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Spade	<input type="checkbox"/> Rayna Hetlage	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yuridia Bahena
<input type="checkbox"/> Ted Belinger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brittany Pimentel				

Ex – Officio:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laine Cidlowski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dan Goldhamer	<input type="checkbox"/> Valerie Herrera	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisana Munoz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Moreland	
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DPHE Staff:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dano Nelson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marion Kalb	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mondy Mason	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesly Baesens	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Howe	
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Guests: Luis Gomez, Anne Conner, Adriana Botic, Danielle Butbul, Maria Ashley, Carmen Martin

Welcome & Introductions, Call to Order, and Approval of Minutes (Kristin Lacy & Reuben Gregory)		
TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:00am-9:25am	Review and approval of minutes from February, March & April 2020. Motion to approve by Fatuma Emmad, Seconded by Brittany Pimentel. All in favor. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.	•
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All were welcomed, and the meeting came to order at Roll call and short introductions were made by Co-Chairs, SFPC members, Ex-Officios and Guests SFPC Meeting Minutes from February, March & April were reviewed and voted on for approval 		

VOTE: Resolutions from April SFPC Votes

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:25am-9:30am	Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 001-2020 by Fatuma Emmad, Seconded By Doug Wooley. All in favor. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried. Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 002-2020 by Brittany Pimentel, Seconded By Patti Iwasaki. All in favor. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.	

Discussion:

- Resolutions were sent to council members for review prior to meeting
- Request for amendments/comments for both resolutions

Membership Update (Doug Wooley)

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:50am-10:05am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dano will send out the link to the Food Policy Council Member Survey once it is available • SFPC leadership will reach out for HFDK liaison nominations • Submit nominations for Co-chairs to Kristin & Reuben via email or Mobilize

Discussion:

- Deadline for membership applications is June 15
 - Applicants can apply at <http://www.denversfpc.com/membership> and must fill out both applications
 - City staff has notified Boards and Commissions about the application process and change in deadline
- Currently two applications have been submitted
- Application review committee, Damien, Kathryn, Yuri, Mayra
- Interview committee, Patti, Roberto, Meg
- Member Survey – Mondri Mason
 - Created by Center for Livable Future at Johns Hopkins
 - Confidential and anonymous
 - Survey will be sent to all council members
 - Survey due at the end of May
- Healthy Food for Denver’s Kids (HFDK) Commission Liaison
 - Patti’s term on the SFPC and as HFDK liaison is ending
 - Liaison participates as a full member of the HFDK commission

- There are currently two open seats on the HFDK commission
- Process includes application, interview, mayor’s approval & orientation
- HFDK commission meetings are held on the third Friday of each month from 9:00am-12:00pm
- Lisana Munoz will be serving on the HFDK commission as an employee of Denver Human Services and has offered to fill the role of SFPC liaison
 - Council expressed desire to have a SFPC voting member fill the role as liaison
- Damien Thompson & Fatuma Emmad expressed willingness to serve as liaison
- SFPC leadership will follow up on nominations for the HFDK liaison role between now and the June SFPC meeting
- Applications for the HFDK commission are due on June 22nd
- Co-Chair Nominations
 - Reuben Gregory’s terming off as co-chair at the end of June
 - Nominations are now open to fill Reuben’s chair and will remain open until the June SFPC meeting
 - Anne Misak nominates Helen Silver for co-chair
 - Damien Thompson nominates Fatuma Emmad for co-chair
 - Patti Iwasaki nominates Doug Wooley for co-chair
 - Mayra Olivas nominates Damien Thompson and Doug Wooley for co-chair
 - Voting on co-chair nominations will take place at the June SFPC meeting

Regional Infrastructure Report Out (Helen Silver)

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
10:05am-10:10am		•

- Discussion:**
- Drafting an issue brief for the regional infrastructure working group
 - Revisit the Denver Food Vision due to COVID-19 and understand what the vision is lacking now
 - People are considered infrastructure, so the group is bringing issues of equity and labor into the briefing
 - Aiming for the end of the summer to complete the issue briefing

SNAP Report Out (Fatuma Emmad)

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

Discussion:

- USDA has extended flexibility waivers for feeding kids to allow for non-congregant feeding, guardians/parents to pick up food for kids, and non-traditional mealtime feedings
 - Waivers were extended to the end of August
- Hero's Act is asking for 15% increase to SNAP. It has been approved by the House but still requires approval by the Senate and the President
- Public Charge continues to create fear in immigrant communities causing people to not access benefits
- CO was just authorized to have delivery options for SNAP
- CO plan for online EBT has been approved
- Frontline farming will be training their farmers to enroll people to SNAP
- Sprout City Farms will also be able to sign people up for SNAP
- Hunger Free CO has a training program for organizations to learn how to sign people up for SNAP

Updates from Members

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
10:25am-10:55am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristin will post the JeffCo Grant Application info to Mobilize for council members to review and help make a decision on supporting

Discussion:

- Proposed letters of support
 - JeffCo Grant Application
 - USDA Food Systems Partnership Grant
 - SFPC has been asked to be a partner/collaborator on the project
 - Supporting/encouraging the work we've just begun with JeffCo Food Policy Council
 - In the letter SFPC would state the level of partnership we're willing/able to have
 - Objectives:
 - Maintain and strengthen the capacity of the Jefferson County Food Policy Council membership to make sustainable change within the regional food system
 - Support 2-3 municipalities within Jefferson County by providing tools, educational awareness and technical assistance to expand food access and local food production
 - Ensure the sustainability of the partnership by creating a long-term structural, operational and resource plan
 - Council is in favor of continuing the relationship with the JeffCo Food Policy Council but would like more information before voting to support the grant application
 - CIRC Letter for Undocumented Workers Fund
 - Letter to Governor Polis to request he exercise Executive Authority to establish a private/public relief fund that is focused on providing direct cash assistance to immigrant Coloradans who are ineligible for federal aid.
 - SFPC will post the letter to Mobilize for review and schedule a brief meeting to vote on support of the letter at a later date
- Food Worker Group (Fatuma Emmad & Damien Thompson)

- Meets Mondays from 2:00pm-3:00pm
- Historically oppressed and ignored workers dealing with economic and human rights issues
- Workers are not being offered relief in current legislation packages
- Seeking to build an executive order to establish public and private funding
- PPE match and seeking to understand barriers for PPE to protect workers
- Equity for these workers is essential to the work around the regional infrastructure
- www.projectprotectfoodsystems.org
- City and County Update (Laine Cidlowski)
 - Laine and Susan Gallo will be leading the internal food working group for the social safety net recovery plan
 - If there are communities/groups which have not been served or specifically need to be included in the plan, those recommendations can go to Laine
- Climate Action Task Force (Patti Iwasaki)
 - Encouraging people to begin implementing some of the climate action tasks from the cities climate resilience site, including pay as you throw, composting, etc.
 - Greenhouse gas levels have dramatically dropped due to reduced travel from COVID but those levels will possibly return to normal as people return to traveling more frequently
- Re:Vision (Mayra Olivas)
 - Food Bank on Wednesdays (3800 Morrison Rd.)
 - Deliveries begin at 2:30pm
 - Tuesdays & Fridays 12:00pm-1:00pm offering prepared meals, also offering diapers to families who need them on Fridays
 - Foodbank is serving 250 people a week

Wrap-up & Networking

TIME	ACTION/DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
10:55am-11:00am		•

- Discussion:**
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16th, 9:00am-11:00am
 - Meeting Adjourned