

Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council Minutes



Meeting date: 7.21.2020

Location: Zoom

Co-Chairs: Kristin Lacy & Doug Wooley

Minutes Prepared By: Dano Nelson

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Guests: Luis Gomez (Interpreter), Lara Fahnestock, Hannah Buchenau, Tasha Hill, Megan Hrdlicka, Carmen Martin, Letisha Steele, Rebecca Silva,

Welcome & Introductions, Call to Order, and Approval of Minutes (Kristin Lacy)

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:00am-9:10am	Review and approval of minutes from June 2020. Motion to approve by Fatuma Emmad, Seconded by Roberto Meza. All in favor. No opposed. No abstentions. Motion carried.	•

Discussion:

- 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
- Members reviewed the previous months minutes and a vote was held to approve the minutes

Healthy Food for Denver's Kids (HFDK)

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:10am-9:35am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slides from this presentation have been posted on Mobilize

Discussion:

- Funding Update (Lauren Howe)
 - HFDK First Funding Opportunity
 - First funding round has been approved
 - 38 applications received and 6 were deemed ineligible. 25 organizations were recommended for funding
 - HFDK approved an increase to funding of each application by \$5000 for evaluation and admin costs
 - 61 organizations providing healthy food access to youth in Denver were ineligible to apply due to requirements in Ordinance 302
 - HFDK commission is looking at putting together a subcommittee to review the language of the ordinance and consider a recommendation to city council to potentially alter the language of the ordinance
 - Challenges for HFDK thus far have been navigating the process to get funds out to the community while still establishing the commission and conducting a baseline assessment
 - Successes so far for HFDK include
 - There is language in the ordinance calling out local procurement and the commission has included a pathway for local procurement in the theory of change document. Commission wants to continue to consider technical assistance for grantees and

Food Policy Council Survey Results (Mondi Mason)

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:30am-10:05am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A PDF of the results from the survey will be posted on Mobilize for council members to access

Discussion:

- Mondi Mason provided an overview presentation of the findings of the Food Policy Council Self-Assessment
 - Some highlights of the survey include:
 - Seventeen SFPC members and ExOfficios completed the survey
 - Majority of respondents represented non-profit and food production sectors
 - A third of respondents had knowledge of District 3 and another third of respondents chose not to respond
 - Over half of the respondents indicated they have experience with food insecurity
 - Respondents agree that council leadership shares power in decision making and is receptive to new ideas
 - Respondents feel the council could improve on organization and the effectiveness of meetings
 - Responses were somewhat split regarding racial, economic, gender and ethnic diversity representation and representation of the populations that the SFPC policies target
 - Most respondents felt participation in the council helps them feel empowered to make food related changes in their community

- Most respondents felt the council usually fosters holistic thinking related to the food system
- Respondents agree the SFPC works on policies that promote the SFPC mission and increase access to healthy food in the community
- Most respondents felt the council only somewhat promotes the humane treatment of animals
- Feedback:
 - The council has room to prioritize some of the questions in the future
 - Determine how the council feels about Somewhat and Rarely responses
 - Interest for the survey to be incorporated in the planning of the annual retreat
 - Council members would be interested in adding some questions in the future
 - There seems to be a lack of conversation around sustainability when discussing social justice inequity and this assessment could be a good venue to understand the councils awareness and priority around sustainability
 - Interest in promoting existing sustainable models and organizations doing this work and the role policy can play in this

SNAP & Pandemic-EBT Update (Lisana Munoz)		
TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:35am-9:50am		•
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/p-ebt is the site for Pandemic-EBT. It has an informational video and FAQ section ● Benefits will be automatically added to EBT cards for families receiving SNAP in March, April and May ● CDHS will be releasing an update today about Pandemic-EBT and anticipate auto issuing the one-time payment for eligible SNAP families this Thursday or Friday ● Families not getting the auto issuance will be able to go online and apply to receive the Pandemic-EBT payment, tentatively, on July 31st ● Community organizations will be able to continue to provide assistance for people signing up 		

Annual Retreat & Gathering Check-In		
TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
10:05am-10:20am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Please reach out to Doug or Kristin if you're available to help with planning for the retreat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer, Roberto, Helen and Mondie have volunteered
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The time for the SFPC annual retreat is nearing and leadership is seeking input for planning the retreat with current climate factors ● Feedback about how to hold the retreat and what council members would like to cover at the retreat: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Break up the retreat into a series of Zoom meetings 		

- Hold a meet and greet for new members, potentially a hybrid in person and Zoom meeting
- Use normal meeting time for the normal portion and have a distanced portion at a park the same day
- Utilize breakout rooms on Zoom
- Four hours straight on Zoom is too much
- We can utilize Zoom tools like annotations and diagrams to collect input and give members opportunity to interact
- Important to think about how we can be leaders in safety and aware of what's going on around us, specifically regarding the COVID pandemic

Ad Hoc Equity Working Group Update (Laine Cidlowski)

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
10:25am-10:35am		•

Discussion:

- In response to the conversation in June about racism Laine is helping to form an Ad Hoc working group within SFPC to address race and equity on the council. Laine has asked for input from the council for input on the goals and scope of the working group.
 - Ideas can be added to this document: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1pd8V30Dbf_Nr6mnOn7DmB-r3CSWVRz0sUqlYtgGlm0o/edit?usp=sharing
- Feedback:
 - Supporting other anti-racist policies and statements
 - The Denver Food Vision falls short in regard to race and equity
 - Good Food Purchasing Program coalition has a racial equity group (Helen, Fatuma, Dan from RMFU, Marion Kalb, Roberto, Sheldon Rocky (Farmer) and others
 - Action Plan for Denver Food Vision as an output and things the council could take action on now
 - Land access as an equity issue
 - Include representation for food service workers in the conversation
 - Increase representation on SFPC for communities experiencing insecurity where SFPC currently does not have representation
 - Ensuring equity through every step of the food system
 - Stakeholder engagement plan
 - Utilize demographic portions of the food policy assessment when looking at representation
 - Training opportunities for the council regarding equity and race (this came up at the joint council meeting in January)
 - Food in Communities is available to help coordinating training opportunities
 - Feedback from stakeholders that SFPC operates in a bubble, possibly well positioned to hold broader public engagement around issue of racial equity in the food system
- Laine will send a doodle poll to anyone who expressed interest in helping to organize this ad hoc group. If you're interested in volunteering, reach out to Laine (Laine.Cidlowski@denvergov.org)

Working Group Updates

TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
10:35am-10:55am		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Those interested in being a buddy for new members, please reach out to Doug Wooley• Helen Silver has volunteered to be a buddy
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership Update<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Interview committee has submitted four names for new members○ Targeting early September for new member orientation○ Council needs volunteers to help new members “buddy up” with current members to provide assistance with onboarding and becoming familiar with the council○ Thanks to everyone who helped with the application, interview and onboarding process!• Regional infrastructure group is meeting next Wednesday, 9:00am-10:30am		

Wrap-up & Networking

TIME	ACTION/DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
11:30am		<ul style="list-style-type: none">•
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18th, 9:00am-11:00am• Meeting Adjourned		