Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council Minutes

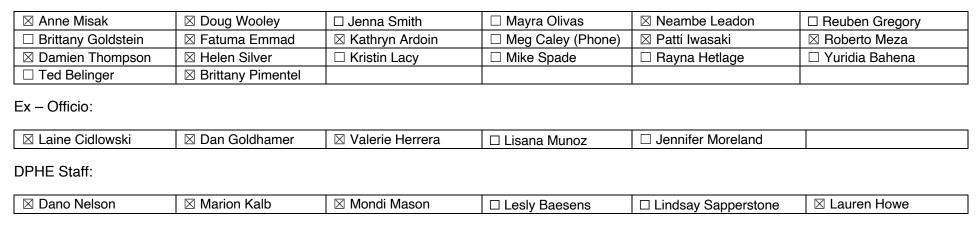
Meeting date: 12.17.2019

Location: Posner Center for International Development (1031 W. 33rd St. Denver, CO 80205)

Co-Chairs: Kristin Lacy & Reuben Gregory

Minutes Prepared By: Dano Nelson





Guests:

Anne Conner, Maria Ashley, Grace Kinda, Rosalind May, Lauren Cloward, Janelle Jenkins, Dominica Gonzalez

Welcome & Introductions, Call to Order, and Approval of Minutes (Reuben Gregory)		
TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:10am-9:22am	Review and approval of minutes from November 2019. Motion to approve by Doug Wooley, Seconded by Kathryn Ardoin. 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



Healthy Foods for Denver's Kids Liaison Priority Discussion (Laine Cidlowski)		
TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
9:22am-10:10am		December's HFDK meeting information will be shared on Mobilize

Discussion:

- Laine Cidlowski introduced the agenda item and provided a brief introduction to the Healthy Foods for Denver's Kids (HFDK) priorities
- Feedback on what could be funded:
 - o Recommendation to have youth included in the leadership of the commission
 - Utilize funds to fill in for youth losing access to SNAP benefits
 - o Don't over restrict access to funds as RNOs would be helpful but may not be established as non-profits
 - o Make sure smaller organizations are not excluded and provide resources to orgs lacking grant writers and capacity to apply for funds
 - o Ensure youth have access to fresh food within walking distance
 - o Funds should support access to locally produced foods
 - o Incorporate the Denver Food Vision when considering priorities
 - o Conduct gap analysis and direct funds to gaps first
- Feedback on how to fund:
 - o Capital/Infrastructure shouldn't be a priority as it could impede the funds from reaching youth
 - Take into account the size of the organization and how the capital/infrastructure will impact the youth
 - Refrigeration, green houses could be examples of acceptable forms of infrastructure development
 - Maximize utilization of infrastructure so it supports multiple organizations
 - Recommend a cap on amount available for infrastructure and/or a match of funds
- Feedback on key themes and approaches
 - o Get community involvement/feedback as soon as possible
 - Exclusion of healthy food for adults or organizations which service more adults than youth isn't considering the whole family and seems overly limiting
 - Change requirement to an internal department rather than excluding entire organizations
 - Look into how many organizations are being excluded by this requirement
 - o Email questionnaires to get community input so community members don't have to attend meetings to give input
- Desire to coordinate a working group to attend HFDK Commission meetings and provide feedback to the commission
 - o People interested in working group: Damien Thompson, Doug Wooley, Kathryn Ardoin, Anne Connor, Maria Ashley, Dominica, Lauren Clowerd, Reuben Gregory

One Pager Follow-Up (Laine Cidlowski)		
TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS

10:20am-10:25am		
Discussion:		

• Currently SNAP Utilization and Infrastructure working groups are not far enough along to fill out a one pager

Working Groups, January Meeting and CO Food Summit Updates		
TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
10:25am-10:55am		Reuben and Kristin will write a letter stating the SFPC will not participate in the CO Food Summit

Discussion:

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- January Joint Council Meeting with JeffCo Food Policy Council
 - o SNAP Utilization group would like to present
 - Proposal to extend the meeting to allow for SNAP Utilization
 - o Proposal to hold the SNAP meeting in January and invite JeffCo
 - Save the date has been sent out to JeffCo Food Policy Council and January meeting will go on as planned
- CO Food Summit Update
 - o Invitation has been extended to GFPP members to present on a panel at the Food Summit
 - o GFPP members wanted to make the decision as a council rather than participating as a working group
 - As the Council decided to not participate in the Food Summit, the GFPP members will not sit on the panel
 - SFPC will not officially participate in the CO Food Summit
 - o Becca Jablonski has reached out and would like to present to Denver & JeffCo councils about future participation with the Summit

VOTE: CO Food Summit Resolution (Reuben Gregory)		
TIME	ACTION/ DECISIONS FOLLOW UP ITEMS	
Discussion:		
Vote was postponed due to a lack of quorum		

Wrap-up & Networking		
TIME	ACTION/DECISIONS	FOLLOW UP ITEMS
10:55am-11:00am		

Discussion:

- Sustainability Summit Update: Very successful and DMNS wants to do the baseline assessment as a result of the presentation
- There are SFPC buttons available for SFPC members Laine Cidlowski
- Neighborhood Planning Initiative Next West Area meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan 14th 5:30pm-7:30pm at Blake Middle School
- Denver Urban Garden's Food Access Program will be starting in January Brittany Pimentel will send information
- Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 21st, 9:00am-11:00am Location TBD
- Meeting Adjourned