

## Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes 11/20/2013

Attendees: Kristin Dubay-Horton, Christine Stafstrom, Margot Reynolds, Fred Kaskowitz, Audrey Barr, Mark Anastasi, Marie Desances.

Meeting called to order at 5:52 by Margot Reynolds

### *Community Conversation on Hunger:*

Spoke about the *Community Conversation on Hunger*, which was designed to bring together different people working on hunger, food service and food provision. At the first meeting (October 31) the group chose to focus on Bridgeport issues, before trying to address any issues statewide. At the October 31<sup>st</sup> meeting it was agreed to request that this group be a subcommittee of the Food policy council. The group also proposed a follow up meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December to continue discussion of their 3 ideas people policy members were excited about,

- (1) healthier corner stores,
- (2) figuring how to take food waste and have it recycled to the less fortunate people, and
- (3) There was also some discussion of the idea of culinary entrepreneurship (which might include developing a commercial to produce batched local produce into something usable by schools, or the development of mobile grocers or other food carts)

FPC members suggested breaking the ideas into categories such as legislative, community, and religious affiliation.

FPC members suggested that the *Community Conversation on Hunger* meeting needs to be co-hosted. The Food Policy Council will be introduced during the meeting that will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup>, co-hosting with Council of churches and Maggie. Frank will be asked to again be the moderator of the group discussions.

FPC members suggested inviting corner store owners to the *Community Conversation on Hunger*.

FPC members suggested that Frank look at the community survey, and see if everyone can extrapolate questions from the survey in order to facilitate the meeting.

Plans for the Dec 9<sup>th</sup> event include some brief presentation on food access issues in Bridgeport (Kristin agreed to draft) and then some presentation of the October 31<sup>st</sup> work with some opportunity for people in the room to give feedback. The group thought putting the three ideas on large printed boards – and allowing participants to comment using post it notes or the like. Kristin was asked to invite Frank Basler to the next FPC meeting to discuss this further.

### *Committee Structure:*

Mark Anastasi- Elaborated on the rules and regulations in facilitating the food policy council meeting.

Mark advised that if you change the date of the meeting it's called a special meeting. Everything is very technical. If the public was here we have to accommodate the public.

Mark stated that a Chair, a Vice-Chair, and a Secretary are needed for the Bridgeport Food Policy Council. There has to be a 2/3 vote to add that vote to tonight's agenda. Minutes must reflect start time, end time, the attendee who makes the motion, who second it, and who votes in favor and against it. The public does not have the right to be heard at the meeting, there has to be a majority vote to hear from the public. The group chose to vote for officers and voted the following slate: Fred Kaskowitz made the motion and it was seconded by Kristin duBay Horton. The vote was unanimous.

Maggie Reynolds – Chair  
Christine Stafstrom-Vice Chair  
Audrey Barr-Secretary

*Food system summit:*

The group discussed plans for the Food System Summit – currently being planned for early February. Tagan Engel has been invited to be a keynote speaker (from City Seed in New Haven), the Catholic Center will be the location and the thinking is from 9-2 is a good basic time frame. The FPC will spend half its next agenda focused on this event.

The group chose to amend their next meeting date so it could occur before the December 9<sup>th</sup> event. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M. The next meeting was scheduled for December 4, 2013 from 5:30-7:00 P.M.