

Food Policy Council Minutes

10/15/2014

Members in attendance: Kristin Dubay-Horton, Fred Kaskowitz, Christine Stafstrom, Marie Desances, Maggie Reynolds, Christina B Smith, Jessica Mahon, Steve Farley, Madison Wierzel, Raquel Rivera-Pablo (Wholesome Wave), and Jonathan James (CDC Fellow).

Local Food Sourcing Pilot- Madison spoke about a few issues regarding purchasing local food from farmers. She mentioned financial difficulties being a factor and district rules prohibiting the schools from not being able to purchase directly from a farmer. Unfortunately, they can only purchase from an approved distributor (Fresh Point Connecticut). She also mentioned scaling being the biggest challenge in Bridgeport School nutrition system.

Madison mentioned the idea of creating recipes that can help students make healthier food choices.

Raquel mentioned the possibility of a community chef adopting a school. Community influence can help promote healthy eating habits and also change students' lifestyle.

Fred (Policy member) stated that perhaps we as the community should introduce students to a different lifestyle, for instance have a contest where the winners are taken to an upscale restaurant, this will show students another side of the world that exists and the importance of being successful.

Healthy Corner Stores- Marie spoke about meeting with Director of OPED, Director of Community Development, and Kristin Dubay-Horton (Health Director), to discuss budget and the process of remodeling the three corner stores.

SNAP Challenge- Food policy members agreed to do the SNAP Challenge.

Food Waste and Recapture- Kristin and Marie are planning on meeting with Doran on Friday to discuss the next step for food Waste and Recapture group as well as to attend the CT Food System Alliance meeting to get others ideas.

Gardening and Farming Committee- The Garden and Farming Committee meeting was canceled, however an update for the signage was provided by Kristin. She mentioned a few concerns within the translation for the signage. The final signage is currently under review.

Farmers Market Committee- Steve discussed the last meeting that was held where market masters exchanged their tokens. He also discussed a meeting that was held with Michele McCabe to build a map, to give residents directions on how to get to the local markets within the City. He also mentioned working with Council of Churches to help fill out the FINI grant that will be used to support the local farmers markets.

Christine (Policy Member) - suggest asking the help of local corporations to aid in funding the farmers market.

Next month's Agenda Items - Discuss Farmers Market finances and begin making plans to hold another Food System Summit. Also get an update on the local food sourcing pilot.

The meeting ended at 7:26 P.M.

Food Policy Council Agenda
11/19/2014
6:00-7:30pm
Margaret Morton Gov't Ctr

6:00	Welcome and Introduction	Kristin
6:05	Review of last month's Meeting minutes	Christine
6:10	Subcommittee	
	Updates Healthy Corner Store Initiative	Marie
	Gardening and Farming Committee	Christina
	Reduction and Recapture of Food Waste Update from CFSA meeting	Kristin
	Update of local Food Sourcing Pilot	Maggie
	Farmers Market Season Summary	Faith
	Food Insecurity Nutrition Incentive (FINI) program – Due December 15 th , 2014	Kristin
6:45	Food System Summit planning	Kristin
7:00	Update: Specific TA questions with Mark Winnie	Maggie
7:25	Plus Delta	Maggie
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What worked and didn't work for this meeting• Agenda for next meeting	