



**Food Policy Council Meeting
06/16/2014
6:00-7:30 P.M.
Margaret Morton Gov't Ctr**

The attendees for the food policy meeting that was held on June 16th, 2014 were Kristin Dubay-Horton, Christine Stafstrom, Maggie Reynolds, Fred Kaskowitz, Esperina Butterfield, Audrey Barr, and Marie Desances.

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 P.M.

FPC members reviewed the past meeting minutes. Kristin moved to approve them, and Audrey seconded it. The group approved unanimously.

Council members suggested having meeting reminders sent out to all members, a week prior to the meeting; and to also do the agenda 4 days prior to the meeting.

Kristin suggested that we have a launch event at the farmers market for the Food Action Plan that was created. She will discuss with NRZ leadership.

The farmers' market day and timing became an issue; Audrey felt that Sunday is a difficult day to attend the market considering that most people go to church. She also felt that the launch event should not be hosted at the Sunday market for that reason.

Kristin spoke about the need for doubling money in order to support the market. A few fundraisers were held at select restaurants in Bridgeport (Two Boots, Metric, and Pepe's Pizza). Unfortunately the Farmers Market Committee did not raise as much money as we hoped for (\$250 instead of \$500). Next meeting we will discuss plans for the Farmers Market.

Marie spoke about remodeling the corner stores that are part of the Healthy Corner Stores initiatives. Remodeling includes new ceilings, new floors and lighting. Marie also spoke about the launch party that will be held on June 28th 2014. The party will be held at Russell Temple Church, from 1 p.m. -3 p.m., there will be taste tests, healthy cooking demos, free coupons, fun activities and giveaways.

Maggie spoke on behalf of Christina Smith in regards to the Gardening and Farming committee. She spoke about signage that the committee is creating for many of the gardens in the city, informing individuals on how and where to get a plot, the nearest food pantry and other place to donate food. The committee is working with BDHSS to get these signs done.

Kristin discussed working with videographers to reach children making sure they make healthier food choices. She also announced the new work with early child care and education centers. BDHSS is putting in raised beds in 4 centers with food deserts.

The Food Policy Council Website was discussed – waiting on ITS (Information Technology services) to upload meeting minutes, and members' biographies.

Plus Delta was done by Maggie.

Meeting ended at 7:37 P.M. on 06/19/2014, the next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2014 from 6:00-7:30 P.M.