



Food Policy Council Minutes 8/19//2015

Members in attendance: Margot Gotterer, Christine Stafstrom, Esperina Baptiste Stubblefield, Teri Brown, Kristin DuBay-Horton.

Guests in Attendance: Landon Horan, Matt Bewley, Clinton Gee, Lindsey Greene-Upshaw

The meeting started at 6:15 There had been no quorum in June and no July meeting so there were no minutes to review.

Farmers Market Update

Kristin gave the update on the Farmers Markets. She mentioned that the Markets are down partially due to changes in doubling and issues getting enough farmers with enough types of produce. The group discussed asking SCSU or another consultant to assist in thinking about the farmers markets and how to sustain them. The group also discussed trying to reallocate existing doubling funds (which may not get used this year) to pay a consultant. Kristin agreed to approach Michelle McCabe from CCGB on this issue.

Updates Healthy Corner Store Initiative:

Kristin updated the group that the HCS program had gotten \$20K in CDBG funding for the coming year.

Gardening and Farming Subcommittee

Update focused on whether the group felt this committee was needed or whether the FPC should consider other subcommittees like programs and policy. See below:

Food Day Agenda

The group discussed briefly the Dan Carmody Event held by DSSD and some ideas that came from it. New Ideas included:

- Creating a "made in Bridgeport brand" for foods
- Capitalizing on the immigrant population in Bridgeport
- Building food hubs – downtown or elsewhere to feed people

The group agreed that once the results of that work are available we should place on a FPC agenda for discussion and invite DSSD.

Food Day will be scheduled in Bridgeport for Thursday October 22nd and will include the same program as last year in the afternoon (Green Chef Competition and Healthy Food tasting from local restaurants. In addition we are partnering with CCGB and Get Healthy CT to conduct a new Faith and Food Summit in the morning to encourage healthy donation to food banks and

soup kitchens and healthy food provision at those sites. This new activity to be held at United Congregational Church is developed in reaction to the stats from the Get Healty CT Know Your Numbers results at them. A joint planning committee of FPC and Get Healthy CT members will be formed.

Plans for New FPC Child Health Subcommittee

The group discussed starting a new subcommittee and disbanding the food waste group – but thought until overall structure was discussed this would not make sense. They asked Kristin to ask Southern if they could assist in reviewing other FPC structures and presenting at a future meeting. One possible idea was four groups:

1. Marketing/Communications
2. Programs (eg., healthy corner stores, farmers markets)
3. Events (Food Day, Food System Summit)
4. Policy

Grant Opportunities for FPC

Kristin introduced several grants that the city was considering to support healthy food access work –

CSX – CCGB is applying

Local Foods/Local Place- CCGB or GVI may apply

Voices for Children – Bpt Hospita/ Get Healthy CT may apply

The meeting concluded at 7:45pm Mggie moved to adjourn and Esperina seconded the motion.