

**Acting Food Policy Council Meeting
Food LifeLine SODO – 4011 6th Avenue South**

June 19, 2009

Present: SuJ'n Chon, Linda Nageotte, Steve Bauck, Tammy Morales, Laura Niemi

Absent: Branden Born, Erin Macdougall, Jen Lamson, Pablo Monsivais, Mary Embleton

Guests: Kelsey Beck, Food Lifeline

Phyllis Shulman, Seattle City Council President Richard Conlin's office

Aaron Waldkoetter, Central Co-op's Madison Market

1. Transition

A transition proposal will be presented to the Executive Board of PSRC on June 25th. There was discussion about staffing needs including administrative duties, recruitment of new FPC members and PSRC orientation. and different options for how to meet them. Options for how to address this need will be discussed with the PSRC.

There was discussion about whether to begin recruitment conversations. It was agreed that for now, we are still generating ideas about which sectors, stakeholders, and representation should be included. More discussion is needed to create an appropriate list before recruiting starts. These conversations will continue with the AFPC transition team, PSRC and other stakeholders.

ACTION ITEM:

- Tammy will export the Seattle Food Policy listserve names to the new Puget Sound Food Policy listserve on OneNW.
- Tammy will archive all AFPC files at WSU.
- Tammy will attend the PSRC presentation with Council President Conlin and Phyllis on June 25th.

Good Food Network

This was the last meeting of the Acting Food Policy Council. Members have agreed to continue meeting in a new format tentatively called the Seattle Good Food Network. Branden is expecting to hear about grant funding to support this work. In the meantime, the group agreed to continue meeting on the 3rd Friday of the month from 9am to 11am. This group will be more informal.

The first meeting of the Seattle Good Food Network is scheduled for July 17th. Details will be made available through the new Puget Sound Food Policy list serve. To subscribe to this send an email to pugetsoundfoodpolicy-subscribe@lists.onenw.org.

ACTION ITEM:

- Branden will get back to Aaron about using his location.

Local Food Action Plan

The scope of work has changed and consultants are continuing to work on the plan. The new timeline for completing the report is the end of July. Department of Neighborhoods will ask for community feedback on the next draft by mid July.

The report will go to City Council as a draft either July 28 or Aug 11.

Other City Updates:

The P-Patch program staff met with Parks staff to create a priority list for new P-Patches. A second slate of gardens will likely include Genessee Park for the Good Food Project identified in the city's Community Food Project grant proposal. The Parks Department and DoN will be executing a Memorandum of Agreement to formalize the interdepartment roles and responsibilities on developing community garden projects on Parks properties. The Community Garden Leadership Handbook is now available on the P-Patch website.

A student report completed by a group of UW students was recently shared with DoN and DPD. The report clarifies many code issues related to urban farming and food production. It will be available to the public upon completion of the final draft.

The P-Patch evaluation is nearly final and will be presented to City Council soon. Strategic planning for P-Patch program can commence once the evaluation is complete.

Urban Agriculture meetings

A meeting was held with DPD to review city regulations that are impeding urban food production. The meeting was very productive and the AFPC has been asked to help with "truth checking."

The Parks Department's Healthy Living initiative is creating learning gardens to increase community understanding about growing food at the community centers. There is much exciting work happening in neighborhoods - interest is growing in developing capacity at community kitchens to boost understanding of nutrition and cooking. Community center staff have begun to incorporate goals and start programs they want including providing healthy food in vending machines for after school programs. The Northgate CC negotiated a 100% healthy food contract with their vendor and found that sales increased. The department also reports that community center staff is losing weight because they're eating better.

There was discussion about the need to track outcomes data - vending sales, weight change, staff morale, health outcomes for after school programs.

Announcements:

The grand opening of the City Hall Farmers Market is Tuesday, June 23rd at 10am at City Hall Plaza 4th and James.

There was agreement to support the campaign of Trudy Bialic to become a member of the National Organic Standards Board. Tammy will draft a letter of support.

Phyllis Shulman will be presenting the AFPC as a case study at the Roots of Change West Coast Summit and at the CFSC plenary on FPCs.

Tammy's last day will be Friday, June 26th.