

Acting Food Policy Council Meeting
Good Shepherd Center, Seattle, WA
September 21, 2007

Present : Sylvia, Steve, Erin, Tammy, Laura, Kelly, Jen, Pablo, Mary,
Guests: Andrew Lee, Karen Kinney, Laura Neimi, Eric Tanaka, Shelly, Diana, Celena Perez,
Ann Bikle
Absent: Branden, Linda, Leah, Trudy, Fe
Notes taken by Tammy

Updates:

1. Conlin resolution moving along in City Council...he's presenting to his committee on 9/25 around 3pm; could be put for a vote in fall in time for next year's budget process.
2. Urban Sustainability Forum – Add food related topic for week of November 12 to coincide with local thanksgiving; Wayne Roberts from Toronto may come and speak; request AFPC brainstorm about panelists to discuss – Role of local gov in fostering sustainable food systems? Herban Feast possible caterers?

3. Continuation of AFPC

Voted to extend through February 2008 at August meeting.

Changes in membership: Leah Herz rolling off. There was discussion about whether to replace her with another faith member. Erin MacDougall transitioning out over 3 months. Diana Vinh from Public Health is interested in replacing Erin. Laura Niemi is interested in filling Rosalinda's spot.

There was discussion about ensuring representation from a different culture on the AFPC. Some possible candidates mentioned include Gwendolyn Coates, Providence High School and Jessie Dye, Earth Ministries; Hunger forum in south KC may be place to look for names.

ACTION ITEM? Will these folks be contacted to see if they are interested? Do we vote at the next meeting?

4. Short Term Projects:

Farm bill paper done; LTG article done;

There was discussion about whether or not to compile our 'white papers' as a body of work for distribution.

Erin updated the group on the Farm to School work. Twenty-one environmental groups are working on decisions about their 4 legislative priorities. They will decide by Oct. 9 if Farm – to –School is to be included in their environmental agenda for the state; if that happens it will be important for all AFPC organizational members to help with advocacy. We should determine what role AFPC could play in shaping their decisions or the approach they decide on.

5. Local Thanksgiving

The local Thanksgiving project is moving along well. The main task now is responding to DON requirements for their grant for printed materials– budget info, outreach list, outreach plan.

The website is up on Pugetsoundfresh.org to take the pledge and learn more; Pledge cards will be available at local events.

There was discussion about working with hotels/restaurants for this project since many people eat Thanksgiving out these days.

The kick off is scheduled for Nov. 2 w/ Ron Sims at Pike Market Senior Center. Jubilee Farm is doing a gleaning for the senior center for a local meal. Ron Sims will help unload the truck, take the pledge, eat with the people; WSDA talking with governor about taking the pledge.

Outcomes: number of pledges; emissions saved from eating local; number of electeds/notables?

2 Key roles of FPC: go-to people for all local food issues – why no local turkeys available, limited access, effect on climate, etc (how do we make ourselves the go-to??)

Assist with community outreach

AFPC website needs LTG info too – to list press contacts

TO DO:

Contribute content to Local Thanksgiving webpage.

The following people volunteered to provide a 1-2 paragraph fact sheet on local food policy issues – barriers/stats that relate to daily life – not policy platform (Due 9/28):

Climate and the environment – Branden

Food Access/Social Justice – Erin and Kelly

Economic Impact – Mary and Sylvia

Community Actions – Kelly and 2 Lauras

Also need information on what's fresh, where to buy, recipes. Also need

Prepare to respond to policy questions. (DUE 10/8)

Develop talking points based on web content – jen

Press contacts – Sylvia, Kelly, Mary

Distribute talking points - ??

Create discussion questions for eating local (Due 10/17)

Coordinate creation of questions – Tammy and Laura N.

Post on Website (DUE 10/24) - ??

Distribute to interested orgs. Due?? - AFPC role??

Help spread the word and get people to take the pledge. (ASAP – ALL AFPC MEMBERS)

Participate in campaign events to represent AFPC.