

**Present:** Rebecca Sayre, Sylvia Kantor, Laura Niemi, Steve Bauck, Mary Embelton, Erin MacDougall, Tricia Sexton, Branden Born, Kelly Horton

**Absent:** Laura Raymond, Pablo Monsivais, Jen Lamson, Linda Nagoette, Fe Arreola, Tammy Morales

**Guests:** Richard Gelb, Denny Fleenor, Kathy Creahan, Anita Bowers, Heather Day, Tim Crosby

Meeting Goals:

1. Consider next steps Local Food Action Initiative-City and County
2. Share information and updates about ongoing and new efforts
3. Develop Vision for Good Food Village Square.
4. Consider next steps for At the Table papers

## **UPDATES**

### **Seattle City Council: Local Food Action Initiative**

The public hearing held at Seattle City Hall on April 16<sup>th</sup> by the Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities Committee was very well attended by a large cross section of Seattle residents who represented many different interests regarding food policy in Seattle.

Approximately 55 people testified in favor of the initiative and there were 80 people in attendance. The hearing can be viewed on the Seattle Channel.

<http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos/newvideos.asp>

Full committee vote on the Initiative will be on April 22; full council vote April 28.

It is important to connect the Initiative to the Mayor's agenda.

While the resolution does not create a Food Policy Council per se, it does recommend that the City work regionally to establish one. An ordinance from the City of Seattle and King County would be required to establish a Seattle and King County Food Policy Council. City of Seattle council staff is working closely with King County council staff to draft parallel ordinance language. Sylvia has been in contact with Phyllis Shulman of Richard Conlin's office to discuss the details of initial funding, long-term costs for a food policy council.

Media interest:

- NW Harvest met w/ the Seattle Times editorial board and the LFAI was mentioned.
- A reporter from KBCS attended the hearing.
- Cookson Beecher wrote an article about the LFAI and wants to be kept up to date on it.

**Actions:**

- **Sylvia will follow up with Cookson on LFA hearing**

- **Contact the City Council and Mayor, Nickels to express support for the Local Food Action Initiative.**

**City Council: Email and Phone:** <http://www.seattle.gov/council/councilcontact.htm>

**Mayor Nickels:** [http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/citizen\\_response.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/citizen_response.htm)

**Or phone:** (206) 684-4000

### **County Ordinance and Town Hall Meetings**

City of Seattle council staff is working closely with King County council staff to draft parallel ordinance language. Council Chair, Julia Patterson is very supportive of this work.

Tammy has been exploring how to get food policy on the agenda for a future King County Town Hall Meeting.

### **Recent Events**

#### ***Francis Moore-Lappe April 11th***

Erin: Moore-Lappe was in town primarily because she was the keynote speaker for the Green Festival. This provided an entrée to meet with Conlin and the public to discuss the LFA Initiative. There were two events: a brown bag question and answer in the afternoon and a more formal event in the evening with Council members Conlin and Drago. Moore-Lappe was very adept at turning negative ideas around and pulling ideas on framing and messaging issues in ways that empower. This is the premise of her new book, *Get a Grip*—which examines the concepts of lack-based thinking vs. abundance and the links between food and democracy.

Discussion:

Mary noted that Moore-Lappe expands on the idea of Community Food Security to Food Sovereignty. This is a broader approach.

Tricia was struck by the example from Brazil—a people’s café where people from all walks of life intermingle while enjoying a meal.

Heather mentioned a café in Berkeley that operates on the concept of sharing. The person before you has paid for you. People who can’t afford to pay don’t have to, and those who can afford more, often give.

Tim mentioned a café in Salt Lake City called One World Café where you pay what you want/can. <http://www.oneworldeverybodyeats.com/>

Sylvia noted that Moore-Lappe suggested that it would be optimal for government to function as a facilitator and convener to bring about food system changes.

**Action: Erin will look into circulating handouts from Moore-Lappe on the AFPC listserv.**

#### ***King Corn April 12th***

Kelly spoke at a showing of King Corn on April 12<sup>th</sup> hosted by WA Food Nutrition Council and the Queen Anne Movie Guild There were over 100 people in attendance but only seven people stayed for discussion. Kelly emailed people on their network about LFAI and Farm Bill.

Rebecca has posted outreach materials that AFPC members can use for events at:

<http://king.wsu.edu/foodandfarms/AFPCPublications.html>

**Action: Kelly will give the Guild Coordinator’s contact information to Laura to add to the AFPC Community Outreach List (developed from the ELT list).**

### **Farm to School *April 18th***

Tricia reported that yesterday's farm to school connections meeting was a great discussion of state level policy. She urged AFPC members to attend next month's meeting and participate in discussion on developing next steps for the Local Farms Health Kids legislation – at the local level. It will be an evening meeting in Seattle from 6:30 to 8:30

**Action: Tricia will send out meeting notice to AFPC listserv**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **King County Food and Fitness Initiative *April 23, 6pm***

The Delridge and White Center Leadership Council are holding a community meeting at the White Center Salvation Army 9050 16<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Seattle WA

<http://king.wsu.edu/foodandfarms/KCFFI.html>

As a Collaborative Partner, AFPC members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the KCFFI and how they might add value.

#### **Two Angry Moms *May 1<sup>st</sup> 7pm***

Showing on recently-released movie at Bastyr University will followed by a moderated panel discussion.

**Action: Tricia is working coordinating panel for the evening and will send updates to AFPC listserv**

#### **Local Farms-Healthy Kids (LFHK) Celebration, *late May***

Tricia and Rebecca are working with the Washington Environmental Council on an event to celebrate the passage of SB 6483, Local Farms/ Healthy Kids. They are looking for a date in late-May. The goal is a donated space, beer/ local wine and heavy appetizers.

Discussion:

Tricia: We will invite groups, advocates and citizens who were involved in passage of bill. This is really a thank you for all who helped. Is the AFPC interested in co-hosting?

What would this mean?

Need to be careful about maintaining advisory (versus activist) status to government. This would be a celebration of food policy passing at the state level.

Tricia will outline goals and timeline so AFPC can decide how to be involved in a more thoughtful way.

**Action: Tricia will get back to AFPC with proposal and follow up with Tim about helping.**

#### **Friday Night Meaningful Movies in Wallingford *May 2, 7 pm***

An evening of six short films on Food and Sustainability including Mark Dworkin and Melissa Young's film *Good Food* with Solid Ground/Lettuce Link and Seattle Tilth.

Films are a great way to engage people on food issues. Would be a great thing for AFPC members to attend and participate in discussions.

#### **Seattle Tilth Edible Plant Sale *May 3-4***

There will be over 50 varieties of tomatoes and 20 varieties of peppers that suit our climate available. An extensive selection of culinary herbs, edible flowers, drought tolerant and disease

resistant perennials will also be for sale. The sale will be open Saturday from 9 AM - 3 PM & Sunday from 11 AM - 3 PM. Meridian Park in the Wallingford Neighborhood

### **Mark Winne**

#### **Third Place Books May 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Ravenna 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Books 6504 20th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115

Erin will be organizing an informal discussion with Mark after the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Books event.

Mark will be speaking at **The Local Food Policy Council Workshop: Getting Started May 15<sup>th</sup>** [http://www.accesstohealthyfoods.org/index.php?page\\_id=209](http://www.accesstohealthyfoods.org/index.php?page_id=209)

#### **Alliance for Global Justice Community Fair June 28<sup>th</sup> 3pm**

Strengthening local economies everywhere- Dinner and Fair. The event will be held at Garfield Community Center 2323 East Cherry St, Seattle, WA. Heather Day invited AFPC representatives and their member organizations to attend and /or table at the event.

**Contact Heather Day at 206.405.4600 if you are interested in finding out more.**

Discussion:

Erin: Last year's event was very successful. Rosalinda (former AFPC member) spoke to core problems of farmers, links in the food system and what we can do to change things. She was a speaker for Committee de Immigration Reform and Social Justice.

It is also one of the few events where you can pay a little more to provide access for a farmer/ farm worker.

Alliance for Global Justice will likely do a food event in summer and will possibly show *Good Food*.

Kelly: PCC is also going to be holding educational nights with board. This may be a good opportunity to table. The events are not organized yet.

### **Upcoming AFPC Meetings**

**May 16 -- Mark Winne** will attend the next AFPC meeting. AFPC members were asked to commit to reading his new book, *Closing the Food Gap* in order to have informed discussion of themes in the book.

**June 20** – Erin proposed that Holly Freishtat speak about her work as a Kellogg Food and Society Fellow with Physicians for Social Responsibility on “ Farm to Hospital”

Branden: Since we will be transitioning to a formal organization soon, bringing on new people, this type of education will help direct our thinking.

**Action: Come to May meeting prepared to discuss Closing the Food Gap** (Kelly has a copy of *Closing the Food Gap* that she is willing to loan).

Sylvia suggested including updates about the Food and Fitness Initiative (FFI) as a regular part of AFPC meetings.

## **Good Food Village Square Visioning**

The Kellogg Food and Society Conference is for folks working farm to table on food system change. This year it will be April 29 to May 1 in Chandler AZ. About 600 people are expected to attend. This is a unique gathering because the agenda is driven by people who attend through open space format.

The Good Food Village Square is component of the conference focused on 25 projects from around county. Each group is tasked with presenting problems and seeking solutions. The AFPC was invited to participate at the recommendation of Andy Fisher – Community Food Security Coalition.

The initial planning process involves boards/posters that lead us through the questions of, who are you, and what have you done, and what do you need to know? This lays the foundation for visiting other groups at the conference.—each group will be working from the same materials but will present their individual experiences. It is not about presenting your accomplishments but about generating discussion to understand what people need to know. The AFPC of Seattle-King County seems to be the only food policy council represented. Four AFPC members will attend. (Erin, Branden Tammy, Jen).

### **What are the challenges that we would ask for help on? What don't we know? How to move forward?**

The AFPC developed the following list of questions:

- How do you engage local policy makers to understand that food policy is important?
- How could we have done our work to be established differently or better?
- What are strategies to bring people into group that have a stake but may not want to be involved or see the reason for being involved?
- How do we engage food companies, labor, farm workers?
- How can we better communicate with general public?
- As we are now starting to be a local org. working on state policy how do you bridge local level policy work with state policy and federal policy?
- The possibilities of what a local FPC can address are growing, how do we prioritize? What are the criteria? How have others prioritized their work?

### **Actions:**

- **One of the AFPC members attending the Good Food Village Square will make business cards.**
- **Erin, Jen, Tammy and Branden will bring questions and materials to Good Food Village Square and determine the order of priority for the questions. Please share additional questions with them.**

## **Issue papers**

### **Food Access**

Sylvia, Pablo, Rebecca and Branden met last week to finalize revisions and policy recommendations for the Food Access paper with the goal of completing it by no later than April

28<sup>th</sup>, when The City Council votes on the Local Food Action Initiative. We are working through revisions and updating the maps.

### **Farm to School**

Summary of discussion: – focusing on the local level is challenging. School district policies address food through wellness policies. Wellness policies are in place but some have best practices.

Include examples of how local government can influence state and federal policy.

Include best practices and possibilities at local level.

Tricia: It is a challenge is to pull out the purely local aspects of this issue. The closest fits are school district wellness policies. I am compiling a group of best practices examples.

I am also researching existing joint-use agreements between municipalities and school districts for school gardens. I am considering the concept of school district levies, as part of a package of policy items or separately. What do you think about that idea?

Steve: It is really a strategic question to pursue a new levy vs. an inclusive package.

Tricia: What do you want from this paper? I do not have a study to frame it around.

Branden: This is part of an educational series. The task is to frame the issue, highlight why it is important and outline best practices. Presenting a current state of affairs alerts policy makers to the fact that something is happening and there is a menu of ways they can get involved.

Sylvia: This group will edit and provide recommendations for the final product. Just submit a draft of the findings.

Erin: Is there federal policy included in recommendations? The Department of Health is about to enter into new coalition working on the Child Nutrition and WIC Renewal Act. There may be overlap.

Branden: I am not sure it is appropriate to suggest federal policy changes.

Erin: The AFPC can't do anything federally, but the City and County do have that reach.

### **Paper Procedures**

The AFPC is actively honing their paper drafting, editing and release procedures.

**Action: Rebecca will edit paper procedures document to incorporate AFPC recommendations and circulate to AFPC**

### **Additional Announcement**

Sylvia noted that Tammy Morales will be sub-contracted to continue coordination of the AFPC while she is on a leave of absence (starting June 1, 2008).

**Meeting End**