

Acting Food Policy Council Meeting

January 18, 2008

Good Shepherd Center, Seattle, WA

Present: Tammy Morales, Fe Arreola, Steve Bauck, Laura Niemi, Sylvia Kantor, Branden Born, Pablo Monsivais, Jen Lamson

Absent: Kelly Horton, Linda Nageotte, Erin MacDougall, Laura Raymond, Mary Embleton

Guests: Phyllis Shulman, Heather Day, Patricia Lee, Mark MacIntyre

City of Seattle Food Resolution

Phyllis Shulman discussed the [Food System Sustainability and Security Resolution](#) sponsored by Richard Conlin and laid out the next steps for passage.

- The resolution has been introduced and will be heard before the Environment, Emergency Management and Utilities Committee which Conlin chairs in April.
- This resolution, on its own, has no budget implications. Most likely budget decisions will be made in the fall. The budget cycle begins in September so it is important to do the work now that will be needed to inform that process.
- Within the next 1.5 months meet with stake holders, set up meetings with other elected to gain political support.
- She hopes that the AFPC and County can coordinate on timing to make this process seamless.
- This process will be reviewed in March, the first committee discussion will occur at the end of march and the Committee will discuss in April.

She expects that there will be an evening public comment meeting in March and an additional opportunity for the public to comment at Committee meetings

- Sylvia will get Phyllis the AFPC contact list, so that we will be informed of comment dates.
- Phyllis suggested that the AFPC schedule a time to meet next month to give feedback on the resolution.
- She said she would share her list of members of the public who have contacted her so far about the resolution.
- The current read on feedback received so far is that there is little opposition, but a fair amount of education of what a FPC is, is needed.

The resolution has been passed on to the Mayor's office, but there has been no feedback—either positive or negative.

Best case scenario of the resolution passes...

- It is very likely that the resolution would result in the need to create a Food Action plan and the development of a governance structure including a framework, emergency preparedness.
- A staff position would be created and supported.
- There would be NO A in AFPC!

Phyllis added later in the meeting questions about:

- How should the governance structure be shaped?

- How can we ensure that the right people are at the table, not just the County and City appointing their allotted number of appointees. Seeking “quality, not numbers”

- Action: over the next few weeks get back to Phyllis with the determination of governance structure.

Public and political education about the bill and related issues would likely occur in the traditional manner of conducting brown bags, although these can be sparsely attended. Maybe a Council workshop would be more effective.

Action: A small group (Tammy, Branden, Sylvia and Jen) will work on how governance of an FPC would be spelled out – appointees, sectors, core stakeholder group, etc. They will do this in the next two – three weeks. Patricia Lee may be able to help identify models that work.

Local Farm- Healthy Kids

Bill Numbers are: [HB 2798](#) and [SB 6483](#)

The legislative hotline where you can leave a message to let your representatives know how you feel about the bill is **1-800-562-6000**.

The first House and Senate hearings are **January 24, 2008**.

The Prime Sponsor in the House is Eric Pettigrew and in the Senate, Brian Hatfield

- Issues identified thus far are around procurement, WTO and latitude to make the changes prescribed.
- Action: Encourage people to keep calling and ask for the strongest procurement language possible.
- Chris Hurst has a competing bill HB 2709, that Pettigrew is co-sponsoring, which would require 25% of all purchases be local. Our concern is that we don't want the price point to be the focus.
- Lobby day is the 23rd and the first round of hearings on the bills is on the 24th.
- Other related legislation out there includes one to raise the gross income level on food stamps.

Action: Spread the word, call the hotline! Attend hearings!

Action: Perhaps an AFPC letter of endorsement?

Comp Plan

The recommendation for the 2008 comp plan that the AFPC made are supposed to be posted on the Comp Plan web page.

Action: Sylvia will post them on the AFPC page and or link to the Comp Plan page.

Short Papers

Greenhouse Gas Emissions: Branden made the suggested changes and policy recommendations, did some formatting and added a summary. Phyllis Shulman noted that the city has contracted with consultants Cascade, Sightline, and Climate Solutions) to identify some legislative actions regarding climate change. It would be a good idea to connect with them on the food policy recommendations.

Action: Branden will send out the GHG paper to the AFPC next week for final review.

The next papers in the works are the Bjorn and Lee paper on food access and transportation; Farm to school (Sylvia and Tricia) and Disaster Planning (Pablo?).

County Ordinance

A draft ordinance is out from the County for initial comments from a selected group and will be in its final form soon.

- Conversation has begun between the City and the County

Eat Local for Thanksgiving

Results from the survey are in and quite positive. Discussions are happening about hiring a coordinator for 2008.

Get your hours in!

Continuance of APFC

- Jen Lamson moved a vote that the Council be extended through the calendar year or until a food policy council is established by City or County action.

Decision: All present voted in favor so the motion carried.

Announcements:

Steve Bauck mentioned an upcoming meeting of emergency food providers in Feb. where Mark Winne will be speaking.

He also mentioned an effort to get funding for food stamps increased to the tune of \$700,000 to hire more case workers in order to help more people sign up for food stamps. Also to increase the gross income level for eligibility from 135% to 200%. Children's Alliance, Food Lifeline, and NW Harvest are leading the charge on this.

Action: Steve will draft an endorsement letter for the AFPC to submit.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 13 - Michael Pollan at Town Hall—What is the action component of our tabling at the event?

- The dean of the Public Health School will give the intro. What will her asks of the audience be?
- **Action:** Jen will work with Pablo to draft some bullets for both the Dean and M. Pollan (Sylvia's suggestions: Drewnowski's work; the King County Food and Fitness Initiative; Local Farms, Healthy Kids; City and County FPC resolutions in the works; something about farmers markets.)
- **Action:** Pablo, Jen and ? will contact newspaper reporters.
- **Action:** Rebecca will identify and compile items to bring for tabling.

Feb. - 21 Wayne Roberts at Sustainability Forum: Rebecca will send out details.

March 13 - Anna Lappe at Town Hall sponsored by Seattle Tilth as part of their 30th Anniversary Celebrations. They are looking for partners.

Next meeting is February 15 and Farmers Markets will be on the agenda.

Adjourn.