



Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council

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MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012

FPC Members in Attendance:

Shawn DeCarlo, Katy Kolker, Will Newman, Charles Robertson, Anita Yap, Mike Doherty, Lisa Barba, Jeff Rowe, Amelia Pape, Kyle Curtis, Hannah Kullberg, John Mitchell, Adriana Voss –Andreae, Andy Fisher

Staff in Attendance:

Steve Cohen, Katie Lynd, Olivia Quiroz (**minutes**).

Members Not in Attendance:

David Barmon, Monica Cuneo, Andy Eiden, Patrick Gorman, David McIntyre, Stephanie Jo Pearson, Sara Pool, Blake Van Roekel, Tammy VanderWoude.

Others in Attendance:

Adam Kohl, Kris Soebroto, Moanna Wright Barbour, Willis Overton, Angela Dorsey – Fockler, Molly Hatfield, Melissa Balding, Maggie Michaels, Sonia Manhas.

Welcomes and Introduction

Anita called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the public.
All present introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

The February minutes were approved unanimously.

Co- Chair Update

Andy Fisher announced that the Farm Bill is moving and it's starting to be heard in the senate by end of June. If not by July 4, 2012 or extended to 2013.

Sign on letter requested from FPC to support policy targets and possibly get Cogen to sign also. Anita Yap has suggested that we add to the agenda for our next FPC meeting.

Steve Cohen distributed a Farm Bill advocacy letter signed by mayors of ten cities, including Portland, that was sent to the Senate and House committees on agriculture.

Steve also shared information regarding a matrix of city bureaus and how they relate to food system work

Anita Yap has suggested that others communicate with Andy Fisher for sign on

Staff Update

Katie Lynd announced that Rachael Banks will no longer be part of FPC Staff. Rachael Banks has accepted a new role with Healthy Birth Initiatives and has passed on her role in FPC to Olivia Quiroz.

Sonia Manhas and Katie Lynd introduced Olivia Quiroz as new Food Policy Council Staff.

Olivia Quiroz is the Health Equity and Food Policy Coordinator for the Community wellness and Prevention Program with Multnomah County Health Department. Olivia brings a wealth of experience in community organizing as well as working on healthy eating and active living policies in the fields of land use and transportation.

Multnomah Food Initiative Summit Involvement

Katie Lynd announced that today was the first planning committee meeting. Food Initiative Summit theme is around "Food Justice" a lens to food equity. Part of the work includes reaching out to food justice work groups to move the conversation towards food justice.

The Food Initiative Summit will take place in June. Currently there is no set date in June or a specific space where event will take place. Katie announced that by the next meeting she will have the answer to exact date and place.

Committee has asked for FPC participation on the social networking component for summit. Examples provided include, raffles, seed swaps, speaker or a movie. Planning committee would like to hear from chair on those thoughts.

Anita Yap urged that by next FPC meeting people bring back proposals to the larger group. In addition she asks that people send her ideas on this matter via email.

Anita Yap expressed her excitement in working with food summit and really appreciates all the support from FPC.

Kris Soebroto with Sisters of the Road

Anita Yap introduced Kris Soebroto from Sisters of the Road. Kris is a café team member and development Co- Manager, sustaining members.

Sisters of the Road offers a space for building community, empowering ourselves, and learning from one another, Sisters is a café and community space, where a person can expect to both dine with dignity and organize for justice and human rights for all.

Sisters of the Road's mission is to build authentic relationships and alleviate the hunger of isolation in an atmosphere of nonviolence and gentle personalism that nurtures the

whole individual, while seeking systemic solutions that reach the roots of homelessness and poverty to end them forever.

Kris expressed that at the café folks can come in and get a meal for \$1.25 with SNAP, food stamps, meal coupons or barter cards. To receive barter cards customers can spend 15 minutes of their day doing work in the café to earn \$1.50 in credit at the café, enough to receive a meal and drink.

Kris also shared their philosophy of “Dining with Dignity” which means that not only are they providing the community with a safe place to enjoy a meal, but also are committed to serving healthy food that has been sourced thoughtfully. Ensuring that accessibility to safe and nutritious food is everyone’s right.

Sisters of the Roads have a serve less people policy, it’s not about the quantity of people they serve but of quality of food they serve. Through this they have become richer. Will Newman added that it’s not about money or numbers its really about forming relationships and transforming lives.

Sonia Manhas asked if there were any trends that might be visible. Kris responded that she sees a seasonal tread. For example, she has noticed that it’s a lot busier in the beginning of the month around summer time.

FPC suggested that there should be an opportunity for Sisters of the Road to show their work in a workshop form in upcoming food justice summit.

Workgroups

Food Justice “Food Groups” identified four dates and different locations. Tomorrow March 15, 2012 and 3 more that need assistance.

March 21, 2012: 6pm- 7:30pm in North Portland Library. Charles Robertson and Moanna Barbour agreed to go and support.

March 24, 2012: 10:30am – 12pm, Jeff agreed to be note taker and Anita as facilitator.

March 26, 2012: 6pm-7:30pm in East Portland

Announcements

Hannah Kullberg shared draft proposal to support Transition Garden – Outgrowing Hunger. Hannah recommended feedback from FPC on draft proposal. Final draft will be available next month April 24, 2012.

Kyle Cutis suggested we have FPC meetings in East County in the future.

Neighborhoods United Food Groups announced that they will be meeting every Monday starting February 27th from 6pm to 7:30pm

Food Justice Meeting will be held March 22, 2012 8:30am at Multnomah building
And have asked for a note taker.