

Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County Notes

When: January 30th, 2019 from 4:00-6:00pm via WEBEX due to poor winter weather

Welcome and Roll Call:

Members Present: Allison DeHoney, Beth Machnica, Della Miller, Matt Kauffman, Rob Free, Sarah Herbst, Lisa Tucker French, Kelly Fletcher, Lucia Leone

Guests: Amy Baskes, Jonathan McNeice, and Noelle DeSantis with Amy Baskes Consulting

Approval/Acceptance of last month's minutes

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes by Kelly F., and Sarah H. seconded. Motion approved.

Agenda Considerations:

No agenda considerations raised.

New Member Welcome & Introductions:

Welcoming two (2) new members:

- Lisa Tucker: Co-found and Executive Director at Field and Fork
- Dave Damato was not present

Consultant introduction and presentation on the scoop of work to be performed

Consultants (Amy and Jonathan) gave a presentation to be shared with FPC highlighting the deliverables:

- A 3-5-year strategic plan for the Food Policy Council that also identifies areas of improvement in FPC operating procedures
- A Food Charter and Food Action Plan, that sets a vision and high-level strategy for possible innovative, fundable, community-oriented policy and programmatic solutions for the future food system the FPC of Buffalo and Erie County seeks

Food Trust Presentation was cancelled – no presentation

Review & Discussion regarding the “Food Service Guidelines Local Actions Institute Funding Opportunity”

- \$5,000 USD travel budget grant for attending a workshop on local food purchasing. A 'local Anchor Institution' must be identified still. Kelly F., to reach out to Jonathan M. and Antonia to determine feasibility of submitting application (Due. Feb. 8th, 2019) by midnight via on-line system with Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus, Inc or other local large food service operations
 - Beth M. explained how this would fit into current efforts BNMC is already involved in and would most likely be a natural fit

- Kelly F. and/or Kelly A. from Erie County would be project leads, with support from Anchor institute, Antonia and other interested FPC members
- Beth M. Sarah H., Allison D. and Rob F. all voiced general support
- FPC to vote electronically to determine if FPC sends a letter of support

Working Group Updates: Urban Food Production

- Urban Food Production Working Group Update
 - Buffalo Urban Pledge Background provided by Allison D.
 - Ask of FPC to Review Pledge and the aim is to Adopt and Sponsor Pledge
 - Key Steps still to be ironed out, pledge is currently in DRAFT format
 - Main elements: Logo, Pledge, Supplemental toolkit, Corrective Action / Follow-up Process
 - General Ask of FPC would be to Store/Maintain Pledge (i.e. Google Doc.), Hold Pledge on Website, Facilitate dialog between concerned parties in event of a 'raised issue', Support activities that educate and inform the local public about Soil Safety/Pledge
 - Key Stakeholders like Cornell Extension and City Planning have been engaged throughout the project
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Environmental Justice, Environmental Justice Small Grants Program (EJSG) to support efforts
 - Big focus on Education/Awareness Building, Youth Engagement and Environmental Justice
 - Kelly F., and Rob F. voiced general support
 - Matt K., Cheryl F., Allison D., Sarah H. Alex W. and others in the Urban Food Production Working Group, we will continue to meet and refine the Draft Pledge and overall process
- Both Rob F. and Kelly F. voiced general support
- FPC to vote (ideally at next meeting) whether or not to support Pledge

Agenda Considerations and Adjourn

Allison D. invited Dr. Samantha Raja back to give FPC presentation for new members. She graciously accepted invited and will be joining the FPC in April 2019.

Lucia L. shared Summit Event for Mobil Produce Market Operators – All Invited to come, not just those directly involved with Mobile Markets. Summit is at Jacob School of Medicine and will be a two (2) day event (\$65 registration fee includes food) March 5th & 6th 2019



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Motion to adjourn meeting Lucia L., motion seconded by Kelly F. Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm EST