



January 2024 Agenda

Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County Agenda

Date:	January 31, 2024		
Time:	4PM-5PM		
Location:	In person at the Market Arcade Building, 617 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203		
Attendance:	Appointed Members		Stakeholder Members
	P...	Danielle Rovillo	P... Cooper Rohan
	A...	Jim Strusienski	E... Elias Martinez
	E...	Laura Corrin	P... Joseph Kurtz
	P...	Rob Free	P... Lisa Neff
	P...	Samendy Brice	P... Mallory Hohl
	P...	Sarah Gatti	E... Marla Guarino
	P...	Thomas Baines	P... Mayda Pozantides
		FPC Coordinator	E... Michelle Scott
	P...	Colette McDonald	E... Sashti Balasundaram
		Quorum Present	Yes -

Agenda		
Time	Item	Minutes
4:00 - 4:10	Welcome: 2. Roll call 3. Introduce new members/staff o Samendy Brice - City of Buffalo General Planner, Municipal Representative Seat o Colette McDonald -	Approve Nov 2023 Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion - CR • Second - TB



	<p>FPC Coordinator</p> <p>4. Approval of November 2023 Meeting Minutes</p>	
<p>4:10 – 4:20</p>	<p>Officer Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review 2024 schedule 2. FPC Budget Update 3. Nominations presented for Chair/Vice Chair 4. Election by ballot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion on if Food Policy Council (FPC) has to adhere to Open Meetings Law (OML) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is unclear if the FPC must follow OML, County staff will discuss and update the FPC in the future ● RF: Budget structure is minimal, \$11,442 held in the Bison's Charitable Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SG: United Way funds (2018) were originally intended to be used by 2020 and were designated to the Action Plan. ● DR: Funds need to be used to order tshirts - current shirts are not size inclusive and that is a priority for members. ● RF: We should prioritize using the funds or have it housed somewhere else. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A larger conversation to be had with Erie County Depts. ● Elected Chair - Sarah Gatti ● Elected Vice Chair - Michelle Scott
<p>4:20 – 4:25</p>	<p>Committees/Working Groups:</p> <p>Please review the Committee/Working Group report that was sent out with the agenda for updates.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JK: Youth Working Group (YWG) - Derek Nichols no longer on the Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ May operate somewhat autonomously similar to Greater Buffalo Urban Growers (GBUG), but the Chair must be an FPC member ○ FPC/YWG need to determine what support YWG needs to keep going without an



		<p>active chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ YWG Longer Term Goal: Youth Summit to discuss food policy issues● JK: Each member needs to join a standing committee (SC), plus they are welcome to join a working group (WG) if it is a good fit interest/experience wise
4:25 – 4:50	<p>Standing Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">3. Strategic Plan4. LFAP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● SG: Standing items will stay on the agenda so that we have designated time each month to discuss these items.● Local Food Action Plan:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ SG: Everything we do should be tied back to the existing Food Action Plan. Not a priority to update right away - can be tabled to the end of the year.○ Better Food Policy Fund - \$30k/year (unrestricted funds)<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Offering 10 awards - has not been currently offered to our FPC.■ SG: FPC should consider other funding sources○ Ag & Markets Food Action Grant: County cannot apply but towns and cities can (\$25k)● SG: County is working on 2024 FPC goals that the Council will be required to work on. The goals will direct FPC efforts and help prioritize deliverables this year.● JK: Procurement issue: NYS registration is a hurdle for businesses



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JK: Good Food Bill NY - likely to be passed by NYS. SG concurs that the FPC should be considering how the roll-out of the legislation will impact Erie County.
4:50 - 4:55	New Business: 1. Election results	Congratulations! Chair - Sarah Gatti Vice Chair - Michelle Scott
4:55-5:00	Other Business:	N/A

January 2024 Motion Log			
Motion:	Passed (Y/N):	Implementation:	Brought to Motion/Seconded:
Approve Nov 2023 Meeting Minutes	Y		Motion - CR Second - TB
Adjourn Meeting	Y		Motion - DR Second - MH

January 2024 Action Log				
Owner:	Action:	Carry-Over Item (Y/N):	Due Date:	Date Completed:
CM	1. Schedule the next Governance Meeting. 2. Invite new members to the next Governance Comm. Meeting			
CM	Create document with explanations of each SC/WG and what they are working to accomplish - include members assigned to each SC/WG		2/14 - to be sent out with the Feb agenda/ reports	
CM	Locate Executive Committee folder missing from SC folder			
County Staff	Determine if FPC must adhere to Open Meetings Law			