



March 2024

Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County

Date:	March 27, 2024		
Time:	4PM-5PM		
Location:	In person on the 4 th Floor of the Lincoln Building, 110 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14203		
Attendance:	Appointed Members:		Stakeholder Members:
	E	Sarah Gatti (Chair)	P Michelle Scott (Vice Chair)
	E	Rob Free (Treasurer)	P Cooper Rohan
	P	Danielle Rovillo (County Rep.)	E Elias Martinez
	P	Eric Tower	P Joseph Kurtz
	A	Jim Strusienski	P Lisa Neff
	P	Laura Corrin	P Mallory Hohl
	E	Samendy Brice	P Marla Guarino
	P	Thomas Baines	P Mayda Pozantides
			A Sashti Balasundaram
		FPC Coordinator:	
P	Colette McDonald		
	Quorum Present?		YES
Agenda			
Time	Item	Minutes	
4:00-4:05	Welcome: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of the newest FPC Appointed Member, Eric Tower, Special Assistant Commissioner for Erie County Department of Social Services Approval of January 2024 Meeting Minutes Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes 		
4:05-4:10	Officer Updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vote to Adopt Updated Bylaws 	Bylaws Passed: In Favor – 10 Opposed - 1	



4:15-4:25	<p>Erie County Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Food Policy Summit Update2. Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Focus Groups	<p>Food Policy Summit Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The “Food Policy Summit” has been renamed to “Local Government Food Systems Summit”<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ This change is to market the event to participants it is geared towards - local government officials (planning boards, zoning boards, town supervisors, staff planners, etc.).• The summit will be held on May 21 at the Rural Outreach Center• Department of Environment and Planning and the Department of Health (OHE) are working with the Food Lab, CCE, and the WNY Foundation to plan this event• FPC members are encouraged to attend.• Registration for the event will open April 9th <p>Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Focus Groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus group flyer shared at the meeting – contains in-person meeting dates and locations.
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4:25–4:30	Committees/Working Groups: Please review the Committee/Working Group report that was sent out with the agenda for updates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Youth Working Group is now defunct<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sarah Gatti to contact Youth WG members
4:30–4:50	Standing Items: FPC 2024 Goals <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Emergency Food Working Group is addressing tasks under Objective 1 – Emergency Food Preparedness2. Action Planning Committee is addressing tasks under Objective 2 – Food System Development and Growth and Objective 3 – Connecting No Income, Low Income, and ALICE Communities with Support Services.3. Debrief on task 2A<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. 2A – Coordinate with the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) and other farm support agencies to review and suggest changes to the definition of “farm operation”	Debrief on task 2A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members received a memo from Sarah Gatti detailing this task.• Members with expertise/interest in collaborating on this task are asked to attend the next Action Planning Committee meeting on April 9 @ 11AM – 12PM on WebEx.• Please contact Colette.McDonald@erie.gov to be added to the meeting invite.



	within NYS Agriculture and Markets Law to be more equitable and include the collective farmer model.	
4:50-4:55	New Business:	N/A
4:55-5:00	Other Business: 1. Groundwork Market Garden Plant Sale Tabling Opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members can respond using the Microsoft Form Survey that was emailed earlier today This event is kid friendly!

March 2024 Motion Log

Motion	Passed:	Implementation:	Brought to Motion/Seconded:
Approval of January 2024 Meeting Minutes	Yes		Motion - LN 2 nd – TB Motion Carried
Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes	Yes		Motion – TB 2 nd – MP Motion Carried
Adoption of Updated Bylaws	Yes In Favor – 10 Opposed - 1		Motion – DR 2 nd – TB Motion Carried
Adjourn Meeting	Yes		Motion - MS 2 nd – LN Motion Carried

March 2024 Action Log

Owner:	Action:	Carry-Over Item:	Due Date:	Date Completed:
CM	Move 2B – Review and suggest changes to the definition of “mobile market” within NYS Agriculture and Markets Law to better support the start-up of new, small operations to April Agenda		4/17	3/28
SG	Contact the YWG to inform them of the current defunct status			4/1