



July 2024

Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County

Date:	July 31, 2024			
Time:	4PM-5PM			
Location:	In person at Hayes Hall, Room 402 - UB Campus (250 Hayes Rd, Buffalo, NY)			
Attendance:	Appointed Members:		Stakeholder Members:	
	E	Sarah Gatti (Chair)	P	Michelle Scott (Vice Chair)
	E	Rob Free (Treasurer)	E	Cooper Rohan
	P	Danielle Rovillo (Co. Rep.)	P	Dinash Lal
	P	Betsy Andersen	P	Elias Martinez
	E	Eric Tower	P	Jessica Schuster
	P	Laura Corrin	P	Karine Amato
	E	Samendy Brice	P	Kelly Ann Kowalski
	P	Thomas Baines	P	Lisa Neff
	FPC Coordinator		P	Mallory Hohl
	P	Colette McDonald	P	Marla Guarino
	Quorum Present?		E	Mayda Pozantides
	Yes		P	Michelle Roberts
	Guests			
Haley Parzonko		Madison Marquardt		
Joe Kurtz				

Agenda		
Time	Item	Minutes
4:00 PM – 4:05 PM	Welcome: 1. Introductions 2. Approval of June 2024 Meeting Minutes	The FPC had five new members attend this meeting. Members and guests introduced themselves and the organizations they represent. The June 2024 Meeting Minutes were approved.
4:05 PM – 4:10 PM	Officer Updates: 1. Referral and voting requirement for subcommittee/working group recommendations	The FPC Coordinator reminded the FPC that with all the wonderful work that the standing committees and working groups are doing, any projects that will be public facing or include an official recommendation will need to be brought to the full FPC for approval.



4:10 PM – 4:20 PM	Erie County Updates: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update2. Food Summit<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Next Steps3. New York Food For New York Families Grant Update	Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update – the second round of focus groups will be scheduled in September. Details will be forthcoming and likely sent out via email. Food Summit – There are currently no updates. Future Food Summit plans or work sessions will be discussed at future meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mallory Hohl added that Cornell Cooperative Extension Erie and the UB Food Lab will be collaborating on a book release on September 12 that would serve as an extension of the Food Summit. New York Food For New York Families Grant Update – The grant resolution was approved by the Erie County Legislature on July 25 th with a vote of 11-0. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marla Guarino suggested future grants should go through a bidding process to include smaller operations, and Mallory Hohl requested the FPC's involvement in procurement if possible.
4:20 PM – 4:35 PM	Partner Organizations Update: <p>Opportunity for members to share updates from their respective organizations if applicable.</p>	<p>Lisa Neff promoted the Grassroots Gardens Soil Health Symposium (flyer attached to this email). She also mentioned that FPC member organizations looking for interns can contact her for placements of UB students.</p> <p>Mallory Hohl reminded the FPC about Urban Farm Day on August 17th, needing more members to sign up for tabling. Marla Guarino suggested hosting the FPC table at Buffalo Go Green.</p> <p>Elias Martinez announced that Kubed Root is a finalist for the Pitch 10 Competition in October.</p>



		Marla Guarino highlighted the upcoming Buffalo Niagara Medical Center (BNMC) Food As Medicine Symposium on October 18-19.
4:35 PM – 4:45 PM	<p>Committees/Working Groups: Please review the Committee/Working Group report that was sent out with the agenda for updates.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emergency Food Working Group Emergency Food Digital Cookbook <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Please see memo for details 2. FPC Vote on Emergency Food e-Cookbook 	<p>Outreach Working Group Update: The FPC sponsored Harvest Roll on 9/21 will feature stops at 5 Loaves Farm, Buffalo Go Green, and Brewster Street Farm.</p> <p>The FPC reviewed the infographic “how to support your local food system” that will be distributed at the Harvest Roll.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayda Pozantides suggested via email that we include ways to contact representatives regarding Good Food NY and the Farm Bill to show support. • Any additional suggestions can be sent to Colette.McDonald@erie.gov <p>Emergency Food Digital Cookbook: The Emergency Food Working Group is creating a digital cookbook featuring community-submitted recipes made with common pantry items, costing \$10 or less, and requiring minimal baking or special equipment. Inspired by a similar successful project by the Oregon Health Department, social media posts will guide people to the FPC website for recipe submissions. Contributors can win a tote bag, a grocery store gift card, and a printed cookbook copy. The FPC approved the project and suggested including printed versions in emergency food boxes distributed by FeedMore and the County, as well as in Nutrition Programs throughout the County.</p>
4:45 PM – 4:50 PM	<p>Standing Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FPC 2024 Goals Update 2. NY Farm Bureau Memo of Opposition re: Good Food NY Bill 	<p>NY Farm Bureau Memo of Opposition re: Good Food NY Bill: FPC members received a letter from the NY Farm Bureau opposing the Good Food NY Bill. Although there has been progress, continued support is needed as Governor Hochul has not yet signed the bill.</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FPC Chair is open to suggestions for better showing support. Guest Joe Kurtz from the Good Food Buffalo Coalition noted that the Coalition has addressed the points from the NYFB letter and remains hopeful for the bill's signing by December 31st. Marla Guarino mentioned that the Procurement Working Group will find ways to support the bill before and after its implementation. Those interested in joining should email Colette.McDonald@erie.gov
4:50 PM – 4:55 PM	New Business:	<p>Jessica Schuster serves as a Springville-Griffith Board of Education Trustee and highlighted their district is a recipient of the Supporting Community Agriculture & Local Education Systems (SCALES) Grant in which students are learning meat processing skills as well as animal husbandry.</p> <p>Elias Martinez told the FPC that applications to become on the Board of Directors for the Lexington Coop are now open and the application closes August 30th. Details can be found on their website.</p>
4:55 PM – 5:00 PM	Other Business: 1. August 28 th Recess Location	<p>The FPC Recess Meeting location will be at Mint Mojito Bar (1225 Niagara St, Buffalo, NY) on August 28th. If you do not plan to attend, please email Colette.McDonald@erie.gov</p>

July 2024 Motion Log			
Motion	Passed:	Implementation:	Brought to Motion/Seconded:
Approval of June 2024 Meeting Minutes	Yes		1 st - Michelle Scott 2 nd - Danielle Rovillo
Emergency Food Cookbook	Yes	The FPC Coordinator will release social media posts promoting the Emergency Food Cookbook Recipe	1 st – Michelle Scott 2 nd – Marla Guarino



		Challenge throughout August.	
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July 2024 Action Log		
Owner:	Action:	Due Date:
All Members	Please reach out to Colette.McDonald@erie.gov to table for the FPC at the August 17 th Urban Farm Day	8/8
All Members	Any additional suggestions for the "How to support your local food system" infographic can be sent to Colette.McDonald@erie.gov	8/8
All Members	Submit a recipe for the Emergency Food Cookbook – Colette will follow up with a link to submit a recipe when it is live.	8/31
Danielle Rovillo	Mobile Markets "farm operation" definition memo for the Action Planning Committee/FPC.	8/8
All Members	If you are interested in joining the Procurement Working Group, please email Colette.McDonald@erie.gov .	8/31
All Members	Attend the FPC recess location at Mint Mojito Bar on 8/28!	8/28