



September 2024

Food Policy Council of Buffalo and Erie County

Date:	September 25, 2024			
Time:	4PM-5PM			
Location:	In person at the Rath Building, Room 1004 (10th Floor)			
Attendance:	Appointed Members:		Stakeholder Members:	
	P	Sarah Gatti (Chair)	E	Michelle Scott (Vice Chair)
	P	Rob Free (Treasurer)	P	Cooper Rohan
	P	Danielle Rovillo (Co. Rep.)	A	Dinash Lal
	P	Betsy Andersen	E	Elias Martinez
	P	Eric Tower	P	Jessica Schuster
	P	Laura Corrin	E	Karine Amato
	P	Samendy Brice	P	Kelly Ann Kowalski
	P	Thomas Baines	P	Lisa Neff
	FPC Coordinator		P	Mallory Hohl
	P	Colette McDonald	E	Marla Guarino
	Quorum Present?		E	Mayda Pozantides
	YES		P	Michelle Roberts
Guests				
Kathleen Graim		Katie Jastrzab		

Agenda		
Time	Item	Minutes
4:00 PM – 4:05 PM	Welcome: 1. Approval of July 2024 Meeting Minutes	Approved
4:05 PM – 4:10 PM	Treasurer Updates:	Rob Free, FPC Treasurer, reported that the balance of FPC funds at the Buffalo Bisons Charitable Foundation is \$5,522.42.
4:10 PM – 4:20 PM	Erie County Updates: 1. Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan Update 2. New York Food For New York Families Grant Update 3. Recap of Harvest Roll and Urban Farm Ride	Sarah Gatti gave an update on the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan (AFPP). Focus groups are ongoing, please see the attached flyer for the remaining sessions. Colette McDonald gave an update on



		<p>the New York Food for New York Families Grant. The FPC was awarded \$1,045,557.89 to fund the Farm to Families Program. This program will utilize FreshFix to deliver 400 produce bags plus the option to add milk and eggs per week to Erie County families who are low-income, no-income, or ALICE (asset-limited, income constrained, employed). Produce bags will be delivered to the daycare facility for convenient pickup. Currently, Erie County staff are reviewing the daycare assistance data provided by the Erie County Department of Social Services to target facilities. The program has a tentative start date of November 2024.</p> <p>Sarah Gatti, Laura Corrin, and Danielle Rovillo attended the Slow Roll Buffalo Harvest Ride – a group bicycle ride through Buffalo highlighting urban agriculture. Please watch Laura Corrin's reel of the event.</p>
4:20 PM – 4:35 PM	Partner Organizations Update: Opportunity for members to share updates from their respective organizations if applicable.	<p>Mallory Hohl (CCE- Harvest NY) shared about the upcoming book release by Dr. Samina Raja – October 29 (4PM-6PM) and Urban Farm Tour on 10/30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colette will send out a calendar hold for those interested in attending <p>Cooper Rohan (Field and Fork) shared about their Double Up Food Bucks Day of Action on February 11, 2025 in Albany. FPC members are welcome to attend to advocate for Double Up Food Bucks.</p>



<p>4:35 PM – 4:45 PM</p>	<p>Committees/Working Groups: Please review the Committee/Working Group report that was sent out with the agenda for updates.</p>	<p>Highlights from the Committee/Working Group Report are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FPC offered a sponsorship of \$250 for Big Big Table’s “Big Big Bash” annual fundraising event that will be held on Saturday, October 19. • The Emergency Food Working Group have received 21 recipes and counting for the Emergency Eats Cookbook, FPC members are strongly encouraged to submit. • The Action Planning Committee (APC) will be working on suggested edits to NYS Agriculture and Markets “Mobile Market” Definition – please see the previously sent Mobile Market Memo for more details. • The APC submitted a letter of support for the Good Food New York Bill. • The APC signed-on to support SNAP4ALL which seeks to extend SNAP benefits to NYS immigrants without citizenship status. • The Procurement Working Group will be creating a “how to” resource for local food procurement • The Outreach Working Group is looking for content suggestions for the FPC Fall Newsletter.
<p>4:45 PM – 4:50 PM</p>	<p>Standing Items: 1. FPC 2024 Goals Update</p>	<p>A revised version of the Farm Operation and Mobile Markets memo has been shared with Erie County Farm Bureau. By way of the AFPP Update,</p>



		<p>Sarah Gatti has learned that there may be a slate of amendments to NYS Agriculture and Markets Law coming soon. This may expedite the FPC's timeline on the 2024 goals of revising the Farm Operation and Mobile Markets definition.</p> <p>Colette will be sharing a survey in the coming weeks to help focus the FPC 2025 goals.</p>
4:50 PM – 4:55 PM	New Business:	
4:55 PM – 5:00 PM	Other Business: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Remainder of 2024 FPC Meeting Schedule 	<p>The October 30th (Colette misspoke at the meeting saying 10/20) meeting will be held at Sahlen Field – more details to come regarding parking, etc.</p> <p>November 20th meeting (third Wednesday of the month to avoid the Thanksgiving week) will be again held on the Rath Building 10th Floor Conference Room.</p>

September 2024 Motion Log			
Motion	Passed:	Implementation:	Brought to Motion/Seconded:
Approval of July 2024 Meeting Minutes	Yes		Brought to Motion by Lisa Neff, Seconded by Danielle Rovillo, No abstentions.
Adjourn Meeting	Yes		Brought to Motion by Cooper Rohan, Seconded by Lisa Neff, No abstentions.

September 2024 Action Log		
Owner:	Action:	Due Date:
All FPC Members	Send fall food system related content for the October FPC Newsletter to Colette.McDonald@erie.gov .	10/10
All FPC Members	Submit a recipe to the Emergency Eats Recipe Challenge!	9/30



Colette McDonald	Send survey for 2025 FPC Goals	10/15
Colette McDonald	Send November 20 th Meeting Invite	9/26
Colette McDonald	Send Calendar hold for Book Release Event on 10/29	9/27

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