

**Johnson County Food Policy Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 14, 2019
Johnson County Administration Building, Betty Sass Conference Room
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Attending Appointed Members: Chris Fortenbach, Craig Syrop, Eric Christianson, Giselle Bruskewitz, Jessica Burt Fogarty, Jill Irvin, Kristy Walker, Michael Wilson, Michelle Kenyon, Morgan Weiss, Stephen Trefz

Attending Ex-Officio Members: Pat Heiden, Ilsa DeWald, Erik Gustafson

1. Call to Order (5:30)
2. Introductions
3. Approve November 2018 minutes
 - a. Giselle moved, Kristy seconded, all approved
4. Orientation for new members and overview of county zoning
 - a. Presentation by Eric C, Slides will be available thru Local Foods Coordinator (LFC)
5. General Updates and discussion from Pat Heiden, BOS and Ilsa DeWald, Local Foods Coordinator(LFC)
 - a. Pat Heiden
 - i. Budget \$130M is underway due in March
 1. UDO + PDS will impact the budget and provide input to its creation
 2. Historic Poor Farm: Brainstorming is underway for programming events
 3. Public comment on Children's Rodeo is underway for the Fair
 - b. Vacancy on Council, application due Feb 4, 2019
 - c. Invite to Local Foods Roundtable, January 26, 9:30-12:30 @ MERGE
 - d. Update on block grants related to local food and agriculture
 - i. Field to Family Grant looks like it will be funded yet to be determined
 - e. Opportunities to collaborate w/ other Food Policy Council
 - i. Dubuque Linn and Johnson have food councils and Ilsa will work to coordinate us on joint policy issues and to present to sub committees in DSM
 - ii. Issues for consideration
 1. Roll bars
 2. Supporting local food in the schools
 - f. Land Access Program Application due January 18, 2019
 - g. Review new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) schedule
 - i. May and June will be focusing on Ag Exemptions
 - ii. Looking for 1 to 1 input
 6. Discuss UDO drafts on Zoning Districts and Supplemental
 - a. Ag Zoning Districts
 - i. Discussion: Removal of **Retail Orchards** have been dropped and does this adequately replace retail orchards in the future ? Where will they fit now? How

does this change fit in to the support of local foods values? Much of the discussion and concern about proposed changes have to do w/ scale issues.

- ii. Educational Classes:
 - 1. How restrictive do we want to recommend? Should this be listed as part of agriculture? When do classes become tourism? Field days have traditionally been seen as part of Ag. Farmer to farmer is one thing where it begins to gray is when it moves toward the retail customer. One of the scale questions has to do w/ public health and public safety. Education promotes agriculture
 - 2. #9: Pick up agricultural products grown on site
 - iii. Definitions
 - 1. 3. Agriculture: Needs to have more information on education
 - 2. 5. Ag Tour: Concern about language of retail of services Drop non regularly scheduled. Drop the last sentence discussion would not regulate a full time retail operation.
 - iv. Supplemental Conditions
 - 1. Labor Camps: Delete the time frame rethink the name
 - 2. Animal Husbandry: Discussion about numbers
 - v. Solicit input from Survey Monkey to insure that we are getting stakeholder group input.
 - vi. Another meeting to be scheduled for further discussion on the UDO TBA. Ilsa will come up w/ Top 10 items we could focus on for further discussion.
7. Conditions(comments will be submitted tonight by Ilsa to P+Z)
- a. Feb 5th is when this information goes to BOS
8. Discuss Public Forum
- a. March 9th @ Montgomery Hall, Fair Grounds 9:00 to noon w/ lunch following
 - b. Title: Farm Connection: The Farmer, the Community and You
 - c. Progress reports from subcommittees
 - i. **Agenda:** BOS Chair kicks it off and all are invited, Kurt remembrance, Eric summary of last year's forum, Discussion on local foods, Panel: Local Meat, Panel: Specialty Crops, Networking + Surveying for feedback and input
 - ii. Food Committee: RFP due the 29th
 - iii. Marketing: Up and running on the flier and putting together a list
 - iv. Local Food Expo
 - 1. Unlimited tables but not space
 - 2. 32 tables last time + buffet table + add some tables for sitting
 - 3. Offer smaller real estate share information can have half table
9. Update from council members
10. Adjourn 8:00 PM

Next Meeting 11 February 2019