

Johnson County Food Policy Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2019
Johnson County Administration Building, 1st Floor Betty Sass Conference Room
913 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Attending Appointed Members: Giselle Bruskewitz, Kristy Walker, Liz Maas, Michael Wilson, Michelle Kenyon, Shawn Meaney, Stephen Trefz

Attending Ex-Officio Members: Ilsa DeWald

1. Call to Order 6:15
2. Introductions
3. Approve July 2019 minutes
 - a. Move: Giselle
 - b. Second: John
 - c. Passed
4. General Updates
 - a. Ilsa DeWald, Local Foods Coordinator
 - i. Recap of Farm to Street Dinner
 1. This was the 4th dinner on Linn Street
 2. A great night with great food which went off without a hitch between the front of the house and the back of the house. An excellent crew ran an excellent event
 3. Local fundraiser for local food infrastructure
 4. Local restaurants are provided a small stipend to produce locally sourced food
 - ii. Veggie Rx Grant Application
 1. Local partners and local food producing food to be prescribed by Upstream Clinic to defeat diabetes before it starts. Housed @ UIHC ObGyn Clinic.
 2. Folks will be screened at local food banks
 3. This group was awarded the grant of MidWestOne 50k for 1 year
 - iii. Food Incubator Meeting
 1. Putting together a question set for local producers
 - iv. Healthy Local JoCo Meeting [JC Dept of Public Health]
 1. Data collection tools were discussed
 2. Health data mapping was also discussed
 3. Both of these tools might be able to be used to pilot some work to be used for local foods data collection.
 - v. Met w/ a local CSA farmer who is switching to a sliding fee scale model.
5. Discuss Johnson County UDO Draft
 - a. P+Z Public Hearing on Sept 9 ~ 5:30 - 6:00
 - i. Opportunity for public comment. FPC Members can share recommendations.

- ii. Important to have some voices in the audience to talk about how the proposed UDO can help small farmers growing food on less than 40 acres to be sustainable and profitable.
 - iii. A small work group will be convened to polish talking points
 - b. Discuss Working Group for Ag-Exemption Application Recommendations
 - i. Working group needs to address this as well as including a farmers input on this application.
 - ii. Will bring draft to Council for recommendations
- 6. Discuss Changes to Leadership Team
 - a. Discus adding Immediate Past Chair role and changing Events Chair to Outreach and Events chair
 - i. Vice Chair to move to Chair
 - ii. 2 year term limits for chair
 - b. Motion
 - i. Moved: Liz
 - ii. Seconded: Michael
 - iii. Passed:
- 7. Slate: Moved and elected
 - a. Kristy Walker, Chair
 - b. Michael Wilson, Vice Chair
 - c. Michelle Kenyon, Past Chair
 - d. Giselle Bruskewitz, Outreach + Event Chair
 - e. Stephen Trefz, Secretary
- 8. Johnson County Poor Farm Discovery Day is postponed. Bike Library's Farm Cycle Sunday, September 22
 - a. Five Farms will be on the tour go to Bike Library Web Site for information
- 9. Field to Family Happy Harvest Monday September 16 3-6 PM @ Hotel Vue
 - a. Forum Meeting @ Vue
- 10. Field to Family + Iowa City Farmers Market Local Food Fair
 - a. Saturday September 21 @ 8-12
 - b. Volunteers can sign up on Ilsa's sign-up sheet
 - c. Moved and Passed 250.00 Marketing and Food budget for Local Food Festival
- 11. Discuss 2020 Annual Forum Format
 - a. Farm Incubator
 - i. Partner w/ some outside agencies
 - ii. Getting public input on the County forming a Farm Incubator
 - iii. Perhaps this is a bit too niche for the larger forum
 - iv. Need to be able to provide direction to the Board based on public input
 - b. Food Fair / Festival
 - i. Educational for families focus
 - c. Discussion about education and policy needs and focus
- 12. Also looked to bring in local partners to the Policy Meetings to help us understand what is going on in the community.
- 13. Northwest High School Coralville Food 9/29 5-7 PM