

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Johnson County Food Policy Council Meeting</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 12/14/2020</p>	<p><b>Time:</b> 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Zoom</p>	<p><b>Note taker:</b> Will Kapp</p> <p><b>Members In Attendance:</b> Ayman Sharif, Bill Weedman Jr, Chris Fortnebrach, Debbie Klein, Giselle Bruskewitz, Hannah Schultz, Jill Irvin, Joe Klingelhutz, Keshia Fields, Kristy Walker, Mike Roelf, Molly Schintler, Shawn Meaney, Will Kapp</p> <p><b>Ex Officio:</b> Ilsa DeWald</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Tom Banta (ICAD), August Stolba &amp; Laura Seyfer (Linn County Food Systems Council), Eileen Horn (New Ventures)</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Liz Maas</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items – Due Date
1. Meeting Called to Order by Giselle @ 6:03 pm		
2. Minutes Approval	<p>Motion to approve minutes by Shawn Meaney</p> <p>Seconded by Bill Weedman</p> <p>Unanimously approved by Council</p>	
3. Introductions	Council members introduced themselves to guests	
4. Food Justice Discussion	‘Privilege for Sale’ role play facilitated by Keshia Fields using Kahoot. Everyone is assigned a certain number of dollars and they are tasked with choosing which privileges they would choose on their budgets, not knowing the choices or the number of choices at the onset. The goal is to attempt to understand the position of others who are not granted the privilege that you have. One member comment: “I am budgeting away my freedom.”	
5. Tom Banta of ICAD - Presentation and Q&A	Tom described the history, function and evolution of the function of the Iowa City Area Development group. Their goal of retaining, growing, and attracting businesses to the Iowa City area has shifted more to the growing side of things recently with their co-working spaces Merge in Iowa City and 808 in Coralville. They have helped small businesses that produce and distribute food products grow, market and distribute their products. Their focus on incubating the ideas of local entrepreneurs makes them a valuable resource for burgeoning growers and producers in the area.	

<p><b>6. Linn County Food System Council Assessment Presentation and Q&amp;A</b></p>	<p>August Stolba and Laura Seyfer from the Linn County Food Systems Council and Eileen Horn from New Ventures presented on a recent Linn County Food Systems Assessment done by the consulting firm New Ventures.</p> <p>Eileen presented an overview of the report and some of the key findings. As food systems are not bound by county borders, much of the information was applicable to Johnson County as well.</p> <p>August and Laura discussed what was next for them. Their main goal is to advocate for the hiring of a Food Systems Coordinator for Linn County who would be able to manage the myriad objectives laid out in the assessment. Among those are establishing mini-grants at a county level for beginning growers and producers, changing language for buying agreements, and doing work to bring together growers and buyers.</p>	
<p><b>7. Working Groups Share-out</b></p>	<p>Food Justice: Making priorities for 2021</p> <p>Infrastructure: Defining the term as it relates to our food system, determining stakeholders</p> <p>Equipment Sharing: Timeline for proposal, drafting outreach to stakeholders</p> <p>Education/Marketing: December meeting had limited attendance, reconvene in January</p>	
<p><b>8. Updates from Ilsa and Pat</b></p>	<p>Pat was not able to attend the meeting, but distributed a written note to council members to express her gratitude for her time as the liaison from the Board of Supervisors. She will no longer hold that role and the next liaison is being determined.</p> <p>Ilsa updated the council on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Two farms are currently taking steps to utilize opportunities provided by the recently passed limited slaughter ordinance. This success built on years of Food Policy Council recommendations.</li> <li>● The Local Foods Roundtable will be conducted virtually this year and any council members interested in assisting should contact Ilsa.</li> <li>● The Johnson County Historic Poor Farm has established a Tenant Advisory Committee to craft the future vision for the property as a whole, joining the Community Action Team, Disability Advisory Group, and Historical Connections Advisory group, all of which gather stakeholders from the community to make recommendations.</li> <li>● An effort is being made to capture stories of how IDALS (Iowa Dept of Ag and Land Stewardship) funding from CARES Act impacted the community in an effort to create permanent funding opportunities.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Next meeting of the Council will be January 25, from 6-8 pm. We will be discussing our vision for 2021.</p>	
<p><b>Meeting adjourned by Giselle at 8:01 pm</b></p>		