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| <p>Purpose: Johnson County Food Policy Council Meeting</p> <p>Date: 4/19/2021</p> | <p>Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Location: Zoom</p> | <p>Note taker: Will Kapp</p> <p>Members In Attendance: Ayman Sharif, Bill Weedman Jr, Debbie Klein, Giselle Bruskevitz, Hannah Shultz, Joe Klingelhut, Keshia Fields, Liz Maas, Mike Roelf, Molly Schintler, Will Kapp</p> <p>Ex Officio: Ilsa DeWald, Rod Sullivan, Cassidy Beamer</p> <p>Guests: Michelle Harreld</p> <p>Absent: Chris Fortenbrach, Jill Irvin, Kristy Walker</p> |
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| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action Items – Due Date |
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| 1. Meeting Called to Order by Giselle @ 6:00 pm | | |
| 2. Introductions | Ice Breaker: What vegetable would you be and why? | |
| 3. Minutes Approval | <p>Change proposed to March minutes by Giselle: Change Jill Klein to Jill Irvin</p> <p>Motion: Molly Schintler</p> <p>Second: Hannah Shultz</p> | |
| 4. Food Justice Discussion | <p>Molly: Remember back to Ghost Kitchen article from last week. What are barriers and red tape for accessing kitchens in Johnson County? What are resources to navigate these? What are practical steps the FPC could do to address barriers to entering the food system?</p> <p>Keisha & Cassidy: Look at two scenarios and think about what barriers these folks would face and how to address them:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A woman who is not proficient in English is passionate about baking and is encouraged by others to open a bakery. No knowledge of starting a business. Seeking information via the City Offices does not provide clear pathways. Five years into the process and still is unsure of what steps to take. 2. 30 year old upper-middle class woman who has apprenticed under bakers around the world returns to her hometown of Solon to start a bakery. Is able to begin small right away while working at another bakery in town. <p>Breakout groups meet for 5 minutes to discuss and report back to group: Cultural capital disparity in the form of access to others who own businesses. Mentorship connections are</p> | |

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| | natural for Scenario 2, while less accessible to Scenario 1. Rod reports that a guide to entering the food system created by past FPC members, unsure of how to access and whether it is translated. Creating centers/hubs where mentorship and resources exist would assist Scenario 2. | |
| 5. Discuss Food Policy Council Forum Planning | <p>Ilsa provides an overview of the FPC Forum that will take place on Saturday, April 24 from 10 am - noon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Must register to attend - Overview of agenda and operations/roles for FPC members - Seed questions for Q&A - Overview of facilitator guide for FPC members to use in breakout rooms - Assigned facilitators and note takers for different breakout rooms | |
| 6. Break | | |
| 7. Updates from Rod Sullivan, Board of Supervisors, and Ilsa DeWald, Local Foods Coordinator | <p>Updates from Rod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unexpected opening on Board of Supervisors due to resignation of Janette Rettig - Also, an open spot on the Planning and Zoning Commission, members must live in unincorporated Johnson County, open spot must be filled by person identifying as female for gender balance. <p>Updates from Ilsa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with Field to Family on agreement with Board of Supervisors to use 821 S Clinton Street and Health and Human Services Parking lot for Online Farmers Market | |
| 8. Discuss Recommendations for Updates to the Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan | <p>We looked at where the Board of Supervisors Strategic Plan focuses on local foods and think about recommendations that could be made.</p> <p>Suggestions were made about actions regarding climate action and intersection with racial justice, food security and food systems as well as supporting more specific language strengthening action around local food.</p> | |
| 9. Discuss Emerging Ideas from Previous Guest Speakers | <p>A document was shared out by Ilsa with a description of each guest speaker we have had this year and FPC members were asked to think about what sort of follow-up or action items we would like to focus on based on their talks. In addition, this is a time where FPC members can talk about changing protocol for guest speakers in general.</p> <p>A brief rundown of FPC member takeaways from past speakers:</p> <p>Molly - Marlie from Chicago Food Policy Council. Specifically related to Good Food Purchasing Practices and how we could introduce that in Johnson County to some extent.</p> <p>Liz - Mackenzie Aime from Iowa Food & Water Watch. How climate and food policy connect.</p> | |

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| | <p>Keshia - Linn Co Food Policy Council. Deepen partnership in order to seek recommendations about issues we are trying to tackle and also collaborate in the future.</p> <p>Hannah - Marlie. Good Food Purchasing Practice applicability in Johnson County. Also Maysa Ahmed from JC Public Health for her talk about connecting public health and food systems.</p> <p>Will - Maysa Ahmed. Specifically her nuanced approach to talking about food insecurity and how data can be better utilized.</p> <p>Mike - Maysa Ahmed. Data leads to doing things and understanding measurable impacts, an important aspect of policy.</p> <p>Bill - Tom Banta from ICAD. Feels that we have more to learn from him and that organization. Also Maysa Ahmed for her discussion of food desserts.</p> <p>Giselle - Rod Sullivan. Provides a history of the FPC in Johnson County and his presence as a longtime champion of local foods.</p> <p>Debbie - Linn Co Food Policy Council. The remark that “food systems are not divided along county lines” sticks with her as a reason for more collaboration with them. Many things going on in Linn County as far as direct aid related to Covid and Derecho.</p> <p>Cassidy - Marlie. Cassidy is working on a GFPP-like proposal for the University of Iowa and seeing it down on a county/city level is inspiring.</p> <p>Joe - Linn Co FPC. We should get an idea of the work that other FPCs around the country are doing, what challenges and obstacles they face.</p> <p>Rod - Proposes that connecting individual members to speakers they find to be particularly interesting would be helpful, as everyone’s interests are different. Molly suggests a more comprehensive and accessible list of past speakers and their contacts.</p> | |
| <p>10. Food Policy Council Working Groups Report Out</p> | <p>Molly motions to scratch this item from the agenda.</p> <p>Will seconds the motion.</p> | |
| <p>11. Discuss Event Calendar for 2021</p> | <p>Ilsa mentions that the Johnson County Fair is July 25-28 and encourages other members to think of other events/places our presence would be beneficial in the community.</p> | |
| <p>12. Next Meeting</p> | <p>Discuss events calendar</p> | |
| <p>13. Meeting adjourned by Giselle at 7:59</p> | | |