

<p>Purpose: Johnson County Food Policy Council Meeting</p> <p>Date: December 20, 2021</p>	<p>Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Location: Johnson County Administration Building - Betty Sass Conference Room 913 S. Dubuque St. Iowa City, IA 52240 and Zoom Option</p>	<p>Note taker: Will Kapp</p> <p>Members In Attendance: Ayman Sharif, Bill Weedman Jr, Debbie Klein, Giselle Bruskewitz, Hannah Shultz, Mike Roelf, Molly Schintler, Will Kapp, Kristy Walker</p> <p>Ex Officio: Ilsa DeWald, Rod Sullivan, Cassidy Beamer</p> <p>Guests: Emily Roberts - Field to Family, Mike Carberry - Climate Specialist for Iowa Farmers Union</p> <p>Absent: Jill Irvin, Deborah Kuiken, Joe Klingelutz</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items – Due Date
Meeting Called to Order by Giselle @ 6:00		
Minutes Approval	Hannah moves, Molly seconds, Approved unanimously	
1. Introductions	Guests tonight: Emily Roberts – Field to Family and Mike Carberry - Climate Specialist for Iowa Farmer’s Union	
2. Updates from Rod Sullivan and Ilsa DeWald	<p>Ilsa: Economic Development Committee voted to approve plan after some comments from Food Policy Council members. Committee will present the plan to the Board of Supervisors, date tbd. Looking forward to the work that will come if plan is approved.</p> <p>Some policies were sent up to the state legislature, which helps efforts to educate state and local elected officials so they can speak to issues of local food.</p>	
3. Recap from Iowa Organics Conference	<p>Able to send both Mike and Ayman to conference as representatives from the Food Policy Council. Ayman reports that there were multiple sessions that he attended that were very informative, adding more information and layers to the topics presented. Mike said there was a lot of technical knowledge, similar to info presented at PFI conferences.</p> <p>If there are other conference opportunities that folks would like to explore, there are funds available through the FPC.</p>	

<p>4. Discuss American Rescue Plan Act Recommendations</p>	<p>Focus the language of funding toward increasing access to local foods and increase resilience in local food system. A draft of recommendations for a Local Foods Grant program was presented. One question about how money is allocated by fiscal year was brought up. \$50,000 is devoted to FY22 (which ends in June of 2022) and \$75,000 to FY 23 (July 2022 - June 2023). May be a way to think about how to frame grant work. Rod mentions that if funding counts as “money out the door” if the county gives it to the awardee then it counts as spent in that fiscal year. FPC has ability to frame how the grant process and application works (in response to a question about reimbursement vs. money up front). Molly brings up that a conversation about exactly what the focus is and how we want to think about the presentation of the grant application. Ilsa comments that the best way to figure out answers is to have very direct questions - if a plan is put forth, we can put that toward county grant folks so they can help to determine what is possible in terms of ARPA restrictions. We will continue to talk about this in January meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Discuss Food Policy Council Annual Report and Working Group Updates</p>	<p>Three breakout groups were put together to think about what accomplishments we would like to celebrate on our annual report. A list of ideas from the groups included: bringing in different organizations, conducting first virtual food forum, formalized a strategic plan, equipment share plan collaborated with IVRC&D on equipment share plan, guest speakers at meetings brought new ideas and perspectives to our work, pushing local food policy conversations to the state level, and assessing the needs of the community through the infrastructure working group.</p>	
<p>6. Discuss Iowa Food System Coalition Focus Groups & Input Sessions</p>	<p>Came out of the work of RFSWG to form a coalition of coalitions. Once every ten year opportunity to advocate for local food issues at the state level. Trying to build social and political power, an effort is being made to include as many stakeholders as possible across the state through focus groups and input sessions.</p> <p>Ilsa is looking at different coalitions that already exist (food access group, entrepreneurs of color group, center for worker justice etc) to work together to reach as many folks as possible. Any ideas about folks or groups that should be included, let Ilsa know. Anyone can host/facilitate a meeting to gather data. If you have interest in hosting or facilitating a focus group, let me know.</p> <p>Conversation will continue at our January meeting</p>	
<p>7. Discuss 2022 Food Policy Council Calendar (7:10 PM)</p>	<p>a. Local Foods Roundtable: Strengthening the Food System through Transformational Narratives, February 5, 2022</p> <p>Added subtitle in Food Justice working group today: ‘Transforming the Food System Through Storytelling. Looking at a 9 am - noon schedule. Anticipating that it will be in person at the Robert A. Lee Rec Center which will allow for social distancing, but weather or Covid-19 situation could necessitate a virtual option.</p>	

	<p>b. Annual Public Forum 2022 – Date and Theme TBD</p> <p>Traditionally host an annual big forum. Last year it was digital, will be continuing with that. Think about themes and guest speakers to begin brainstorming. Early April is the possible date for the program.</p> <p>c. Update to the Board of Supervisors</p> <p>Leadership team talked about doing one in March of 2022. Possible another in November 2022 as well if there are more things to report.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting & Agenda Items</p>	<p>Continue ARPA Recommendations conversation</p> <p>Mark your calendar for Feb. 5, 9 - noon for FPC Roundtable</p> <p>Consider hosting a focus group or input session</p> <p>Think of forum topics and guest hosts for April forum</p> <p>Next FPC Meeting is Mon, Jan. 24</p>	
<p>Meeting adjourned by Giselle</p>		