

<p>Purpose: Johnson County Food Policy Council Meeting</p> <p>Date: Feb. 28, 2022</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: Bill Weedman Jr, Hannah Shultz, Mike Roelf, Molly Schintler, Will Kapp, Deborah Kuiken, Joe Klingelhutz, Kristy Walker</p> <p>Ex Officio: Ilsa DeWald, Jon Green, Cassidy Beamer</p> <p>Guests: Emily Roberts (Field to Family)</p> <p>Absent: Ayman Sharif, Debbie Klein, Giselle Bruskevitz</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items – Due Date
1. Meeting Called to Order by Molly @ 6:02 pm		
2. Minutes Approval	Will motions to pass January minutes. Mike seconds. Approved unanimously.	
3. Introductions	Molly is leading the meeting tonight, as Giselle is out of town. Group answered what was bringing them joy..	
4. Introduction and Q&A with Jon Green, Board of Supervisors	Jon Green begins with a short introduction of himself. Recently elected in a special election as a county supervisor. Previously mayor of Lone Tree, worked for Governor of Wyoming, education in mass communication, experience in IT, lives in rural Johnson County. Priority is justice in all its iterations as an elected official. Important to focus on where we can affect change in community based food systems, however that is defined. A strength of this community is the understanding of how food is raised and where it comes from. There are plenty of issues in the county, mostly related to land and capital access due to the industrialization of agriculture. Goal is to leverage skills and authority for efforts to help the county in the ways that he can.	
5. Updates from Jon Green, Board of Supervisors, and Ilsa DeWald, Local	Iowa Food Systems Coalition Focus Group: A listing of focus groups are happening in the region (FPC, Iowa Young Farmers Coalition, Table to Table, Linn Co Food Systems Council). Working on collecting input and data to put together notes for the state. Women Food and Ag Network:	

Foods Coordinator	<p>Carmen Black at Sundog Farm is looking for a mentee to get information. If you know anyone reach out to Stephanie Enloe.</p> <p>Update from the State:</p> <p>HF2470 introduced to establish an artisanal butchery task force. HF 2322 introduced to change membership of the Local Food and Farm Program Council. Mike Naig proposing an expanded budget for Choose Iowa Value Added and Marketing Grant and Choose Iowa statewide branding.</p>	
6. Discuss Food Policy Council Annual Report and Working Group Updates	<p>FPC Annual Report: Cassidy has finalized a draft for the annual report after feedback from working groups. Covers strategic plan, forum, and the work being done by working groups. This will be shared out with FPC contacts and posted on the website.</p> <p>Hannah moves to adopt annual report. Will seconds. Approved unanimously.</p>	
7. Discuss Updates to Food Policy Council Strategic Plan	<p>Molly made space to discuss Goal #3, Objective #1 in the strategic plan.. Making a living in farming is difficult, so selling to institutions necessitates some advocacy for fair pricing for the growers who sell to them. In March or April, goal is to make amendments and finalize a new version. FPC members are encouraged to look back over the strategic plan and bring any issues up at the next meeting.</p>	
8. Discuss American Rescue Plan Act Recommendations	<p>Ilsa is working on a draft subrecipient agreement for the Veggie Rx program.</p> <p>Researching other community local food grants. Some information from Phoenix, AZ has been especially pertinent. Will mentions that smaller grants for individuals would be helpful to bring in other applicants. All funding must be tied to ARPA goals and must be approved through Board of Supervisors and must align with reporting. Molly added that not all funding from grants should be directly to food-related costs, but could also go to surrounding costs such as healthcare, childcare, student loans, etc that are providing barriers to farming. Should also be open to funding farmers outside of Johnson County that serve Johnson County residents.</p> <p>A working group for working on the local food grants was recommended by Will. This group would work on developing the local foods grant framework and also following up with applicants. There could be some measure of conflict of interest, but the FPC would only be crafting proposals that would then go to Board of Supervisors for final approval.</p> <p>Molly motions to start an ARPA working group. Bill seconds. Approved unanimously.</p>	
9. Discuss 2022 Food Policy Council Forum Date, Theme,	<p>The FPC Forum will be occurring online this year as well. Ilsa proposes that one working group (procurement, infrastructure, or proposed ARPA group) spearhead the planning and hosting of the forum. Molly suggests that the procurement and ARPA groups would make sense to host and plan the function, as both of those are timely. Looking towards a date around early June. Jon Green</p>	

and Guest Speakers	suggests that using ARPA funding as the centerpiece of the forum would perhaps not be the best timing. Possible working groups will discuss at next meetings the possibilities for planning.	
10. Discuss 2022 Food Policy Council Calendar	<p>a. Local Foods Roundtable: Transforming the Food System through Storytelling – Saturday, April 2, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <p>The Food Justice team is the planning committee, but there is an expectation that every member of the council is expected to contribute in a set-up, teardown, or facilitator role.</p> <p>b. Annual Public Forum 2022 – Date and Theme TBD</p> <p>Possibly early June. Molly suggests an evening weekday may be better than a weekend, as farmer’s markets and CSAs will be in full swing at that point. Theme will be determined by whatever working group decides to spearhead planning and will ideally be aligned with the work that they are doing.</p> <p>c. Update to the Board of Supervisors</p> <p>Leadership team will be scheduling this update about the FPC’s work to the Board of Supervisors.</p>	
11. Action Items & Agenda for Next Meeting	<p>Ilsa and Cassidy will send email to formalize ARPA working group.</p> <p>Sign-up for duties at FPC Roundtable event will go out before or at the March meeting.</p>	
Meeting adjourned by Molly at 7:45 pm		