

MEETING MINUTES  
FOOD POLICY COUNCIL  
May 12, 2014

Attendees:

Jen Dalton, Susan Lightfoot, Julie Puffer, April Cunningham, Dan Gjerde, Cliff Paulin, Sheilah Rogers, Tarney Sheldon, Terry d'Selkie, Benj Thomas, Patty Bruder

The meeting was called to order by Susan Lightfoot at 2:03 pm.

- I. Introductions were made. Everyone related their work to a goal in the Food Action Plan.
- II. Approve Minutes from April – Minutes are approved with amendments to the announcements ...
- III. Choose a new facilitator. Cliff Paulin will facilitate for the next 3 months, and Terry D'Selkie will do it October thru December. Susan Lightfoot is going to grad school in July so she will tender her resignation from the council at the end of this meeting.
- IV. Education Discussion.

In September meat processing might be a good topic. Tarney suggested the County Nutrition Action Plan as there is talk for October about a WIC awareness week, school food and CALFRESH conversations. Food Day is October 24. She suggested it would be neat to get the FPCs input into that process. Ask Megan Van Sant or Linda Helland to talk about the CNAP and the low income stats about food programs. Terry suggested a presentation from the Gardens Project. Maybe Steph can do it, as Miles will be gone. Or, April will speak on a summary of the 2-day Cottage Foods Workshop. April will look for someone at the training to talk. Susan will update us on the Food Hub process. So, this isn't her last meeting.

- V. Updates on Letters of Support
  - a. Terry's letter was pulled because she had many letters and didn't need more. Success.
  - b. We sent one to Noreen Evan's office as a letter of appreciation for her work on the GMO labeling work
  - c. We sent one to the Sustainable Law Economies Center to support the Neighborhood Food Act.

VI. Grant Application Update (Jen)

Ben & Jerry's Foundation did not ask for a full proposal. Jen talked with Patty Bruder about adding the FOPC into grant applications at NCO. Terry shared with us the Lexicon of Sustainability exhibit.

VII. MCOG Process Update (Cliff)

The Food Policy Council is working with the Mendocino Council of Governments because they got a grant to work on Local Food infrastructure. Cliff has met with each of the Cities individually ... to work on criteria for Cottage Food as a Use by Right. To come up with requirements so that if people meet certain requirements then they don't need to meet

Presenting city code amendments ...

Ukiah City Council July 2, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Willits City Council and BOS on July 22

Also identified was Community Gardens as Use by Right.

Other issues that have come up: Backyard Animals (Fort Bragg just updated their land use planning doc in April), in Ukiah you can't keep chickens without a \$500 administrator permit (so now clandestine chickens are regulated by complaint) ... we're talking about bringing Fort Bragg's standards to other cities (Chicken, ducks, bees). On County Planning and Building, they are under pressure to get some work through on the general plan so we are talking about helping them with the agriculture measures and move them along which are in line with the FAP. We are reconvening the whole group on Thursday at 10:30 ... we are looking at Santa Cruz and their Cottage Food and Petaluma re backyard animals ... if we get the go-ahead from planners we will work with the planners through the end of July.

Susan asked Cliff to talk about the troubles Jed has had regarding permitting his greenhouses. Apparently they need to be ADA compliant.

Dan Gjerde asked about building permits for hoop houses.

#### VIII. FAP Presentation Follow-up

- a. Ukiah City Council: May 28 (Miles, intergeneration learning)
- b. Board of Supervisors: July 22 (Cliff, Jen, invite Megan or Linda)
- c. Ukiah Mainstreet: June 5 (8 a.m., Jen)
- d. Ukiah Rotary: Cliff (May 20, noon, Walter Café)
- e. Healthcorps: Steph
- f. MCFARM: Scott
- g. EDFC: Scott
- h. Ukiah Women in Biz: Terry
- i. Farm Bureau: Jen
- j. Little Lake Grange: Jim and Michael F.
- k. MCHC: Jim
- l. College Culinary: Sheilah (presenting May 13 to 10 people on the advisory council)
- m. Farmer's Guild: Steph and Michael F.
- n. MCOE Superintendents: Terry on the Calendar for October
- o. NCO Board
- p. Fort Bragg School District (Pilar, Jennifer Owen)
- q. Fort Bragg City Council
- r. Mendocino Rotary
- s. Pt. Arena City Council (Jim Koogler, also on EDFC Board)

- II. Susan suggested with offer a quarterly report to the BOS and having that be a regular process. Dan Gjerde suggested the goal be quarterly (just schedule it with Tim with the help of a sponsoring Supervisor): July, October, January, April. If we do that, we would have to represent ourselves well and keep our work on each other's radar. Focus on the FAP and add piece about what specific projects are happening in the county. Patty suggested brief reports with once a year a longer report. The idea is that it can be anyone who is a voting member. Susan made a motion, Cliff seconded it
- III. Benj Thomas had an idea ... there is a possibility for community gardens to involved Hispanic kids and their grandparents who have ag skills to pass on knowledge and information. Patty said the magic of the community garden is more in the social aspect. Patty agreed we could work on telling that story.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by,

Jen Dalton  
Meeting Note Taker

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