



New Haven Food Policy Council

Meeting Minutes September 19, 2012

Attendees:

Fred Cofrancesco, Tagan Engel, Roberta Friedman, Anika Johnson, Frank Mitchell, Diana Richter, Maria Tupper

Sonja Ahuja, Kate Ballantine, Suzanne Beck, Jason Black, Catherine Bradshaw, Billy Bromage, Cara Donovan, Jeffie Frazier, Laura Mattaliano, Kate O'Shaughnessy, Ellen Pendergast, Caty Poole, Chris Randall, Alycia Santilli, Luray Shepard, Dawn Slade, Brian Springsteen, Evelyn Streater-Frizzle, Sarah Tracy-Wanck, Tiffany Ulrich, Melissa Waldron, Jason Weiner

Council member seat update:

- Alycia Santilli – Alycia's name has been submitted to the Mayor's office in nomination for membership on the Council.
- Introduced Dawn Slade, candidate for second open seat – Dawn is from New Haven; nutrition and health are personal lifelong interests. Passionate about educating people about healthy food. Founded *Nuts About Health*, nonprofit workshops about food and health. Also hosts *Going Nuts About Health*, cable TV show. NHFPC is #1 priority for her. M. Tupper made motion to nominate Dawn, R. Friedman second, A. Johnson third.
- Youth member – connections being made with ESUMS, Common Ground & Teach Our Children. New approach: to partner with existing youth groups, adult leaders who are working with youth groups, e.g., Brian's group (Youth Unleashed), involved in education and reform in NH school health campaign. Sarah (Common Ground) invested in food/food justice issues. Kids on-site at farm this summer – passionate, want to get involved. Color of Words video re: Big Food – other schools, youth groups. Trying to find youth member who will serve as part of school community service. Would be good if their school was in walking distance to downtown. Mostly high school students, but some who have graduated and are in community college/universities. Have youth seat on council be sophomore or junior, not senior for more continuity.

CEIO – Sonja Ahuja

- CEIO briefing by Sonja Ahuja.
- Separate stewardship for CitySeed and NHFPC. Need volunteers to be on committee, both council members and partners. Committee to meet a couple of for next four/five months. Contact via Tagan, Ellen Pendergast. Contact Sonja at 203.557.3730, sonjagai@optonline.net.
- Stewardship Team to meet for three hours a couple of times. First meeting will be short in order to concentrate on preparation for Food Summit.

Food Action Plan

- FAP is currently at designer. Obtained good input and specific comments from community, e.g., Safe Streets and Walkability issues. Will be printed for use at Food Summit but will be finalized afterward for submission to Board of Alders.
- Management team meetings – Maria presented the FAP to Westville meeting and to bioregional group. People were interested and its introduction was a revelation! Seeing changes being made, especially for kids. Interest in Food Summit too.
- Will continue outreach meetings after FS but big push prior. Will try to be at all CMT meetings. Billy explained feedback approach/poster/sticky notes. Encourage conversation,

sign in sheet with contact info to join working group. Interested in defining priorities and contact info to engage people in working groups. Boards will be shown at FS.

Food Summit - CRUNCH TIME!

- Confirm Attendance of all council members
- Sign up for working groups w/ Catherine
- Invitation list – sign up for direct conversations with alders and leaders
- Call for photos – Domingo Medina
- Cooking component – Nadine Nelson
- Catherine gave overview of Food Summit – cooking segment, Will Allen, working groups – urban ag, economic development, school food, emergency food, food education. Pledge to sign for a commitment. Youth involvement, color of words video, Nadine Nelson to coordinate cooking piece with local chefs (recipes geared to FAP items). Need facilitators for working groups! Good facilitators for \$200 stipend. From NH/of color. Please provide suggestions.
- Open to public but have a limited number of seats. Encouraging leadership to attend. Suggestion: food in Food Pantry for emergency food piece, fresh and other.
- Gardens: as much food as possible from local gardens. Donations with acknowledgment. Youth helpers. People signed up for working groups.
- Domingo involved in gardens – photos of gardens, cooking with kids in juvenile detention, emergency food place, illustrating what is working and how to ramp up. If people have photos, high res, please submit, or provide opportunities for photos to be taken. Link photographers up with photo ops.
- Funding approved! Kendall Foundation.
- Working groups – Catherine to send info to council members first, then others, for input.
- Circulated invite list for people to sign up to talk to people to get them to come

Big Stink

- Chris Randall -- event with Will Allen on 10/13. City wide garlic planting (harvest later on? Another opportunity). Common Ground, CitySeed, Solar Youth involved. Motivate and inspire kids around urban ag, growing own food. Circulate draft agenda – meeting at The Grove on 9/20 at 10AM. Two or three hours. Will Allen in New Haven until 2:00. Yale Sustainable Food Project involved/facilitating. Garlic planters, need help in whatever capacity.

Food Day

- Alycia -- Rosa DeLauro coming to see Big Food exhibit @ Peabody Museum on 10/24 (timing/details to come). Council to decide how to launch/unveil FAP at Food Day, and other developments that come out of Food Summit—commitments, plans for moving forward, promote council's work, etc.
- Tagan and Catherine to synthesize results of Food Summit.
- Marketing of Food Day events – Land Trust.

Website update:

- City Site has new URL -- www.NHFoodPolicyCouncil.org. Has been updated.
- New blog -- www.CityKitchenNH.org, "Cooking up change in New Haven" – inclusive forum for food movement in New Haven. Framework right now. Council and partners will be able to post photos, write blurbs, etc.
- Admin is currently Tagan – Caty Poole interested in becoming involved.

Next Food Policy Council Meeting
Wednesday October 17, 2012 - 8am - 9:45am
City Hall Meeting Room #3
Contact: info@nhfpc.org