



New Haven Food Policy Council

Meeting Minutes January 18, 2012

Member present: Diana Richter, Tagan Engel, Anika Johnson, Fred CoFrancesco, Roberta Friedman, Maria Tupper, James Beech, Anne Somsel, Luray Shepherd, Frank Mitchell

Affiliates: Billy Bromage, Sarah Labowe, Vrinda Manglik, Laura Mattaliano, Christine Dang Vu, Catherine Bradshaw, Joel Tolman, Sung In Johnson, Cara Donovan, Melissa Waldron, Nicole Berube

Welcome - January meeting facilitator – Diana Richter

CEIO (Co-creating Effective and Inclusive Organizations) Grant update – We were awarded a two-year grant!

- Funding for NHFPC, Food Systems Coordinator and Community Outreach
 - Awarded in partnership with CitySeed (fiduciary)
 - Award includes services: community leadership program, mission effectiveness, board development, organizational development, building effectiveness
 - Tagan has been hired by CitySeed to be the coordinator
 - Discussion of whether Tagan should remain Chair of FPC
 - Would make sense, but may change Chair's role
 - Could have co-chairs
 - Founder of FPC was also head of CitySeed, so there is precedent for person to have both roles
 - We're not sure how much the award will be (may be up to \$50k/year for two years)
 - CitySeed and NHFPC (Tagan has been hired by CitySeed in this role) will do community outreach; engage community in (possible) following ways:
 - Run community listening sessions; food justice centers
 - Expand our list of affiliate members
 - Create working groups that will help actuate the Food Action Plan recommendations (e.g. Urban Agriculture, Emergency Food Council)
 - Need to figure out how the Food Action Plan's recommendation to hire food coordinator will dovetail with this funding
 - Coordinator would know what's going on with working groups, CitySeed, and any other food-related groups in City
 - Possible seed money for youth initiative, emergency food

NHFPC member seat open - Moses Boone has resigned—thank you for your work with us, Moses!

- Need ideas for new member: people in () will contact
- Young children--approach New Haven Early Childhood Collaborative-(Catherine);
- Restaurant owner (Tagan)
- Reverend Tracy (Tagan will contact); or faith-based person
- Diabetes Prevention Program person (Anne)
- Elderly (Luray and Tagan)
- Process: if have connections to someone who may be interested, members should reach out, ask the person to submit paragraph on why they might want to be on Council.
- Need an alder (Tagan)

Food Action Plan – Update

- Committee is finishing the editing; will be sent out soon, ready to discuss next meeting
- Catherine will send updated version; we've incorporated feedback from members
- Need feedback from community organizations as well

Big Food Exhibit- Peabody Museum Opening Feb 11

- Yale Sustainable, Rudd Center, CARE partnered on this
- How the NHFPC would like to be involved (possibly including the Food Action Plan)—we can hold events there
 - Anne: Fair Haven Clinic will use Peabody for Gala Event to celebrate anniversary May 11th
 - Earth Day—we could piggyback on that
 - Will Allen from Milwaukee Growing Power—leading urban agriculture center
 - Potential funding to bring him here
 - Hold Food Summit in New Haven—Will Allen as keynote? (yes, if we're ready to move on an element of Food Action Plan)
 - Yale Sustainable may be interested—in the fall
 - Catherine will convene a group (Anika and Sara Labowe interested)
 - Suggestion: secure a date now for using museum
 - Tagan will find out what dates are available

Aetna grant

- Nicole, Sara, and Tagan will work on language with Rob

NHFPC Tasks and Assignments

- Set up Facebook page: Diana, Anika
 - Council approved Facebook page
 - We need an email address to link to Facebook page (info@nhfpc)
- Minutes: Roberta Friedman will be recorder, send out for comments to group, then Frank will post on website
- Text for website: Frank, Anika
 - Moses bought NHFPC.org from GoDaddy
 - Check status with Moses: Diana
- Brochure (InfoCard): Tagan, Roberta
- Annual Reports 2009-2011: needs to be filed before Food Action Plan is made public: Maria, Anne, Anika

Facilitator Schedule

- **Tagan will send out a template agenda**
Selection of NHFPC members to facilitate future meetings

NHFPC Meeting dates 2012:

February 15: **Maria**

March 21: **Anika**

April 18: **James**

May 16: **Tagan**

June 20:

July 18: **Fred**

September 19: **Frank**

October 17

November 21

December 19

Announcements:

- New Haven Farms-Community Meeting Announcement:

- Chatham Square Community Association meeting to get community input/approval to use 1.5 acre parcel of Quinnipiac River Park land for community farm
- Wednesday, January 18th 2012| 6 - 7 PM Mary Wade Home -118 Clinton Ave, New Haven 06513
- Text 62345, Life35 to support Common Ground to build new kitchen (Ikea grant)
- Yale Law Clinic is working on fast food report—how to use zoning
- Discussion: New book: The New Jim Crow: The Mass Incarceration of Black People in America. People cannot get public housing or food stamps once they're released from jail. Could we use the Law Clinic to do research on this? Is there something we could do as FPC? Raise awareness about it. Connect with Food Policy Councils around the country on this. Could use this as opportunity (through new grant) to draw in demographic we have not worked with (formerly incarcerated). Reentry Roundtable—out of Mayor's office. URI does job skills training for re-entry people.
- Discussion of CARES SNAP (formerly food stamps) outreach work (Billy Bromage): CARE wants to increase number of people receiving SNAP benefits; assessing what's happening currently; USDA gave grant to three organizations in CT to do outreach—CT Association for Human Services covers New Haven. CARE will work with them and other organizations (Faith communities, AARP, elderly housing etc.) to expand potential, create strategy for April or May. Focus on Dwight, Fair Haven and the Hill.
- January 24th event at Stop and Shop on Whalley: Healthy Kids' Summit. Need people to attend. Dairy Industry representative will be there to discuss supposed value of serving sugared milk in schools (New Haven doesn't). Tim Cipriano, Food Service Director, and Marlene Schwartz, Deputy Director of Rudd Center will present.

Next Food Policy Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 15, 2012 - 8:00 am - 9:45 am
City Hall Meeting Room #3