



# New Haven Food Policy Council

## Meeting Agenda

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November 18, 2009  
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
City Hall, Meeting Room 2

### In Attendance:

NHFPC Members – Phaedra Ebron, Tagan Engel, Diana Richter, Frank Mitchell, Erin Wirpsa Eisenberg.

Community – Sarah Couca, Becky Elias, Jeffrey Rapoport.

### 1. Old Business

- Approval of past minutes from NHFPC Meetings (6/18, 7/16, 9/17, 10/15) – for approval by email.
- Mission and Goals – review and finalize
  - Tagan Engel and Frank Mitchell will meet to finalize the mission statement and report back to the NHFPC at the December meeting.
- City of New Haven involvement – Updates on department meetings from Council.
  - Roberta Friedman and Erin Wirpsa Eisenberg met with Rob Smuts on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The goal was to discuss how the NHFPC council can learn more about each city department and how they might be involved in creating a healthy food system. The city is creating an Office of Sustainability. One focus will be food.
  - Roberta Friedman and Erin Wirpsa Eisenberg met with Dr. Asomugha of Community Services on October 26<sup>th</sup>. The goal was to discuss the community and public health aspects of a healthy food system.
  - Tagan Engel has contacted the Department of Purchasing and is scheduling a meeting time.
  - Frank Mitchell will contact the libraries.
  - Diana Richter will contact Livable Cities Initiative.
  - The NHFPC will confirm that Melina Shannon-DePietro will contact the Department of Public Works and that Linda Townsend-Maier will contact the City Plan Department. Diana Richter can meet with City Plan Department if Linda Townsend-Maier is unable to.
  - New Haven Executive Directive – Primer of departmental briefs
    - Tabled for the December meeting
  - Review brainstorm – develop recommendations for City
    - Tabled for the December meeting

### 2. New Business

- Report from Tagan Engel on National League of Cities Conference, November 13, 2009 San Antonio, TX
    - Community Services office asked the Council to attend National League of Cities to represent New Haven and speak on school food, wellness, and successful initiatives for families and children.
    - Many questions were asked about the economic impact of purchasing local food. This may be something the NHFPC can explore in the future.
    - It would be helpful for the NHFPC to create a brochure.
3. Announcements and updates
- Working Group on School Food
    - Many parents were in attendance at the last WGSF meeting on November 12th.
    - What are the goals and objectives from the NHFPC and the District –wide Wellness Committee for the WGSF?
    - It is useful for the WGSF to be a community based group working closely with, but housed separately from, the City and the Board of Education.
    - CitySeed is exploring possible funding opportunities for the WGSF.
  - Grocery store location at Church and State Street
    - Frank Mitchell will explore the status of a grocery store opening at Church and State Street and will provide an update to the Council at the December meeting.
  - Council members' updates
    - Jeff Rapoport: NHPS has reached out to Friends of Boulder Knoll to use farmland in Cheshire for educational purposes. Jeff is interested in helping facilitate. The land available can be used for agriculture and passive recreation.
      - How can the NHFPC help advocate for use of the farm?
    - Erin Wirpsa Eisenberg: On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Tim Cipriano and Erin Wirpsa Eisenberg toured the Food Service Program and farm run by Baltimore Public Schools to explore the idea of our school district having a farm.
    - Diana Richter: DESK held a successful fundraiser, and installed a new convection oven
    - Tagan Engel: The New Haven Community Cookbook is near completion.
    - Phaedra Ebron: The Food Bank will have extended hours through the holiday season.
4. Adjournment

**Next Meeting: December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**8:00 am - 10:00pm, Meeting Room 3, City Hall**