



New Haven Food Policy Council

Meeting Agenda

April 16, 2009
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
City Hall, Meeting Room 3

In Attendance:

NHFPC Members - Phaedra Ebron, Tagan Engel, Roberta Friedman, Jennifer McTiernan, Frank Mitchell, Diana Richter, Melina Shannon-DiPietro, Linda Townsend-Maier
Community - Becky Elias (staff), Laena Orkin (student intern)

1. Welcome, review agenda

2. Old Business

- Approval of minutes from NHFPC Meeting on 2/19/09, and review minutes from 3/19/09: Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.
- NHFPC Intern Laena Orkin
 - The Rudd Center is funding a full time, summer intern position to assist the New Haven Food Policy Council. Laena, a first-year Yale graduate student in the School of Public Health, will begin working in mid May. She will research the work of Food Policy Councils nationwide, and draft a food policy for the city of New Haven. Additionally, she will research how improvements to the New Haven food system can be achieved through collaboration with a variety of local government departments, and begin making contact with those departments.
 - Roberta and Laena will identify measurable goals and outcomes for the summer.
- CitySeed Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Grant
 - i. NHFPC involvement and ideas for CitySeed
 - CitySeed submitted a brief proposal to the Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities RWJF grant and was invited to submit a full proposal (due May 13th).
 - The brief proposal included writing a Food Policy for the City of New Haven.

- The grant will allow CitySeed to increase staff time for the Council to implement the New Haven Food Policy.
- Next step: Becky and Roberta will meet to develop the proposal and letter of support for the grant.
- Mission and Goals - review
 - Tagan and Frank have been working on the language for the Council's mission and goals, and will share the draft with the Council prior to the next meeting. The language will be discussed further at that point.
- Proposal of new members, updates of contacts
 - The NHFPC meetings are public meetings, and we encourage interested community members to attend the meetings.
 - Diana has been in touch with the Manager of C-Town and is waiting to hear from them. Diana will also contact Standard Beef at Long Wharf.
 - Phaedra has been in touch with a member of the New Haven Women's Club, and will explore a connection to someone at Stop and Shop.
 - Linda will contact Shaws to see if someone from their team is interested in being on the Council.

3. New Business

- New Haven Health Policy Committee
 - i. Connection to NHFPC and possible connections with Council and with RWJF ideas
 - Roberta is a member of this newly-formed Mayor's Committee and will bring the Council's issues to the discussion.
 - The Health Council is working on a mission statement and goals, and is considering focusing on food access, obesity, and nutrition issues.
- Arts and Ideas involvement
 - The NHFPC can use space at the CitySeed/New Haven Community Cookbook table at the event.
 - The NHFPC will put together a 1-page flyer about the Council for distribution at the food panel on the 17th and the tabling event on the 20th.
- Next Steps

- i. One- or two-year plan
 - Jennifer, Melina, and Roberta will meet to develop a plan to present to the Council.
 - Meeting Idea
 - i. NHFPC site visits – In next few months, we will extend the meeting time by 30 minutes, and as a group tour the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, and the Yale Farm.
 - ii. Once the Food Policy is complete, we will propose to take the Board of Aldermen on a food tour of New Haven.
4. Announcements and updates
- Working Group on School Food
 - i. WGSF Garden Committee is working with Barnard School to develop their school garden/outdoor classroom. They have hired a garden coordinator.
 - ii. The group will join Food Service Director Tim Cipriano to coordinate an Appreciation Event for NHPS Food Service Workers.
 - iii. The group will help NH Public Schools to promote, and increase participation in, the summer meal program.
 - Common Ground High School is developing a Food Studies reading group.
 - The Rudd Center is working on soda taxes and zoning policies.
 - CT Food Bank will be shifting to hybrid trucks for distribution. The Food Bank will be running a summer supper program, feeding 100 kids an evening, 4 nights a week for 6 weeks, beginning July 6th. The Food Bank will be participating in Taste of the Nation.
 - DESK upcoming events: April 30, Yale Dining Services Spring Dinner, May 9th, Drag Show III.
 - Yale Sustainable Food Project: April 24th, Jack Hitt Last Day of Classes Pig Roast.
 - CitySeed: The LSO Clinic and Jennifer McTiernan are meeting with Rosa DeLauro in early May to talk about the SEEDS pilot program. CitySeed will be moving offices in May.

5. Adjournment

Next Meeting: May 21th, 2009
8:30 am - 10:30pm, Meeting Room 3, City Hall