

Johnson County Food Policy Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 25, 2019
Johnson County Administration Building, 1st Floor Betty Sass Conference Room
913 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Attending Appointed Members: Chris Fortenbach, Craig Syrop, Dean Colony, Giselle Bruskewitz, Jessica Burttt Fogarty, Jill Irvin, Kristy Walker, Liz Maas, Michael Wilson, Morgan Weiss, Ron Bohnenkamp, Stephen Trefz

Attending Ex-Officio Members: Ilsa DeWald, Pat Heiden, Erik Gustafson, Mara Cheney

1. Call to Order (6:00 PM)
2. Introductions
3. Approve February Minutes 2019
 - a. Moved Jill Irvin, Second Craig Syrop, Approved Unanimously
4. General Updates and discussion from Pat Heiden, Board of Supervisors, and Ilsa DeWald, Local Foods Coordinator
 - a. Pat Heiden
 - i. Board approved Budget
 - ii. to raise Minimum wage
 - iii. Court House remodeling continues
 - iv. Watching state legislation
 - v. SB185 is being monitored (weight on county bridges)
 - vi. UDO is getting back under reveries, Look @ County calendar for times
 - b. Ilsa DeWald
 - i. Update on Local Food Metrics, UI Data Analytics Student Project
 1. Working on finding data and exploring how to share it
 2. Present to BOS in first part of May
 - a. How can we keep these data processes intact after students leave. This would rest on Lisa's desk
 - b. Objective is to come up w/ a library of resources to begin to build a data base to show outcomes
 - c. Leopold Center while no longer funded the information still is available
 - ii. 21 Day Racial Equity Habits Building Challenge
 1. April 1 - April 21 you can sign up for daily emails. This would be a nice way to bring Food Equity to the fore for the Council
 2. Giselle + Morgan volunteered to take some leadership roles
 3. Ilsa will send out a link
 - iii. Council seats open for appointment in July 2019 applications due May 23, 2019
5. Discuss Public Forum Outcomes + Future Forums
 - a. Surveys are back which for the most part were positive. Data is not tabulated.
 - b. General comments and Feed back
 - i. Very good but preaching to the choir so how can we reach more of the community? Consider using the Fair and have an educational night. DPO might be another venue. Rotary might be another source to get information out and receive feedback. Should we experiment w/ new venues and formats instead of the Forum. How can we use

Social Media as well which entails how to maintain it and are we still preaching to the choir.

1. Kristi notes she may have access to students to run this on an ongoing process
 2. Consider a pilot of this. Would need a board liaison to help stay connected.
Kristi will present a proposal
 3. Health Department shared they have a platform that could be used as a pilot as well. Kristi will coordinate w/ health department
 4. Ilsa notes that piggy backing on the Johnson County page might be less labor intensive and would be an opportunity to get beyond our choir
 5. Consider partnering w/ other groups, another event
 6. Explore how we can build more coalitions to expand audience
 7. How can we take the forum to the people?
 - a. How can we build on members connections to build coalitions?
 8. Liz noted that the Climate Change Coalition would be a good partnership for their next big conference.
 9. Invite City Councils, PDS staff
 10. Look to do it on a farm
 11. Invite vendors to the Stage
 12. Field to Family event is a format that might be explored
 13. How many times should we put on a presentation?
 14. Will revisit this and look @ how we can improve coalitions, partnerships and achieve our objectives to a larger audience
6. Discuss Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance Drafts
- a. Agricultural Labor Camps
 - i. 240 days was received well as well as name change recommendations.
 - ii. May want to look for language for smaller operations and how can this be for a year round time frame.
 - iii. Advocate to eliminate 240 day time limit
 - b. Animal Husbandry
 - i. Add other category by using an average weight formula
 - ii. Need to drop horse under slaughter because of federal law
 - iii. Animal Units discussion
 1. 2500 animal units and this brings concerns about poultry (brick and mortar facility) annual
 2. Discussion about getting a larger sample size to get better data to expand this niche that is needed.
 - c. Fermented Beverages
 - i. Should allow food produced on site for local foods
 - d. Home Industries
 - i. New number being proposed for customers per month would be 2000-3000.
 - e. Special Events
 - i. Recommendations were well received and taking out the middle category
 - ii. Eliminate the listing of Uses: Farm Meals
 1. Need to be careful how restrictive this could be interpreted
 - f. Please send comments to Ilsa on other issues
7. Priorities and Working Groups: TABLED

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:02