

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Johnson County Food Policy Council Meeting</p> <p><b>Date:</b> May 17, 2021</p>	<p><b>Time:</b> 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Zoom</p>	<p><b>Note taker:</b> Will Kapp</p> <p><b>Members In Attendance:</b> Ayman Sharif, Bill Weedman Jr, Giselle Bruskewitz, Hannah Shultz, Joe Klingelhut, Mike Roelf, Molly Schintler, Will Kapp</p> <p><b>Ex Officio:</b> Ilsa DeWald, Cassidy Beamer, Rod Sullivan</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> N/A</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Chris Fortenbrach, Debbie Klein, Jill Irvin, Keshia Fields, Kristy Walker, Liz Maas</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items – Due Date
<b>Meeting Called to Order by Giselle at 6:04 PM</b>		
<b>Minutes Approval</b>	<p>Motion: Will</p> <p>Second: Molly</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous</p>	
<b>1. Introductions</b>	<p>In lieu of introductions, Ayman told about the community's celebration of Eid al-Fiter this year. In past years, the community has celebrated in a single location, but because of the growing Muslim population in the Iowa City area and Covid-19 restrictions, there were two separate celebrations in the area. Understanding the growing and changing populations of the area is important to framing our discussions and goals, especially in a meeting where we are discussing the strategic plan that will shape our work for years to come.</p>	
<b>2. Discuss Food Policy Council 2021 Forum</b>	<p>Council members shared their biggest takeaways from the Food Policy Council meeting. Subjects included the importance of Hai talking about cultural appropriation as it related to food; the importance of representation in circles of leadership to avoid ignorance and missteps re: cultural inclusion and respect; new voices in the conversation, specifically the attendee Ruba who discussed the limited availability and high price of halal meat in the area; the importance of helping new businesses promote themselves and be a part of the community, especially businesses created by people new to the community.</p>	

<p><b>3. Discuss Food Policy Council Strategic Planning Draft</b></p>	<p>Structure and main ideas have been solidified in a draft of the Food Policy Council Strategic Plan with additional work put in by the FPC Leadership Team and Ilsa and Giselle particularly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Structure consists of a vision and mission statement followed by three large goals. Within these goals there are objectives to meet these goals with strategies to meet each individual objective.</li> <li>● Timelines, deadlines and specific work will begin to take shape after the structure of the draft has been reviewed and finalized.</li> <li>● ‘Comments on Strategic Planning draft are due to Giselle or Ilsa by Memorial Day.</li> <li>● “This is the document that will guide our work in the coming years” - Giselle</li> </ul> <p>Breakout rooms split up to begin to think about our responses to the Strategic Plan as a council. Asked to think of 5 different stakeholders in the community and how they are served, or not, by this strategic plan. After breakout rooms the following comments were shared back to the whole group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Prioritize the increase of spaces and opportunities for stakeholders in the community to come together and talk.</li> <li>● What is the role of community organizations that already exist? What can we do to facilitate connection between these groups?</li> <li>● What role can we play in advocating for the organization of food service employees? Supporting organizations, providing a platform to BoS, etc?</li> <li>● Goal 2 &amp; 3 overlap quite a bit. Could they be combined? A new goal added?</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>--Break--</b></p>	
<p><b>4. Updates from Rod Sullivan, Board of Supervisors, and Ilsa DeWald, Local Foods Coordinator</b></p>	<p>Rod:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There has been an increase in the discussion of the creation of “Agri-hoods” in Johnson County, specifically from real estate folks, a group that has plenty of experience with the neighborhood aspect, but less so with the agricultural side. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Comment from Molly: Avoid pitfalls of these developments that have been seen in neighboring counties.</li> <li>○ Future guest speaker about this possibility in Johnson County?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Ilsa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Applications are open to be a member of the FPC until June 15. Due to gender balance rules, a preference is given to male or non-binary members, but in absence of those applicants anyone will be considered.</li> <li>● Farm-to-Street Dinner beneficiary applications have been extended until Thursday, May 20.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A state-level coalition including Iowa New Ag Vision/Good Food Charter are meeting to begin to think about what an Iowa Agricultural Charter would look like. Michigan is currently reviewing theirs, which has now been in effect for ten years.</li> <li>• Special election to fill a vacant seat on the Board of Supervisors is set for June 8. In addition to voting in your precinct on election day, there will be early voting at the Johnson County Administrative Building and also at the Iowa City, Coralville and North Liberty libraries.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Discuss Meeting Format and Event Calendar for 2021</b></p>	<p>Meeting Format</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In light of CDC recommendation that vaccinated people do not need to wear masks, what should we do about meetings? At some point, the state of emergency will be lifted by the Governor and there will be a mandate to have physically accessible meetings, although that does not mean that virtual attendance would not be possible for some.</li> <li>• Comment made that hybrid meetings are important for accessibility issues and getting out of town guest speakers, but they also tend to be less than desirable for either the in-person attending or the virtual attendees depending on the set-up.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: Ayman had to leave meeting at 7:30 and quorum was lost. The meeting continued, but we were not able to vote on anything.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location can be determined by group, does not need to be at Johnson County building. Important to keep in mind ADA accessibility for meetings.</li> <li>• Meetings will continue remotely until a change is necessitated.</li> </ul> <p>Event Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Johnson County Fair will be held in person and there is an expectation that FPC would table at the county table.</li> <li>• Other events? Tabling at Farmer’s Market (not just downtown Iowa City), Arts/Jazz Fest, Solon Beef Days, Regina Fun Fest, Non-Iowa City town festivals (Lone Tree Days), Community Pancake Breakfasts</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Working Groups Report Out</b></p>	<p>Groups meeting again after FPC Forum to regroup and continue with work</p>	
<p><b>Meeting adjourned by Giselle at 7:56 PM</b></p>		