

<p>Purpose: Johnson County Food Policy Council Meeting</p> <p>Date: 10.18.21</p>	<p>Time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p>Location: Johnson County Administration Building - Betty Sass Conference Room 913 S. Dubuque St. Iowa City, IA 52240 and Zoom Option</p>	<p>Note taker: Joe Klingelhutz</p> <p>Members In Attendance: Bill Weedman Jr, Debbie Klein, Deborah Kuiken, Giselle Bruskewitz, Hannah Shultz, Joe Klingelhutz, Keshia Fields, Molly Schintler,</p> <p>Ex Officio: Ilsa DeWald, Rod Sullivan, Cassidy Beamer</p> <p>Guests: Kai Kaiser, Diane Platte, Derek Tate, Olivia Bohlmann</p> <p>Absent: Mike Roelf, Will Kapp, Kristy Walker, Ayman Sharif</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items – Due Date
Meeting Called to Order by Giselle @ 6pm		
Minutes Approval	Molly - Motion Hannah -Second Approved Unanimously	
1. Introductions	Go around and introduce yourself. Say working group role and favorite thing about autumn.	
2. Food Policy Council Leadership Elections	Multiple positions are open or can be voted on - Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary There were no challenges to Vice Chair, Chair, or secretary. Hannah Nominated to Outreach and Events Chair by Molly and voted unanimously by group. Vote to move same leadership positions for Vice Chair, Chair, Secretary	
3. Updates from Rod Sullivan and Ilsa	Rod: BoS talking a lot about what to do with ARPA funding. There are a lot of desires and requests right now. Johnson County has \$14.6 million available. Another \$14.6 million to come in May. There may be \$200-250 million worth in needs here. It has been difficult to determine where the money should go. Rod understands that there has been hope for local food needs. Local foods may be able to acquire \$200K for “local food access”. Some of this money could go to Communal kitchen infrastructure. Going to table ARPA funding discussion until after the break	If you want to further support Farm to Early Care there is a link in the discussion document shared with the group.

	<p>Ilsa: Powerpoint Presentation.</p> <p>State Grants available:</p> <p>Butchery Innovation Fund - Application is open</p> <p>Value added Ag and increase marketing program for businesses and nonprofits. A dollar for dollar match. People should capitalize on this so that future funding can be made available through interest. Due Dec 15</p> <p>Federal Grants available:</p> <p>Pandemic Response and Safety Grant Program - Specialty crop producers and processors, distributors, and farmers markets. Due Nov 22</p> <p>State of IA Fall Policy Summit - Focus on Local food system. November 2 1-3pm</p> <p>State and Federal Advocacy from Johnson County - Johnson County Priorities List Due Nov 1. Please send ideas to Ilsa by Oct 27</p>	
<p>4. Presentation and Q&A with Rob Thul, Johnson County Public Health Environmental Health Specialist</p>	<p>Ilsa: The infrastructure working group has been talking a lot about what processing needs are in the county. The Public Health Dept provides consultations about what is required.</p> <p>Rob:</p> <p>Food Protection Program. Iowa Dept of Inspections and Appeals.</p> <p>Showed a map of Iowa Map and where there are Local Food Program Contracts and where the State covers.</p> <p>What the Food Protection Program Does:</p> <p>Consultations and educational services, Issuing Licenses, Conducting inspections</p> <p>Investigating complaints</p> <p>Why? To keep people safe - help establishments maintain high standards, ensure food workers are properly trained, confirm establishments are adhering to the Food Code</p> <p>Anyone wanting to sell or serve food to the public must obtain the appropriate license and comply with the Iowa Food Code and FDA Food Code</p> <p>Potential challenges for new entrepreneurs - sometimes simply...basic info. Just give Rob a call :)</p> <p>Commissary Kitchens</p> <p>Challenges for Inspector:</p>	

	<p>Not being able to help entrepreneurs align with specific license type; Trying to help explain the license requirements without dampening their business plan; Finding person's operating without a license, when one is needed.</p> <p>Take the public survey!</p> <p>Rob is happy to answer any questions if you would like to call - 319-356-6040</p>	
<p>5. Break</p>		
<p>6. Discuss American Rescue Plan Act Recommendations</p>	<p>Internal Project Requests Moving Forward:</p> <p>Minority Owned Business Grant Program \$500,000</p> <p>Nonprofit infrastructure \$2 Mil</p> <p>Payments to workers ineligible for previous relief programs \$2 Mil</p> <p>Wage Theft Recovery Program \$50K</p> <p>Commercial Kitchen at JCHPF \$1 Mil</p> <p>Partial funding of JCHPF broadband, exhibits, land managements projects at JCHPF</p> <p>Support Local Foods Initiatives in Johnson County to increase food security and access to healthy, local options \$200K</p> <p>Rod: If there is something that is not ready and primed it can be funded the next round in May 2022. Not entirely sure if future grants will be federal or state level</p>	
<p>7. Food Policy Council Working Groups Discussion</p>	<p>Equipment Sharing has been disbanded - has reached its goal and is recommended to the BoS. now waiting on next steps from the board</p> <p>Marketing lost Jill Irvin who stepped down from the Council. Now only Hannah and Keshia. Keshia is moving away from the county and is leaving the Council. Thanks to Keshia for being an active member of the council.</p> <p>Is there a desire to disband the Marketing team? Or to reimagine it?</p> <p>Molly: Marketing subcommittee has always taken the leadership role in events. Would be nice to see a shift and see other committees step up and take on more accountability.</p> <p>Two groups are shifting - Infrastructure and Food Justice. We are also looking for new council members in general.</p> <p>What role can the council play in discovering opportunities for health care for farmers? Molly and Kristy have shown interest. Kristy will be coming back to full council at the end of year?</p>	

	<p>Everyone is interested in staying where they are. A majority of the Equipment share group is not in attendance and may be interested in moving to a different group or starting a new group.</p> <p>New working group ideas - Engagement, Health Care for Farmers</p>	
<p>8. Discuss 2022 Food Policy Council Calendar</p>	<p>Need to switch meeting dates for January and February. Check the agenda calendar for future set dates.</p> <p>Looking for ideas for Local Food Roundtable and Public Forum. Everyone will help with the forum but the working group that aligns with the theme will steer the event agenda.</p> <p>Coralville food pantry is having an event Nov 9th. Anyone in the community can participate.</p> <p>State Policy recommendations should be sent to Ilsa</p>	<p>State Policy recommendations</p> <p>Ideas of new membership?</p> <p>Public Health Survey</p> <p>Ideas for new working groups?</p>
<p>9. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Nov 15th</p>	
<p>10. Meeting adjourned by Giselle at 8:03 PM</p>		