

**Colorado Springs Food Policy Advisory Board Minutes**  
**August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017; 8:30am – 10:30AM**  
**704 E. Boulder, 80903**

**Mission:**

Foster a healthy and resilient local food system that contributes to economic vitality, healthy food access and environmental sustainability in Colorado Springs and El Paso County.

**In Attendance:**

Aubrey Day, Megan Andreozzi, Johnathan Shankland, Sabrina Cotta, Jyotsna Khattri, Clarissa Dominguez, Joanna Zaremba, David Geislinger, Kelley Vivian, Tom Gonzales

**Updates/Follow-up**

- Beehives
  - Sabrina talked to Jill and Andy and they think they have enough council support to deregulate the bee hives and/or make it a really simple ordinance and say two beehives are allowed for 2500 square feet with no other details. The beehive ordinances across the country are all the same because they essentially state best practices for bee keepers.
- Social Media – Megan/Nanna
  - Megan will do Instagram. Nanna will do Facebook. Clarissa will share Instagram posts on Facebook.
- Website – Sophie/Clarissa/Sabrina
  - Sabrina said we can have an outside page, so we can have a little more flexibility on design. One category will be policy, one will be resources for farmers. Goal is to have all the information gathered by September. New website will be a place to house any promotional videos, etc.
- Cottage Food Permit – Sabrina/Aubrey
  - City is not going to change the cost of the permit. \$120 one-time fee. Aubrey said there is some pushback from the County because of the difference between cottage foods and food permits. Public Health can push back to try to make them separate. Megan suggested what if they be free, and citizens would just register.
  - David said Sarah Johnson, City Clerk would be the person to contact about the permitting fee. Megan said she would contact her.
- Mission Trace Shopping Center
  - Megan said she met with Mathew and that he got questions answered to move the project forward. Next step is a broader community meeting for more input/feedback. Waiting on Mathew to figure out time/location.
- Broadmoor
  - Looking at September for a tour in the morning or late evening. Johnathan suggested we give Krista some info we are wanting to glean from the visit.

**9:00am – 10:00am – PlanCOS Food Policy Board Proposal**

- The group all gave feedback. Megan will make group edits and send them to Johnathan. Aubrey will send out info from organizations that have looked at lots of comprehensive plans, so we will have some standard language to use.
- We will table the visual for now. Johnathan will add any language from the Albuquerque food plan and comprehensive plans.
- Megan will get edits to the group by end of day next Wednesday or Thursday morning. Megan will start talking to the 35 stakeholders we identified about the proposal to see if they would sign it.
- Nanna will use the draft proposal as a conversation tool with a group of students.

**Food System Assessment**

- Aubrey shared a draft report from Phase 1 of the regional food system assessment. The assessment could be a key piece to help sell local food to the PlanCOS steering committee.
- David suggested that the County present the Phase 1 as soon as possible.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**September 8th, 8:30AM – 10:30AM**

**ON GOING ITEMS:**

**Schedule of events for presenting/introducing our board:**

Downtown Partnership Membership Meeting  
Pikes Peak Environmental Forum – October (last Friday of the month)  
Closing Food Assessment – Food and Wine Dinner (CC/Helen Hunt/Antlers)

- Fact sheets:
  - Procurement - Lyn
  - Farm to Institution-Nanna

- Backyard Gardening-Clarissa
- Fair Food-Sophie
- Food Literacy-Nanna
- Farm/Rancher-tabled it for now
- Local Food/CSA - Nanna
- El Paso County Food Systems Assessment - How can we help, if at all?
- Seeds – Keep this in the conversation!
- City Median – Sponsored by FPAB
- Olympic Training Center
- Meetings set with County Commissioners/City Council Members
- Beehive Ordinance
- How can we place "local food" in the city plans for next year? Tie them to transportation?
  - Food sovereignty - How are our goals aligned with the rest of Colorado initiatives?
  - Quarterly network calls - LiveWell Food Policy Network (discuss and divide)
  - Closing Food Assessment – Local food wine dinner
  - Survey Questions – Sent to Food System Assessment with these added questions:
    - What is your form of transportation?
    - Where is your local grocery store that you shop? How far of distance from your home?
    - What is your neighborhood?
- Social Media Schedule: ONCE a week, monthly groups decide who does instagram/facebook
  - August - Megan/Nanna
  - September - Johnathan/Robert
  - October - Clarissa/Sophie
  - November - Joanna/Lyn
  - December - Megan/Nanna

#### Urban Agriculture and Land Use

DEFINE: The urban farm and homesteading group will focus on defending and expanding the rights of homesteaders in this city through policy identification and policy change.

-Subcommittee will work with Media group to connect/communicate with urban farmers and homesteaders to receive feedback/suggestions for policy change

-Promotes urban farm and homesteading events and info on the website, facebook page, and through other promotional materials.

-Develop urban homesteading/farming comprehensive plan for 2017-2018

#### Food Literacy

DEFINE: The literacy group focuses mainly on education rather than policy. They promote nutrition, local food, and cooking skills through celebratory event and educational campaigns.

-Works with schools to promote food literacy in classrooms

-Plans events that promote nutrition, local food, and cooking education

-Develop city literacy comprehensive plan for 2017-2018

#### Rural Policy

DEFINE: The rural policy group is the main advocate for rural farmers and bridges the physical distance between rural and urban in order to promote the benefits of rural production in our city.

-Identifies the benefits of rural farming to our city, bridging the physical and communication barrier between rural farmers and urbanites.

-Connects with rural farmers to learn about policy challenges and barriers they are facing.

-Working with Media subcommittee, spreads awareness of these issues and promotes resources/knowledge of rural farming through facebook, website, and other promotional materials.

-Works with rural farmers to develop a comprehensive rural farming plan for 2017-2018

#### Backyard Farming

#### Community Retail/Economic Growth

DEFINE: The community retail group focuses on promoting and enabling local procurement in our city.

-Identifies policy, bureaucratic, and educational barriers that inhibit retail of local foods from the perspective of restaurateurs, farmer's markets, local grocery stores, etc.

-Researches procurement in other cities to develop a guiding model for our city.

-Develops a comprehensive community retail plan for 2017-2018.

#### Communication/Media

DEFINE: The communication/media group works with all other subcommittees to develop promotional material for the FPAB and our initiatives.

- Keeps up steady communication with other subcommittees to develop and deliver promotional materials.
- Regularly updates website and facebook page, and makes recommendations for changes.
- Works to promote FPAB events and spread knowledge of group through social media, poster campaigns, and local newspaper postings/articles.