

Food Policy Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
PPRBD, 2880 International Circle
A&B Conference Room
August 5, 2016
8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Aubrey Day, Tom Gonzales, Lauren Erdman, Jonathan Berry, Christine Patterson, Nanna Meyer, Clarissa Dominguez, Lyn Harwell, Barbara Bates, Jacquelyn Puett

Clarissa Dominguez provided an update on social media for the Board and policy pieces/issues for the Board's webpage.

Topics to potentially be included were: Graywater – making sure that local guidelines mirror state guidelines. Tom Gonzales offered to review the guidelines prior to publishing; Cottage foods; and Domestic well, groundwater quality, and water quality in the region.

A Live Well policy audit tool was mentioned as a resource to assist.

Nanna Meyer reviewed feedback that she requested and received for the Strategic Plan: The agricultural committee agreed to work on a joint plan; slaughterhouse regulations; including hospital and prison facilities; getting ex-officio members/representatives from hospitals; focusing on policy issues for the FPAB plan.

Other topics discussed: A new vision statement; are policies the same for El Paso County and City of Colorado Springs; tier pricing water for community gardens; urban gardening piece; food energy water nexus paper; food rescue – employment, jobs, and food access.

The LA Food Policy Council was presented by Lyn Harwell as an example of a food council that was affecting real change. They had strong policies and enacted ordinances.

Nanna Meyer will incorporate feedback/suggestions into Plan and will coordinate with the sustainability group to potentially move forward with the policy plan.

Aubrey Day announced that there was a network of food policy groups throughout the state of Colorado and that the network would like to hold a meeting in Colorado Springs. The Citizens Service Center was suggested as well as the Southeast YMCA with catering by Seeds or Aspen Point.

Jacquelyn Puett stated that there were two applications to fill vacancies on the Board. Interviews would be arranged and conducted. City staff would also work with Ryan Trujillo to accommodate future meetings at the City's Sustainacenter off Boulder/El Paso streets.

Lyn Harwell announced that Seeds, working with Vocational Rehab, had taken over the café in the County Courthouse. The courthouse had 500 employees, 900,000 visitors passing through every year along with 300,000 jurors. It is called the "Seeds Courthouse Café."

Nanna mentioned that the CSAs had lost their shares due to the suspension of Venetucci's watering at the farm.

Tom Gonzales said that the School of Mines was testing water quality in the Security/Widefield area in order to obtain the correct science. In addition, the state toxicologist was to provide an update on water quality for the Security/Widefield/Fountain locations.

The Board discussed a grant from the Colorado Health Foundation. The County was willing to be the lead applicant. CDPHE was willing to administer the grant and hire a graduate student. A student from PPCC was also suggested.