

Food Policy Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
City of Colorado Springs Sustainacenter
704 E. Boulder Avenue
September 9, 2016
8:00 a.m.

Attendance: Megan Andreozzi, Jenna Moore, Rebecca Lamoreux, Clarissa Dominguez, Barbara Bates, Sophie Javna, Christine Patterson, Jonathan Berry, Robert Switzer, Lyn Harwell, Tom Gonzales, Jacquelyn Puett.

Megan Andreozzi provided an update on her presentation on Cottage Foods to the Planning Commission for the City of Colorado Springs. She reported that two main concerns were code enforcement and parking. Despite the concerns, following her presentation, the Commission recommended approval of the item.

The Board approved meeting minutes through email prior to the meeting.

Lyn Harwell proposed collecting apples from the City's trees in front of the Administration Building and making applesauce to serve at the Seeds Café.

The FPAB's Facebook page was active and being reviewed by City Communications; guidelines were discussed by Sophie Javna and Clarissa Dominguez. City staff was to make the webpage improvements using the resource links provided.

Eileen Gonzalez offered to attend the October 7 meeting to discuss how the goals and objectives of the FPAB and the Strategic Plan fit into the City's comprehensive planning goals.

The Board requested that City staff create a generic city email for comments/questions from citizens. The email should be redirected to Ms. Andreozzi's email account for response.

There was discussion surrounding the Board's potential activities and creating an awareness of the Board's existence and contribution to regional goals. Tom Gonzales stated that El Paso County was also conducting a strategic plan process and that it would be a good time to incorporate the FPAB's goals and objectives into that plan.

Citizen comment through "Speakup," community meetings/a forum to build awareness, redefining the working groups, and creating a one-page fact sheet were also topics of conversation

Mr. Gonzales announced that \$10,000 had been secured to work with Liv Well to get Food Systems Assessment and that would assist with policy understanding. Also, the Colorado Health Foundation had grant opportunities. The application deadline was October 15.

Sophie Javna said that she felt it was vitally important to get the Board membership squared away and also sub-working groups.

Aubrey Day was absent, but Ms. Andreozzi gave an update on Colorado Food Policy Meeting Nov. 2-4, Wed through a Friday.

Jonathan Berry and Clarissa Dominguez's one-year terms expired on August 28. They both expressed a desire to serve again.

City staff recommended having future briefings from critical staff members, i.e. Aimee Cox, Ryan Trujillo, etc. regarding topics related to food policy in the region. There was a consensus by the Board to schedule the briefings for future meetings.

Next meeting – October 7, 2016

The Board decided to combine the November and December Board meetings into one meeting on November 11, 2016. The update will be made on the webpage.

Adjournment – 9:53 a.m.