

Marin Food Policy Council
Meeting Notes

December 4, 2012

[HHS campus](#)

3240 Kerner Blvd., San Rafael, CA 94901

Attending:

Alexandra Danino, Bonnie Nielsen, David Lewis, Denise Trevino, Gueidi Beltran, Janet Brown, Leah Smith, Liza Crosse, Miguel Villarreal, Nancy Johnson, Orlando Zepeda, Rebecca Smith, Richard Waxman, Roberta Michels, Sheila Kopf, Stacey Smith, Terrie Green, Victoria Vasquez, Vihn Luu.

Next MFPC meeting scheduled for:

Tuesday, January 15, from 3:00-5 p.m. @ Marin HHS campus

Notes

Welcome and introductions

- Read Council chair's [welcome and wishes](#) for re-launching the Council

Council member introductions

Youth Leadership Institute

- Work with youth engagement
- Novato Food Truck Policy & Terra Linda High School

Food Policy Interests

Marin City Health & Wellness

- High death rate in Marin City
- Food desert

Food Policy Interests

- Preventative health focus
- Sausalito/Marin City District Council

SF/Marin Food Bank

Food Policy Interests

- Improving CalFresh enrollment

Aging Representation

- 4-H, Master Gardeners, support for producers
- Public education and outreach

Food Policy Interests

- New improved home-delivered meals
- Improving CalFresh enrollment

University of California, Cooperative Extension

- Monitoring increase in senior congregate meal programs
- Health education

Food Policy Interests

- Regulatory relief

LIFT Levantate

- School based programs
- Food justice, market tours, Rethink Your Drink

Food Policy Interests

- Early childhood undernourishment

Marin Oaks Youth Representative

Food Policy Interests

- Support for healthy eating

Novato Unified School District

- Food service

Food Policy Interests

- Cafeteria, classroom, and community re-launched NUSD policy council
- Increase awareness/education on sugar, physical activity, and plant-based diet

Board of Supervisors – District 4

- Representation of agriculture, West Marin, Canal

Food Policy Interests

- Regulatory relief
- Support for agriculture

Parent Services Project

- Health education via Promotores

Food Policy Interests

- Changes to social determinants, action & sttitude
- CalFresh myths
- Immigration and access

Marin City Community Services District

Food Policy Interests

- Promoting health opportunities in Marin City

Women, Infants and Children Program

- Supplemental food, breastfeeding support, nutrition support
- Food Policy Interests
- CalFresh application process

Marin Organic

- Nexus of supply and demand
- Education
- Access and gleaning, partnership with food bank

Food Policy Interests

- Access and equity issues
- Increasing ag production

CA Department of Social Services - CalFresh

- CalFresh application assistance

Food Policy Interests

- Formula distribution concerns

Asian Advocacy Project

- Social services for Southeast Asian community

Food Policy Interests

- Health promotion
- Bussing people to the Civic Center farmers market

Agriculture Institute of Marin

- Link farmers and eaters, 4 markets in Marin, work on Farm Bill

Food Policy Interests

- EBT in markets

Farmer representative

Food Policy Interests

- Marin Food Policy Council
- School food policy

Marin Health and Human Services

- Nutrition Action Plan
- Healthy Eating Active Living

Food Policy Interests

- CalFresh use and access
- Healthy vending
- Communities of Excellence

Food Policy Council Orientation

- Slideshow presentation about the past role of the Council and current opportunities made by Steering Committee members. This included a review of the Council [charter](#) and [history](#).

Council Operations

- Presentation on [Council website](#) and Collaborative Tools for Council members was made.
- Council discussed and agreed to use consensus-based decision making primarily, and then voting if consensus cannot be made. Council discussed and agreed upon the Steering Committee composition (Janet Brown, David Lewis, Bonnie Nielsen, Leah Smith, and Rebecca Smith) and role to set Council meeting agendas.

Starting policy discussion

- Policy themes discussion started and to be continued at next meeting.

Next Steps

- Next meeting on January 15th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Wellness Center.
- Read Council Chair's [closing and wishes](#) for Council success.