

Marin Food Policy Council

Meeting Notes

June 21, 2016

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Next Marin Food Policy Council meeting: July 19, 2016, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. [HHS campus](#)

Attendees:

Steering Committee – Alexandra Danino (SF/Marin Food Bank); Julia Van Soelen Kim (UCCE Marin); Lauren Klein (UCCE Marin); Lori Davis (Sanzuma); Reba Meigs (HHS); Steve Schwartz (Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative)

Committee Members – Casey Poldino (Zero Waste Marin); Cio Hernandez (HHS); Dani Cohen (MSEL); Elaini Negussie (HHS, Nutrition Wellness Program); Janet Brown (AllStar Organics); June Farmer (Marin City CX3); Marv Zauderer (ExtraFood.org); Rebecca Hoehn (Indian Vallet Organic Farm & Garden); Sheila Kopf (SF/Marin Food Bank); Sierra Smith (Community Action Marin, Head Start); Socorro Romo (West Marin Collaborative);

Guests – Anjurle Duchaussee (HHS alternate rep); Andrew Jose (HHS intern); Judith (Zero Waste Marin); Lacey Packard (North Bay Children’s Center)

Welcome and Council Representative Announcements – Lori Davis and Alexandra Danino

- Reba shared Banpac’s sugary drink policy platform sheet and shared that they would be willing to come and present/provide a training to our group
- June shared that Marin City is starting its summer garden program and asked for donations. Elaini will send a list of donation request from Marin City CX3 garden program with the group

Council Learning Opportunity – Erin Franey

Leah’s Pantry – PowerPoint presentation will be shared with the group.

- They work with the Bay Area community to provide materials and lessons on how to eat healthy
- Eatfresh.org is a part of their organization that is a resource for the low income community and service providers and provides healthy eating tools like recipes
- Leah’s Pantry can also come to organizations serving low income residents to provide training and cooking demos. You can email Erin to arrange training
- Erin is going to send some videos to CalFresh office and Nutrition Wellness program – HHS and if anyone else would like to receive these resources, please reach out to Erin
- For more information check out, website is www.leahspantrysf.org

New/Prospective Member Presentations

Sierra from Marin Starts (Head Start through Community Action Marin, fiscal sponsor)

- Serve low income 0-5, pregnant moms, 10 schools, 16 classes, 375 kids, provide 3 meals and snack according to USDA guidelines
- Also, have a home-based program
- Marin has a mixed – home and school program
- New Menu – seasonal, fresh cooking, cultural foods, variety of veggies and fruits
- Provide nutritional assessment for kids and parents
- Community Action Marin – CAM is fiscal administrator
 - Need for services is much higher than what is currently available

CalFresh – HHS

- Process CalFresh application for qualified low income residents
- Have specific dates when outreach workers go to Farmer’s Markets to sign up qualified residents
- Council members will share community events and activities with CalFresh for CalFresh outreach workers to attend especially in Marin City, the Canal and West Marin

MFPC Business

MFPC new Governance Draft proposal – Lauren Klein

- Lauren reviewed the new governance document which was emailed out to everyone
- Some highlights:
 - Previously membership was determined through simple regular attendance
 - In early 2016, the Steering Committee created a formal membership form for regular attendees to formally apply to be members
 - New prospective members have been invited to give a brief presentation to introduce their organizations. This was “beta-tested” today per “New/Prospective Member Presentations”
 - MFPC ratified the California Food Policy Council principals, and has an on-going responsibility to have a MFPC representative at CA FPC meetings and report back
 - Although the governance document remains largely a reflection of our current decision making practices, there are a few changes for consideration
 - On decision making – As we often currently do, the Steering Committee would officially have the authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council in cases of urgency

- Instead of a strictly consensus-based decision-making process, we would be able to use a simple majority vote and/or a 2/3 majority vote when consensus decision-making process is not effective in a timely fashion.
- On decision making – Voting members will vote per their membership, representing their self, their agency, and/or a department of their agency/non-profit/organization
- On decision making – the Council will strive to ensure that decisions, votes, Letters of Support and other business occurs with the full participation of members, but in cases where previous Council consensus is clear, the Steering Committee will make decisions, provide letters of support on behalf of the Council and its members
- A suggestion was made to ensure that the needs and representation of Marin City, the Canal and West Marin in the decision making process
 - Fees: Since support from the BOS will end in two years, the Steering Committee suggested instituting a \$25 membership fee –
 - A suggestion was made for a comprehensive or further analysis of what our costs would be so that we can more accurately decide how much membership fees should be
 - More attendance and presence at monthly and other Council meetings/events will afford the attendee more of a voice in Council affairs
 - There was a request of everyone present to participate and share information on folks that should be part of the Council, which will be collated and outreach efforts will be twice a year by the Steering Committee or a subset thereof.
- Attendees were asked whether to accept the Governance document as presented or whether they would like the Steering Committee to review the document and make some of the minor changes discussed and present it back to members during July/August meeting, or to start over.
 - Attendees opted for the Steering Committee to finish incorporating Council input and resubmit the document for approval in July or August
 - Everyone needs to send their comments to Lauren Klein (Lauren@igc.org) by June 29th

Equitable Access Report – Reba Meigs

- Report is almost complete
- HHS Epidemiology Dept. will review document
- HHS Department Heads meeting complete
- PowerPoint presentation will be shared at the July Council meeting for feedback
 - Finalized Document may be presented at: First 5, MCF, BOS, HHS and others

Food Access Resource Guide has been created and sent out for editing

- It should be ready to share by Bi-National Health Month
- Currently there is work going on to create a mobile app. modeled on “Sac SOS”
- In addition, since the work is ongoing, there are plans to create a quarterly half page summary to provide updates to Council members on the progress of this work

AB402-MCOE collaboration

- MOU has been signed with the San Rafael School District
- Family advocates will be funded to do the CalFresh sign ups at the schools

CA Food Policy Council Report – Steve Schwartz

- Market Match
 - \$5 million of match is currently in the state budget awaiting Governor approval
 - MFPC provided LOS for the bill
 - Currently, CA FPC is tracking another 20 bills that support the work we do and will be bringing us updates on these bills.

Thank you Janet!

- Janet was acknowledged for her leadership and work with the MFPC by the BOS – with Steve Kinsey presenting her a certificate and the Council sharing its heartfelt appreciation for her dedication and excellent leadership.