

Marin Food Policy Council
Meeting Notes
July 16, 2019
HHS Wellness Campus, 3240 Kerner Blvd, San Rafael

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the HHS campus, Room 110

Attendance:

*** = Voting members**

	Alexandra Danino, SF-Marin Food Bank*		Madeline Hope, West Marin Waste Education*
	Bonnie Nielsen, UCCE		Marv Zauderer, ExtraFood.org
	Bonny White, West Marin Com Services*		Miguel Villarreal, Novato USD*
	Casey Poldino, Zero Waste Marin*	X	Paula Freeman, Covia
	Elaini Negussie, HHS Nutrition Wellness		Reba Meigs, HHS Public Health*
X	Felicia Chavez, Systems Thinking Marin		Sheila Kopf, SF-Marin Food Bank
	Gueidi Beltran, WIC*		Steve Schwartz, Interfaith Sus Food Collaborative*
	Heather Bettini, CAM		Susan Lopes, Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce
	Janet Brown, AllStar Organics		Susan Martinelli, WIC
X	Julia Van Soelen Kim, UCCE*		Terrie Green, Marin City Comm. Services District*
	June Farmer, Marin City CX3*		Guests:
	Kathy Carver, ExtraFood.org*	X	Susan Sherman, Golden Gate Dietetic Internship
	Kathy Koblick, HHS Public Health	X	Maggie Gori, Catholic Charities
X	Lauren Klein, Comm. & School Gardens	X	Linda Jackson, Aging Action Initiative
X	Liana Orlandi, Ag. Institute of Marin*	X	Melanie Raquel, Marin Housing Authority
	Lorenzo Cordova, BOS*	X	Lily Maxfield, CERES
X	Lori Davis, Sanzuma*	X	Reilly Briggs, CERES
	Madelene McCann, Marin Child Care Council	X	Daeja Tillis, Innovative Health Solutions
X	Cathryn Couch, CERES	X	Wendy Tobiasson

Welcome and Announcements – Lori Davis

- Brian Whitmer: New food & beverage director for Embassy Suites, San Rafael. Built gardens at The Lodge in Sonoma & in Napa. Breaking ground in August for 2000 square foot garden on Embassy Suites property. Would like community groups involved in design, soil choice, crop rotation, support during the year, plus education programming. 1st planting in October.
- Linda: Information academy in fall about resources available for older adults. Free workshops 10/15, 11/12. Detect & Connect workshop – for caregivers to understand how to communicate with older adults
- Melanie: Marin Housing Authority – outline of services offered through Section 8 & public housing.
- Wendy: Drawdown Marin Food Waste task force will begin meeting in September. Marv Zauderer will lead group. Interest in having MFPC input in this group.
- Bruce: Environmental Forum of Marin master class open for enrollment in fall. 8/17 orientation
- Paula: Senior Produce Market opening at Marin City Senior Center on Tuesday 7/23

- Felicia: Vision San Geronimo Valley – regenerative agriculture – comments at visionmarin
- Julia: Edible Marin 10th Anniversary issue on hunger in Marin & Wine Country.

Review May & June Outcomes

MFPC is focusing on 2 themes this year: Climate Change & the Food System and The Local Food Supply Chain

May: Climate Change Panel: Nancy Scholari, Marin Resource Conservation District, Alex Porteshawver, Drawdown Marin & Jeff Creque, Marin Carbon Project

What are your high-level take-aways: resources, connections to policy, relevancy to MFPC?

- Profound opportunity for carbon sequestration on farms and lack of funding. Learned about new 1% tax opportunity on restaurants to fund projects such as this one.
- Any connections to people who can speak to climate change impacts on agriculture in Marin County?
 - 2014 climate impact report done by Marin County – paragraph – expect hotter temperatures to impact crop choices.
 - CA report from about 2012 – 50% reduction in productivity on farms
 - CDC website – section on health impacts of climate change. Lay out areas of impact.
 - CCOF is working on this – Roadmap to an organic California. Process of stakeholder meetings in the next year.
 - Opportunity to de-silo some of these conversations – shared solutions between climate impact, nutrition, health, etc.
 - UC Berkeley did climate change assessment including agriculture in 2018
- Link entire value chain of carbon sequestration, Drawdown to healthy food for our community members. Concept of linking is key.
- Tension/Duality between agriculture/food waste being a cause of climate change & local agriculture being a solution to climate change

June: Local Food Supply chain: Neka Pasquale, Urban Remedy & Steve Broad, gimMe Snacks

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- Reminder about how complex understanding issues of hunger and food insecurity is.
- Opportunity for cross-learning: help food supply chain actors understand inequity in food system & MFPC understand issues facing people providing food as part of the food supply chain.
- How do you as a company make choices about where to donate – be a responsible partner across full spectrum of food system? Innovation in building a sustainable food system costs money (sustainable buffalo products from Patagonia are expensive), but there may be opportunities for corporations to donate to address inequity of innovative food products.
- This meeting brought to light 2 values key to MFPC:

- MFPC safe space for all even when contentious issues are being discussed;
- MFPC fundamentally stands for food equity in our community.
- How do you prevent food waste & plastic waste? Focus on reduction rather than replacement. Keep open mind – need to make sure we protect the food as we consider packaging.
- Small business – packaging is a challenge
- 2 Successes from meeting:
 - Cropmobster resource shared – Urban Remedy posted red pulp & green pulp.
 - gimMe Snacks connected to ExtraFood.org & SF Marin Food Bank

Policy Skill-Building Activity

2 guiding questions for 2019: How do we weave Policy opportunities & programs that impact Older Adults into our topics of Climate Change & Local Food Supply Chain?

- Policy Guiding Questions: Who, What, When, Where, Why
- Older adults guiding questions: Equity, Best practices, people who can give first-hand perspective
 - Clip from convening regarding older adults and policy: Kevin Priniville, Executive Director, Justice in Aging
 - Every policy is an aging policy. Food insecurity, housing, social justice. Aging embedded in every movement.
 - Aging policy must be part of the movements. Not siloed. Older adults show up for those movements.

Breakout Group Reflection & Planning

- Reflect on first meeting, plan next steps for next meeting, and reiterate policy opportunities
- **Topic 1: Climate Change** = Reflect on May meeting; discuss next steps to plan September meeting
- **Topic 2: Supply Chain** = Reflect on June meeting; identify action items and next steps to plan October meeting

Council Business – Julia Van Soelen Kim

- Vote: Commission on Aging Letter on Home-delivered meals - **Approved**
- Vote: Farmers' Market Week Resolution for Marin Board of Supervisors - **Approved**

Closing – Julia Van Soelen Kim

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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