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Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council Meeting

October 16th, 2013

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The Horse Barn, Classroom 238

1031 33rd Street, Suite 100 Denver, CO 80205

Mission: The Denver SFPC influences policy that fosters food security for all community members and promotes a healthy, equitable, and sustainable local food system, with consideration for economic vitality and environmental impact.

Co-Chairs: Dana Miller (*Grow Local Colorado*), Shannon Spurlock (*DUG*)

Council Members Present: Jessica George (*Veterans to Farmers*), Eric Kornacki (*re:Vision International*), Adam Brock (*GrowHaus*), Victoria Treski (*Hunger Free Colorado*), Ryan Galanaugh (*Metro CareRing*), , Megan Bradley (*Cooking Matters*), , Chris Parr (*Denver Housing Authority*), Cindy Everett (*Urban Land Conservancy*)

Ex-Officio Team Present: Tina Axelrad (*Dep. Community Planning and Development*), Rose Chavez (*Denver Public Health*), Rusty Collins (*CSU Extension*), Michael Miera (*Office of Economic Development*), Jerry Tinianow (*Office of Sustainability*), Stacey McConlogue (*DEH*)

Guests: Molly Hanson (*Jefferson County Public Health*), Bill Germain (*Food and Water Watch*)

Local Food Systems Updates and Challenges

- Walmart has a new grocery delivery service; Wal-Mart.com/to-go for ordering.
- Remember to join the next food system coalition networking calls with Wendy Peters Moschetti (calls are the second Tuesday of the month at 10am: call in number is 1-866-576-7975 code: 225327)

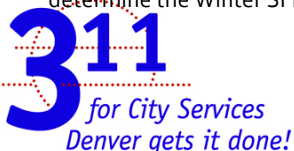
Committee Reports

Membership Committee: Memberships currently expiring: Eric Kornacki, Wade Shelton, Ceyl Prinster, and Chris Parr; members who would like to extend need to restate interest to Eric. There is a question brought forward to Anthony Aragon regarding the option for one, two, or three year extensions for expiring members. The following SFPC members have resigned: Erin Fiene, Jaclyn Cheeves, Blake Angelo, Adam Tsai. Membership will reach out to Saloni to confirm her resignation; she has not responded to any communications. Rose Chavez is in "trial membership" as a representative from Denver Public Health (currently sitting in for Jennifer Wiczorek). Five seats are currently open for professional reps, four resident seats, and four possible expiring seats; SFPC members are encouraged to send our applications directly until November 17th. The membership application will be on website. Shannon Spurlock will be leaving the membership committee; more people are welcome to join! Reminder: The Membership Committee will meet from 11-1 at Paxia's on December 3rd to review applications, please come if you are available!

Finally, the membership committee will begin the process of revising the SFPC application for resident members from food insecure neighborhoods in Denver. This process will begin with a meeting with Julie Torres of the Human Rights and Community Relations Office and some research from the Denver Foundation on inclusiveness and its benefits for non-profit organizations.

Communications Committee: DenverSFPC.com is up and running! Applicable SFPC documents should be emailed to Jessica George by the end of October. A link will be put onto the Boards and Commissions page on November 1st; a roll out plan is yet to be finalized. A potential SFPC Facebook page will be used for updates, meetings, and potential membership.

Ex-Officio Committee: A subcommittee will plan community listening sessions to gain feedback from the community about SFPC policy initiatives; listening sessions most likely to be held in early spring. Shannon will send out a doodle poll to determine the Winter SFPC retreat date.



Special Presentations

Office of Sustainability: Jerry Tinianow discussed a report written by Michael Shuman regarding regional food economies and a report written by Alexandra Guy on how various entities in the Denver area define "local" food. Shannon will send out the two reports referenced, with possibility to discuss the Shuman study at the SFPC retreat, or extend invitation to Michael Shuman to attend the SFPC holiday meeting.

Food and Water Watch: Bill discussed the Healthy Farms, Healthy Families Campaign regarding factory farms and antibiotic resistance. Current proposed legislature: Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act, S12-56. SFPC will need to investigate to whether it is allowed to sign on for petitions of support, but individuals on SFPC are welcome to support legislation.

Policy Sub-Committee Reports

Institutional Sales: Centerplate's contract with the convention center is expiring; there may be opportunities at DIA. The goal is to act as convener to bring stakeholders together. Please contact Jessica George if interested in joining sub-committee.

Expanded Food Retail: DEH will know by the end of October if received the Colorado Health Foundation grant for Healthy Corner Stores. CDPHE is currently working on the healthy corner stores training certificate, including metrics and incentives for corner stores to offer fresh fruits and vegetables.

SNAP in Farmer's Markets: Large markets remain a challenge. Federal funding for EBT machines will be rolled over, unused funds will be made available in 2014. USDA is hiring staff for to potentially provide more hands on assistance for market managers. Seeking a stipend for Intern Ashley Bassett to expand her efforts with farmers markets.

Residential Sales Policy: October 23rd, Dana and Shannon, as well we Mya Bea (LiveWell Denver Regional Collaborative) and Sundari Kraft (resident and Heirloom Gardens) are presenting in front of the Denver Sustainability Implementation Committee. SFPC members are encouraged to make a list of potential "devil's advocate" questions and send to Eric and Shannon in preparation for meeting. SFPC needs to determine the actions to take to institutionalize programmatic elements, i.e. marketing, campaign; potentially forming a steering committee made up of SFPC, LiveWell, and community members to drive policy forward.

Announcements

Grow Local: Come Rain or Come Shine- Farm Relief Aid.

Food Day is October 24th!

Sunday, October 20th re: Vision International and Rocky Mountain Farmers Union present *Food for Change* at 6 pm at the SIE film center; tickets are 12.

Next meeting: Wednesday December 18th, 2013 10am-12pm Holiday Potluck and brief agenda (NEW PERMANENT LOCATION: Denver Urban Gardens 1031 33rd Street, Suite 100 Denver, CO 80205)