

**Johnson County Food Policy Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 18, 2019**  
**Field to Family Office, 840 S. Capitol Street, Iowa City, IA 52240**  
**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Attending Appointed Members:** Chris Fortenbach, Craig Syrop, Dean Colongy, Giselle Bruskewitz, Jill Irvin, Keshia Fields, Kristy Walker, Michael Wilson, Michelle Kenyon, Morgan Weiss, Stephen Trefz

**Attending Ex-Officio Members:** Ilsa DeWald, Erik Gustafson

1. Call to Order by Chair Kristy Walker (6:05 PM)
2. Introductions
3. Approve January 2018 minutes
  - a. Giselle moved, Mike seconded, unanimously approved
4. General Updates and discussion from Pat Heiden, Board of Supervisors, and Ilsa DeWald, Local Foods Coordinator
  - a. Recap Local Foods Roundtable, hosted by Field to Family
    - i. Ilsa, Michelle, and Giselle reported the event went well. Large interest in having more similar events. Good discussions came out of the event and those will be continued.
  - b. Discuss amendment to 1105 Project agreement proposed by the Crisis Center of Johnson County
    - i. "Johnson County Local Foods. When not in use by tenants of the building, the Crisis Center may lease the space and/or kitchen(s) to local growers and entrepreneurs who need affordable kitchen rental. The Crisis Center will set reasonable terms and conditions as required by local public health ordinance."
    - ii. Ilsa will explore whether the council or the county can use it for free. Ilsa will inquire about Crisis Center's reporting to the county on use of kitchen.
    - iii. Motion to approve the intent of the new language was made by Jill Irvin. Seconded by Mike Wilson. All approved.
  - c. Update on opportunity to collaborate w/ other Food Policy Councils
    - i. Not much movement on this @ this time to address state policies
    - ii. We need more metrics and more data to measure who we feed, what we feed
    - iii. Some Business Analytic students are working on collecting data who are looking @ creating metrics of the local food production. Comparing 2012 baseline and looking @ how we can improve them and communicate them on an annual basis to show our impact
  - d. Update on Land Access Program @ Johnson County Historic Poor Farm (JCHPF)
    - i. Two applicants both of which will be approved and will be farming this spring.
5. Discuss Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance Drafts
  - a. Planning + Zoning discussed JCFPC recommendations and then it went on to Board who did not appear to accept the recommendations were made by JCFPC.

- b. A lot of the discussion was delayed by what will happen with the Ag exemption. Other complicating delaying factors came about due to weather cancelled meetings.
  - c. Recommendation to retain Retail Orchard recommendations was not accepted by BOS.
  - d. Quotes by current producers were cited as helpful to support the recommendations
  - e. Weddings P+Z: These should not be Ag related and should only be in commercial districts otherwise they need to be capped like a special event and would be restricted as such. This is important to include in the Ag Tourism
  - f. Labor Camps definition will be reviewed more carefully
    - i. Time restrictions will be days instead of dates to prevent permanent housing
  - g. Animal Husbandry: Include “other” category with a suggested formula for animal units
  - h. Parcel size recommendations were reviewed with discussion about the possibility of counting rental options and there should be no limits on the parcel size.
  - i. Albeit mentioned was made the JCPFC needs to pick its battles
  - j. Animal Slaughter
    - i. AU provides you w/ a metric that you do not need create categories.
    - ii. Matrix still incentives processing beef over smaller animals
    - iii. Proposal is to go w/ 2500 units across the board. Strike through s on the chart will make this more readable and meaningful
  - k. Fermented Beverage production on the farm: Does not support local food. Would this disallow you to produce and serve food? You would be able to do a Home Business?
  - l. Home Occupations, etc.
    - i. Comments were reviewed to increase the numbers which have been stipulated
    - ii. Along w/ volunteer restrictions
  - m. Special Events
    - i. PDS used recommendations of tiers, but added restrictions
    - ii. Still some discussion about the list of events that are specified.
  - n. This will be presented to P+Z March 11
6. Discuss 2019 Food Policy Council Priorities—postponed until next meeting
  7. Discuss Saturday, March 9, 2019 Public Forum
    - a. Marketing
      - i. Posters; Volunteer and hang
      - ii. Facebook Event done, Members should share
      - iii. Program: Keisha and Ilsa
      - iv. KXIC: Ilsa will do a spot w/ Kristie
      - v. Local Food columns: Ilsa will write some North Johnson County will go out next month
      - vi. All members are encouraged to bring folks to event
    - b. Jill will manage coffee and pastries
    - c. Expo
      - i. Tag teaming the folks who have not responded
  8. Adjourn 8:12 PM