

<p><b>Purpose:</b> Johnson County Food Policy Council Meeting</p> <p><b>Date:</b> November 15, 2021</p>	<p><b>Time:</b> 6:00 pm-8:00 pm</p> <p><b>Location:</b> Johnson County Administration Building - Betty Sass Conference Room 913 S. Dubuque St. Iowa City, IA 52240 and Zoom Option</p>	<p><b>Note taker:</b> Will Kapp</p> <p><b>Members In Attendance:</b> Ayman Sharif, Bill Weedman Jr, Giselle Bruskewitz, Hannah Shultz, Mike Roelf, Molly Schintler, Will Kapp, Deborah Kuiken, Joe Klingelhutz, Liz Maas, Kristy Walker, Keshia Fields</p> <p><b>Ex Officio:</b> Ilsa DeWald</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Ed Williams, landowner for Black Diamond Halal Meats; Josh Busard, Johnson County Planning, Development &amp; Sustainability (PDS); Becky Soglin, (PDS); Tristan Gahn, Iowa Valley Resource Conservation &amp; Development</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Debbie Klein</p>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items – Due Date
<b>Meeting Called to Order by Giselle @ 6:00</b>		
<b>Minutes Approval</b>	Mike motions, Joe seconds Unanimous approval	
<b>1. Updates from Rod Sullivan, Board of Supervisors, and Ilsa DeWald, Local Foods Coordinator</b>	<p>Rod Sullivan absent from meeting</p> <p>Ilsa: Iowa Organic Conference at the Iowa Memorial Union in Iowa City on Nov. 28 &amp; 29. Council members can have their entrance fee paid for them. Joe is already attending, Kristy, Mike and Ayman have interest.</p> <p>SNAP for small farmers guide is now available on the JC Local Foods website. Guide is based on a webinar put together and conducted by Council member Molly Schintler.</p> <p>State/Fed Grants still available. Choose Iowa Market grant is still open. Pandemic relief to farmers grant will become available soon.</p> <p>Recommendations made by the Johnson County Food Policy Council to the state of Iowa regarding local foods: increase access &amp; continue funding.</p>	

<p><b>2. Discuss Johnson County Economic Development Plan Draft</b></p>	<p>Josh Busard of Johnson County Planning, Development &amp; Sustainability (PDS) presented the Johnson County Economic Development Plan draft to the council in order to get feedback. The plan began development in April 2020 and focuses on the unincorporated areas of Johnson County. Goals and themes surrounding economic development, agriculture, agtourism, and broadband were presented to the council for comment.</p> <p>The council asked about funding for healthcare, how the funding offered by this plan relates to funding from ARPA and other USDA loan programs already available, equity and access issues to microloans and grants for specified populations, who is responsible for funding breakdown and what is meant by “mobility” in terms of food access. These recommendations and questions were recorded by Josh and Becky from PDS to address in their draft. Any further questions or comments need to be submitted to PDS by Thursday (11/18) in order to be accepted before the draft is submitted to the Board of Supervisors.</p>	
<p><b>3. Food Policy Council Working Groups Discussion</b></p>	<p>A reshuffling of working groups for the council was necessary after the Marketing and Equipment Share working groups disbanded. Two new proposed working groups are “Healthcare for Food and Farm Workers” and “Procurement Policies”. These would be added to the remaining working groups of “Food Justice” and “Infrastructure”.</p> <p>New working groups are as follows:</p> <p>Infrastructure: Bill, Joe, Giselle (Will need to leave one working group)</p> <p>Food Justice: Molly (leaving after event), Ayman, Will, Giselle, Hannah</p> <p>Procurement Policies: Mike, Deborah</p> <p>Healthcare: Kristy, Molly (after Food Justice event), Chuck Bigelow (Ex Officio)</p> <p>Motion to approve working groups - Molly, Second - Will</p> <p>Approved unanimously</p> <p>Recruiting of new members can be targeted to working groups that need more members</p>	
<p><b>4. Discuss 2022 Food Policy Council Calendar</b></p>	<p>The Local Foods Roundtable (Saturday, Feb. 5) is an event being planned by the Food Justice working group and will act as an opportunity to reconnect farmworkers, looking at stories we tell and challenging assumptions.</p> <p>Annual FPC Forum will take place in 2022, but date, time and theme are TBD. Discuss ideas for possible themes in working groups.</p> <p>Food Policy Council volunteer opportunity coming up during the December community meal for the Coralville Food Pantry. Details to come.</p>	

<p><b>5. Discuss 2022 Food Policy Council Calendar</b></p>	<p>Board of Supervisors kept \$200,000 (\$50k for FY22, \$75k for FY23, &amp; \$75 for FY24) in the budget during their meeting today. FPC has an opportunity to provide recommendations for how these funds are used.</p> <p>Councilmembers discussed the importance of providing outreach, access and education about the application process to areas of the community that don't typically apply. This could include changing the language around the dissemination process (not use 'grant', etc).</p> <p>Also discussed that the focus should be as adaptable as possible to make sure a range of proposals would be viable. "Community access to local foods" would capture many proposals.</p>	
<p><b>6. Update about Iowa Food System Coalition Focus Groups &amp; Input Sessions</b></p>	<p>Tabled until next meeting</p>	
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>December 20th</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion to adjourn by Molly</b>  <b>Seconded by Mike</b>  <b>Motion to adjourn is approved</b></p>		