



# Agenda



Santa Fe City and County, Advisory Council on Food Policy  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015, 9AM-11AM  
Angel Depot Conference Room, 1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA—October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015  
Prioritization and Agenda Order

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

F. PRESENTATIONS/TRAINING:

*There are no presentations for this meeting.*

G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Update on Tesuque Pueblo Meeting
2. Request from County Commissioner Stephanics.

H. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

1. Policy Committee
  - a. Food Plan Committee
    - i. "2015 Food Plan Annual Update" Updates
  - b. Food Production and Land Use Committee
    - i. Meeting updates.
    - ii. Urban agriculture update from John Alejandro.
  - c. Procurement
    - i. No meeting updates.
  - d. Education and Outreach
    - i. Food Day Wrap Up and Updates
  - e. Governance Committee
    - i. Committee updates.
  - f. State & National Issues
    - i. Update on Federal Dietary Guidelines.
    - ii. Update on Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act.

2. Executive Committee

- a. ACTION ITEM: Discussion of and Vote on Setting Priorities Related to WLUFs Recommendations

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 10/14/15 TIME 4:38

SERVED BY Sue Perry

RECEIVED BY 5 minutes

*2 minutes/person*

*10 minutes*

*1 hour, 40 minutes*

I. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

J. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

*5 minutes*

K. ADJOURNMENT

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**SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY**  
**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FOOD POLICY**

**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015**  
**9:00 am – 11:00 am**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy was called to order by Mark Winne, Chair on this date at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the Angel Depot Conference Room, 1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated a quorum as follows:

**Members Present**

Mark Winne, Chair  
Susan Perry, Vice Chair  
John Alejandro  
Patricia Boies  
Maria De Anda  
Cydney Martin  
Susan Odiseos  
David Sundberg  
Emigdio Ballen  
Erin Ortigoza  
Pamela Roy  
Tony McCarty

**Members Excused**

Lynn Walters

**Staff Present**

Morgan Day, Coordinator, Telephonically

**Others Present**

Others as identified under Communications from the Floor  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer for Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – October 22, 2015**

G.1 moved to H.1G to follow H-1-F  
H-1-D – Education – H-1-A  
H-2-a – Executive Committee to follow H-1-a  
Item I. - From the Chair to follow H-2A

*Ms. Perry moved to approve the agenda as amended, second by Ms. Odiseos, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

#### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 24, 2015**

Name Correction: Maria De Anday – Maria DeAnda

*Mr. McCarty moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Ms. Odiseos, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

#### **E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Rick Iannucci, Horses for Heroes, Cowboy Up!

In 2007 I retired from the US Government and returned back to Santa Fe which is my home. I started a program working with kids and started a program working with Veteran's. We do skill set restructuring with Vets. We started Cowboy 101 where the thrust of the program was to help those who were combat wounded and suffered from PTSD. What we found out is that a lot of these Veterans' did not have PTSD, they were misdiagnosed. They were suffering from internal spiritual damage and the horses were the connection to the spiritual healing. Our organization is a 501(C)3 program free to the Veteran's. We have a ranch south of the county and if they do any work with us, we feed them. We started to notice the frequency of their attendance which was steady and resulted in positive results so we have continued. The Veteran's receive their disability checks on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and by about the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month they would arrive with a large Coca-Cola, Doritos and a cigarette in their mouths because they have spent their check. None of them were eating right and the only time they ate right was when they were in the program. My wife is a nutritionist and we provide organic meals to keep them healthy. We are feeding at least 6 meals two times a day and sometimes over a dozen – two times a day. I am attracted to what the Food Policy Council is doing and wanted to know if there was any way to partner in providing meals; none of these heroes should go hungry because they have depleted their funds by the 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of the month. We also do a resident program on the ranch and we have a lot of females that are now also coming to the program.

Mr. Iannucci expressed his appreciation for the time allowed to present today. He said he was open to any suggestions on how to sustainably continue to feed these people. Horses for Heroes, Cowboy Up looks forward to further discussion.

Ms. Roy expressed her thankfulness for the gift that they are giving to the Veteran's and that Mr. Iannucci chose the Food Policy Council to share this information with. Ms. Roy asked how many folks are in the program. Ms. Roy will continue the discussion with Mr. Iannucci regarding program opportunities through USDA, i.e., and she will share additional resources.

Susan: Where is ranch located? Do the Veterans have cooking facilities?

Mr. Iannucci: The ranch is past Lone Butte on Hwy 14. In response to cooking facilities; the veterans do have apartments but they don't have food to prepare.

Mr. Iannucci: There are about a dozen individuals in at one time as this is an outcome based program. During the holidays we have what they call War Orphans and we feed them.

Cook Book: Roxanne at Santa Cruz – Ms. Odiseos will share the cookbook when she gets it.

**F. PRESENTATIONS/TRAINING:**  
*(There are no presentations for this meeting)*

**G. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

a) ACTION ITEM: Discussion of and Vote on Setting Priorities Related to WLUFs Recommendations.

Morgan Day: Background – Shared that these are the recommendations that came from the WLUFs Sub-Committee on Food Security. They came up with six recommendations with recommendation 1 being the shortest term and recommendation 6 being the longest term. (Exhibit A lists the recommendations as noted by Ms. Day). All of these recommendations fall in line with our mission and should be easy to accomplish. It is important for the City Council to vote on all of these recommendations based on the endorsement by the Food Policy Advisory Council.

John Alejandro: These recommendations will go to the broader Climate Action Task Force chaired by Councilor Ives and past Mayor Coss. Mr. Alejandro than by memo will take the recommendations to the City Council for assignment and processing to city committees. Note that most of these are already being worked on and they do not need a resolution to move these along. The City is talking with Santa Fe Public Schools about Community Gardens. Recommendation 4 is the one that needs further discussion with other entities taking in to consideration the state of the city budget. Sustainable Zoning and Updating the Land Use Plan – there is a committee that is working with Councilor Ives and many things can roll in to that Plan.

Susan Perry: I would like to see the quest to have a full time person on staff and understand that funding is a concern.

Susan Odiseos: Suggested providing updates on the work that is being done, what is in progress and where can the food council be more helpful and incorporate it into shared conversations for those who will be in the decision making process.

Ms. Martin asked if there could be an overlay on where vegetables can be planted, sales of vegetables, etc. Mr. Alejandro said this would require further discussion.

Morgan Day: These recommendations were made with the idea that there is political will moving forward. It is important for us to vote and shows that we are all on board for these recommendations. The idea of building out that professional capacity is the idea we talk about all the time, there is a lack of collected resources and we can identify

those. If we can have a staff person who can focus on these issues full time, this is the main part of the coordination along with education and outreach which is really important. We don't know what it will take for the city and the county to do that.

*Ms. Roy moved to support moving the recommendations forward with the endorsement from the Food Policy Advisory Council to the Mayor and City Council, second Ms. Susan Odiseos, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

## H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Ms. Roy expressed her thanks for getting the proclamation and declaring October – “Food Feeding Day.”
2. Ms. Day said that there are two committees that have done a great job of having standing meetings; it would be great to have as many members to attend sub-committees. I would like each chair to create a list of standing meetings scheduled for each month.

The Chair reiterated that the work is in our committees, the Chairs are responsible to keep the work moving. Ms. Morgan Day, as staff coordinator can assist but it is the responsibility of the Chair's from the sub-committees to make arrangements to meet.

- Susan Perry and Pam Roy are on the Food Plan Committee and are looking for a Chair for that Committee.
- Food Production and Land Committee Members: Pam Roy and Erin Ortigozo
- Procurement Committee – Discussion and concurrence to fold it in to the Food Plan Committee.
- Governance Committee Members – Susan Perry, Susan Odiseos and Mark Winne
- Executive Committee – We need to finalize the meeting date.
- Ad Hoc: Sue Perry, Pam Roy, Patricia Boieses and Maria DeAnda.

The Chair would like to urge that the Fund Raising Committee meet at the earliest possible date. Ms. De An Day will take this responsibility to arrange this meeting.

## I. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

### 1. **Update on Tesuque Pueblo Meeting – moved to H-1**

Meeting was held with the Governor and Tribal Chief of Tesuque Pueblo and we asked what we could do for them. They spoke a lot about diabetes and they have a big concern on food needs. They would like to have food and nutrition education classes and we would like to connect them with Cydney Martin. We noted that the training has been done with San Ildefonso and that encouraged

them to be receptive to the education classes. They would like information on land use and water. Ms. Roy shared resources with them on their water concerns.

Follow Up: The Governor shared that they provide food to their senior program and we talked about school program. We should learn more about these two programs. We were invited to meet with their attorney on the water from the Ski area and their concern.

2. Request from County Commissioner Stephanics

Morgan Day: When we were at the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Commissioner Stephanics asked us to follow up with her specifically on proposed state legislation regarding food outlets donating left over food to Food Pantry. This is informational and it was suggested that; a) we follow up with the Commissioner after we have researched this topic, and/or do we have the capacity to take in that food and keep it safe. Further discussion can take place off-line. Ms. Odiseos noted that Commissioner Stephanics also spoke to her about this topic as the Commissioner has worked very hard on this. Mr. McCarty knows a lot about this topic and is happy to facilitate a meeting.

Mr. Alejandro asked if there are other things in the Food Plan that can be addressed by legislation. Yes. Mr. Alejandro said it would be good for the Food Plan Committee to create a summary sheet to provide to Commissioner Stephanics on this matter. This would also be helpful to the city as we build up our legislative agenda. Ms. Roy offered to work on this summary together with the Food Plan Committee members and possibly create a future resolution for introduction to the city and the county.

3. Policy Committee

a) Education and Outreach

Food Day Wrap Up and Updates

The Chair noted that we had an illustrious Food Day; thank you to all for the hard work that they did. Ms. Day noted that there were approximately 5 main sub-events, and basically there were about two we did not hit the target. Asset Mapping Exercise: 55 people, Dual Conversation: 25 people, GET Conversation: 6 people, Learn Activities: 10-15 people, also folks there during the potluck. Pot Luck: 45-50 people, coming and going.

Feedback/Suggestions:

Tony McCarty: Between Cydney Martin and David Sundberg, they did a great job, thank you so much. The County Extension space was fully equipped and David kept everything running smoothly and food was delicious, thank you.

Cydney Martin: Thank you to my family also for helping. One of the nicest compliments was the wonderful NMSA band who performed free of charge. Thank you to all.

Feedback:

- Have more children and also invite the Veterans next time.
- Feed the children much earlier for better attendance.
- Everyone loved it – we need to get the word out for next year – food was “graciously” served.
- This was a great day, we talk about the same issues every year, we need to follow up and figure out what can we do as a society, hunger is not going to go away.
- Asset Mapping: Did we do a comparison, does it still exist and how does it compare? Morgan Day to follow up.
- Morgan Day: Follow up with Jackie Monroe to discuss Asset Mapping and have a compilation of their notes and findings. Ms. Roy said that Ms. Monroe said she would be happy to share that information with our Council.
- With the amount of outreach done in to the community there was very little press coverage. There were thousands of announcements done by hand and electronically, hopefully next year we can get advertising covered for this event. Ms. Day said that social media may also be helpful per Mr. Alejandro’s request. Hutton Broadcasting gives pro bono advertising and we should follow up with them when we have events we want to publicize. Mr. Richard Ead’s is always looking for individuals to interview.
- The Chef asked the members to send him an e-mail with the comments they made today. The Chef noted that in past discussions they talked about getting everyone on the council to contribute towards the media market individually. Having the members use their own resources, i.e., newsletters about our activities goes a long way.
- Chef commented that 3-hours in a mapping meeting was very positive for those who attended. This is a good resource possibly for quarterly meetings to put the right people in the room.
- We learned from this year to strategize to get children to the next activity next year. Positive event and great feedback.
- Cydney Martin: Invited the Council members to support the IAIA Food is Art activity. An e-mail with the information will be sent to the members.
- Mark Winne, Chair: I learned a lot being at the mapping event. There is so much activity going on, there still is a lack of cohesion for and amongst those groups to reach a shared goal. The number of people and type of diverse groups is strong, we as a council can be the hub to create that cohesion to benefit our cause.
  - Suggestions: This is a good time to recognize those that are doing good things in the community. Possibly an award or recognition for those doing exemplary work



should be a goal. This could fit in to our Food Plan.  
(Suggestion: Golden Chile Award)

- Thank you to all, we all moved together to make this a great success.
- Comment – one of the hardest outreach tasks is getting more consumer participation.
- Work on creating greater diversity in the room from our community.

Ms. Roy commented that the Panel on Land Use did a phenomenal job. Follow through at next meeting on the presentations that should continue.

AdHoc Awards Committee – Thank you to Cydney Martin, David Sundberg and Tony McCarty for all their hard work. (Beautiful Vegetable Baskets presented in recognition for their hard work).

Morgan Day: I would like to send thank you notes to all who participated in the Food Day activities. The request is for the Committee members to provide Ms. Day with names that are not on the list that she has prepared. David Sundberg will take care of those that worked directly with him.

Ms. Day would like to also do a follow-up e-mail to those who participated allowing them to send anonymous feedback on what we can do better next year. This information can be used through the Education and Planning Committee for next year planning.

Ms. Day would like to follow up with those on the GROW Panel in order to meet the goal of collaboration.

Susan Perry: Please send out a list of the restaurants so we can frequent them in exchange for their support. The Chef will provide. Ms. Ortigoza suggested that we list the restaurants on the website recognizing their contribution.

#### **4. *Items from the Chair***

The Chair provided information and made a request of the Food Policy Advisory Council to consider a USDA Community Food Projects (CFP) Program Grant. This grant has been administered by USDA for the last 20 years.

[From USDA website: In FY 2016 NIFA's CFP intends to solicit applications and fund three types of grants. The types are entitled (1) Community Food Projects (CFP), (2) Planning Projects (PP) and (3) Training and Technical Assistance (T & TA) Projects. The primary goals of the CFP are to: Meet the food needs of low-income individuals through food distribution, community outreach to assist in participation in Federally assisted nutrition programs, or improving access to food as part of a comprehensive service; Increase the self-reliance of communities in

providing for the food needs of the communities; Promote comprehensive responses to local food access, farm, and nutrition issues; and Meet specific state, local or neighborhood food and agricultural needs including needs relating to: Equipment necessary for the efficient operation of a project; Planning for long-term solutions; or The creation of innovative marketing activities that mutually benefit agricultural producers and low-income consumers.]

One part is a \$300,000 grant for two other categories, Training & Technical Assistance – normally two are awarded, and the third category which I am asking you to consider is Project Planning Grants. They are much smaller, \$35,000 and shorter in term, about 1-2 years. It does require a 1:1 match. This would be a great opportunity to engage people from broader community participation. The application is due by November 30, 2015.

Chef David feels there is an audience in the community to help facilitate this type of program. Poverty is the biggest topic that comes up at this table and I would support this if it bring greater resources and communication.

Ms. Martin said that there are many groups that ask the same question, "what is everyone doing." One of the meetings that she attends has this topic of discussion repeatedly and Ms. Martin will send information to the Food Policy Advisory Council members on this group.

Ms. Ortigoza: Are there deliverables required to apply for this grant? The Chair said there are no specific requirements, but the PP grants are a preface to applying for the CFP grants.

The Chair reiterated that we are a step ahead, having a Food Plan as strong as we have will provide the necessary requirements to apply for this grant.

Ms. Ortigoza: I would like to make sure that we also entertain getting the word out to other member organizations in the county in support of this grant.

Ms. Roy noted that we should get letters of commitment for this grant submission. She asked who would be writing in response to the grant and who will be the fiscal sponsor? She noted that if they are the recipients of the award it would not start until August or September 2016.

The Chair asked Ms. Day to send the checklist for this grant to the Food Policy Advisory Council members. General consensus is to pursue this grant application. The Chair and Ms. Roy will assist to assure the completion of this grant application. Executive Committee will convene next week for further discussion. Ms. Roy will send the RFP for this grant request to the members for their review.

**J. Food Plan Committee**

a. “2015 Food Plan Annual Update” Updates

Ms. Day is going to do a summary update for the members. A meeting of the committee has been held and a Chair will need to be selected as well as setting meeting dates for the next 2 months. Ms. Day is working on the annual report. The Chair asked that we honorably mention those who have assisted the Advisory Council on Food Policy.

b. Food Production and Land Use Committee - Meeting Updates

Ms. Roy expressed her thanks to Erin, John, Maria and the county members, Santa Fe Conservation Trust, Western Lands Alliance and others. Ms. Roy noted that the committee will continue to grow and they do not have any major deadlines at this time. They are focused on creating a community agricultural overlay on how community meetings are going. John Alejandro and Maria DeAnda bring in the urban agricultural expertise.

Erin Ortigoza: Noted that the code is consolidating; there will be an opportunity for edits, which is a good time to suggest Ag overlay and they are also working on the resolutions with Santa Fe County. Adam Cohen from the SFCC would also like to be a part of this committee.

Ms. Roy: We are coming full circle with the resolutions on education and outreach which we worked on a year ago. We did not lose any momentum.

c. Urban Agriculture Update from John Alejandro

John Alejandro: Urban Ag continues to meet with stakeholders in the community and he will follow up with Cydney Martin to set a future meeting date. He is also working with the Land Use Department to assure that the codes are correct and working on the technicalities in the ordinance. The Mayor would like to introduce the Ordinance at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. (Tuesday – November 10<sup>th</sup> is the only City Council meeting for November due to the holiday schedule.) Mayor will read the title of the Ordinance in to the record and it then gets scheduled in to committees.

d. Procurement

(Folded into the Food Plan Committee.)

e. Governance Committee

Ms. Perry noted that they have an updated contact sheet that was sent out in July, she will revise and add the term limits. Should a council list be needed, please send request to Ms. Perry.

f. State & National Issues – Pam Roy

Update on Federal Dietary Guidelines

Thank you to Patricia on a recent article that was sent out. Santa Fe Food Policy Council did review and work wholeheartedly on the guidelines. There was a new

section on sustainability and eating more fruit and vegetable. In the article by USDA they took out the whole sustainability section. We will move in other ways to incorporate sustainability. It is unfortunate that it ran victim to the political forces.

Ms. Roy noted that these issues are moving fast. There were many government agencies at the table that put sustainability as a priority.

Update on Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act

As part of the upcoming Child Nutrition Act Reauthorization, Congress needs to build on the success of farm to school by strengthening and expanding the program's scope and by providing an additional \$100 million in mandatory funding over the coming decade. We talk about looking at the concern of competitive food in the schools, we want to strengthen knowledge and attitude towards agriculture, food, nutrition and the environment.

Any decisions on the Act were delayed due to the vote to keep government open.

State: A meeting has been conducted regarding the statewide strategic plan – food and vegetables. A hearing with the NM State Legislators - Economic and Rural Development Committee will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the state capitol. Double Up Food Bucks will also be discussed at that time.

K. Items from the Council

L. Adjournment

**There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am**

Signature Page:

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Mark Winne, Chair

  
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Fran Lucero, Stenographer

*Myky Co. chair*

## **Recommendations to Climate Action Task Force WLUFS Sub-Subcommittee on Food Security**

The following recommendations seek to encompass and impact positive change for issues at the nexus of climate change and its impact on Santa Fe's food security, community nutrition, community access to food, agriculture, and education about food- and climate-related issues. These recommendations are based on the goals laid out in the City's adopted Food Plan, "*Planning for Santa Fe's Food Future: Querencia, a story of food, farming, and friends*", and involved input not only from the Water, Land Use, and Food Security (WLUFS) Sub-Committee, but also took input from members of the Santa Fe City & County Advisory Council on Food Policy (SFFPC). Recommendations range from short- or shorter-term goals to long-term, with "Recommendation 1" being short-term and "Recommendation 6" being long-term.

### **RECOMMENDATION 1: SUPPORT CREATION OF A PERMANENT SOUTHSIDE FARMERS' MARKET**

The Southside area of Santa Fe currently is underserved in community access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and other healthy food choices due to limited fresh grocery outlets. Many families living in the Southside must overcome limited income, lacking access to transportation (public and/or private), limited access to childcare, and limited time to travel long distances to places where access to fresh, nutritious food is more readily available. Currently, the Southside Farmers' Market is one of the few reliable sources of fresh products in this community, but the market does not have a permanent site. The WLUFS Subcommittee recommends that the City support the Southside Farmers' Market by working with the Southside Farmers' Market, OneSanta Fe (formerly the Southside Quality of Life Initiative), and other relevant partners to secure a permanent site for the market, in a site which is easily accessed and which may include other amenities such as adequate parking, a commercial kitchen, and/or other community spaces as deemed necessary by the community stakeholders.

*Related to Food Plan "Getting Food" Goal 1.*

### **RECOMMENDATION 2: CREATE A JOINT USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND SANTA FE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

In an effort to continue to bolster the presence and use of school gardens as educational tools, as sources of food for consumption in school cafeterias, and as community hubs, we recommend that the City of Santa Fe work with the Santa Fe Public School System to create a Joint Use Agreement. One of the key problems facing school administrators in deciding to support a school garden on school grounds is that gardens are typically most active during times when school is not in session (summer months). Many schools do not allow access to school grounds outside of school hours, which makes it difficult and in some cases impossible for people in the community to care for school gardens during times when school campuses are not open. A Joint Use agreement between the City and Santa Fe Public Schools would address this issue, thus making school gardens more viable and opening up access to community growing spaces for children and families. However, we also recognize that this may not be the will of Santa Fe Public School staff, administrators, and/or leaders, and encourage the City to work with Santa Fe Public Schools in a way that is most appropriate to school leadership.

*Related to Food Plan "Growing Food, Goal 3" (p. 9).*

*Exhibit A*

**RECOMMENDATION 3: REMAP AND/OR CREATE NEW TRANSPORTATION ROUTES TO INCREASE EASE OF ACCESS TO FRESH, HEALTHY, AND/OR LOCAL FOOD OUTLETS**

A key constraint on access to healthy food is a lack of ability to get to places where fresh, healthy food is available. Thus, many turn to cheap, calorie-rich alternatives from fast food outlets, convenience stores, or purchase shelf-stable processed foods which last a long time but are not adequately nutritious. With an eye toward attracting more grocery outlets and markets that sell fresh foods in currently underserved areas, the City can most immediately increase the ease of physical access to grocery outlets by aligning public transportation—especially those routes that serve low-income individuals—directly with groceries, farmers’ markets, and other healthy food outlets.

*Related to Food Plan “Getting Food” Goal 1.*

**RECOMMENDATION 4: CREATE CAPACITY TO COORDINATE FOOD, AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND OTHER FOOD-RELATED INITIATIVES**

Within the City of Santa Fe, a groundswell of renewed connection to the earth, to growing, and to producing our own food to ensure food security for Santa Feans has resulted in a number of initiatives focused on food, nutrition, agriculture, economic development, and many other food-related issues. Some of these projects are directly spearheaded by the City, such as the creation and support for community gardens, the creation of an urban agriculture code and ordinances, food drives, and many other forward-thinking, food conscious ways to engage with the community and make Santa Fe a wonderful place to live. However, there are currently not staff members who oversee the full “food system” for the City, and the various projects administered by the City are not able to take advantage of the full amount of resources, cooperation, and collaboration available by working with nonprofit partners, private entities, and with other regional governments.

The WLUFSS Subcommittee thus proposes a two-fold approach to building professional capacity in this realm. First, we recommend that the City—in its continued partnership with the County—continue its fiscal support of the Santa Fe Food Policy Council and move to regularizing funding to the organization. Currently, the Santa Fe Food Policy Council is City-funded by a Human Services grant which is not guaranteed funding since the Council must reapply every year for funding. The WLFU Subcommittee recommend that the City considers making this funding a reoccurring budget item, and that in conjunction with the County work to increase funding for the Santa Fe Food Policy Council Coordinator position. The position of “Coordinator” for the SFFPC, which is currently contracted and jointly funded by the City and County. Farm to Table NM is the fiscal sponsor of the Santa Fe Food Policy Council.

Additionally, and on a more long-term basis, the WLUFSS Subcommittee also proposes the creation of a full-time employee “Food System Coordinator” whose work plan would be directly driven and influenced by the 2014 Food Plan “Planning for Santa Fe’s Food Future: Querencia, a story of food, farming, and friends.” This staff member would have three main overarching tasks: (1) Education & Outreach – act as subject matter and training expert for citizens, City staff, and other partners and distribute information that builds a stronger food system, (2) Policy – coordinate with the Santa Fe City & County Advisory Council on Food Policy, and (3) Coordination – build consensus and collaboration between governments, nonprofit partners,

schools, and other stakeholders working to grow food, educate about food, and build access to food in Santa Fe.

**RECOMMEDATION 5: CREATE A “SUSTAINABLE ZONING TASK FORCE” TO EXAMINE AND UPDATE EXISTING BUILDING CODE AND ZONING**

The General Plan, including building codes, zoning codes, and other ordinances have not been recently updated, and thus do not reflect many of the forward-thinking, sustainable best practices for growth, development, and protection and/or maintenance of green spaces, agricultural land, and other natural resources within the City. The WLUFs Subcommittee thus recommends that a Sustainable Zoning Task Force be created, whose primary goal is to understand best practices and investigate way to assess, conserve, and encourage agricultural lands, edible landscapes, and other sustainable green spaces in the City. This Task Force would ultimately create a list of recommendations that would be folded in to an update of the General Plan.

*Related to Food Plan “Growing Food”, Goal 4*

**RECOMMENDATION 6: UPDATE THE GENERAL PLAN WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM “SUSTAINBLE ZONING TASK FORCE”**

Using the recommendations from the aforementioned “Sustainable Zoning Task Force”, the WLUFs Subcommittee recommends that the governing body should direct staff to conduct the appropriate steps to update the General Plan, with increasing sustainability and protecting the ability of Santa Feans to engage in growing and agriculture within City limits.