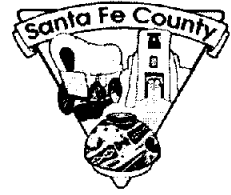


Agenda



Santa Fe City and County, Advisory Council on Food Policy
March 28, 2019, 9AM-11AM

Kitchen Angels Conference room, 1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM, 87507

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **ROLL CALL**
- C. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**-March 28, 2019
Prioritization and Agenda Order *5 minutes*
- D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** -February 28, 2019
- E. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR** *5 minutes*
- F. **ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL** Tony McCarty, Kitchen Angels Executive Director
"What's new with Kitchen Angels in 2019". *10 minutes*
- G. **PRESENTATIONS:** Council discussion of 5-7 most important topics/priorities to discuss with Robert Egger at April Meeting to inform "strategic planning retreat".
(April 25th, 10AM-2PM) *20 minutes*
- H. **STAFF COMMUNICATIONS** *5 minutes*
- J **INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS** *65 minutes*
 - 2. Policy Committees
 - a. State & National Issue
 - i. State Legislature updates :
 - ii .Pam to share and lead discussion on Slate of issues for the State Legislative Session.
 - iii. Farm Bill update-effects on state and Federal level.
 - Iv .National Issues
 - b.. Food Plan Committee updates.
 - i. Food Plan update: assignment of distribution.
 - ii. Re-establishing focus-Committees to consider how they will align with SFFPC Focus.
 - c. Food Production and Land Use Committee
 - i. Meeting updates.
 - d. Education and Outreach
 - I .Tracey Enright:Update on Food Tax statement and how it may be used in relation to Food Tax legislative issues.-Outcomes
 - ii. Council Commitment for monthly topics and communications – 2019
 - e. Governance Committee
 - i. Vote to approve new COSF staff appointment to the Council.
 - 3. Executive Committee *5 minutes*
 - 4. Items from the Chair *5 minutes*
- K. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**SUMMARY OF ACTION
SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FOOD POLICY
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**SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FOOD POLICY
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MARCH 28, 2019, 9:00 AM**

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy was called to order by David Sundberg, Co-Chair, at 9:00 am on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at the Kitchen Angels Conference Room, 3221 Siler Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Sundberg, Chair
Tony McCarty
Sherry Hooper
Tracey Enright
Gino Rinaldi
Patricia Boies
Emigdio Ballon
Rebecca Baran-Rees
Kierstan Pickens
(Vacancy)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carolina Flores
Tijender Ciano, Excused
Erin Ortigoza, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Sue Perry
Pam Roy, Farm To Table
Helen Henry, Farm To Table
Elizabeth Bradley
Lee Gagnon, City of Santa Fe
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Enright, seconded by Ms. Hooper, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Enright, seconded by Ms. Hooper, to approve the minutes as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Gagnon introduced himself as the possible new City representative, although the representative may be from Environmental Services instead.

Mr. Rinaldi asked when do we get to give updates on issues we are facing or working on.

Chair Sundberg said we will amend the agenda in the future to add updates.

F. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Mr. Rinaldi said he was somewhat appalled by the Legislative action towards seniors. We will see cuts. It was a tough year. The Administration went with the former Secretary's budget request. We had been pushing a funding increase in nutrition programs and did not get it. Now we are expected to continue to do and serve with the same funds. It forces us to the notion of putting people on a waiting list so the City will have to pick up the difference. That is not the way it should be done. The LFC wants to push more on local governments. 50% of the operation cost is covered by local government and seniors themselves. He wanted to bring this up formally.

Chair Sundberg said he would like to have an external conversation about it and figure out a date for you to do a presentation in front of the Council.

Ms. Boies said we did not hear that we had anything cut by the State for the budget, but a good portion of our funding is County funding. She would like to bring the County Senior Services Director to that meeting as well. We have an interim one right now.

Ms. Roy said the Governor has not signed the budget yet. Is there an opportunity to influence that.

Mr. Rinaldi said he did not think there was any opportunity. They totally forgot about the providers.

Ms. Roy said we could do a nice presentation piece and could invite the Secretary to come.

Mr. Rinaldi said let's do it

PRESENTATION ON KITCHEN ANGELS

Mr. McCarty said he will give a review of what Kitchen Angels does. Since 1992 we have been preparing and delivering fresh nutritious meals to people suffering from serious, debilitating and chronic health issues and others. When we were formed we had an exception for seniors who had special dietary needs that Meals On Wheels could not do. For the last three years we have served over 60 with special needs. Seniors are 51% of our population. They are the fastest growing segment of the population in the United States and in Santa Fe it is higher. We are a volunteer driven agency. About 800 volunteers come through the program over a year. We have a different crew of people every day doing office work, delivery, packaging and getting meals ready for drivers. Drivers use their own cars and gas. This is City land and the building is owned by the City of Santa Fe. Because of anti-donation we have to pay fair market value for rent and we do that with volunteer hours. We have 5 staff. Our meal delivery is a days worth of food. We have dietary supplements for those who have to have something to eat with their medications. The meals are diabetic friendly. We have breakfast bars and breakfast. We make the breakfast bars and send oats out the night before for the morning. On Tuesdays we send out dog and cat kibble in coordination with the shelter. The healing nature of pets and companionship is critical to our clients. We encourage our volunteers to have relationship with clients for loneliness. We are working with a companionship program who have folks come in for that. Everywhere we can keep a steady volunteer we provide services.

Ms. Baran-Rees asked how long do the volunteers work and what kind of training do they get.

Mr. McCarty said they work an average of two hours a week. They need to have a background check and one-on-one training and a two and a half hour training.

Mr. Ballon asked what is the average age of your clients and how many people do you serve.

Mr. McCarty said we serve over 400 clients a year, 170 a day. 52% of them are over 60. We have a couple of families who have small children and a 25 year old mother with six month old twins. We have seen mental health issues grow over the last year.

Ms. Boies asked do you go as far as Edgewood.

Mr. McCarty said we got a flash freezer and we send our fresh program out Monday through Friday, depending on the diet we send frozen meals out on the weekend. If people have a neighbor or care giver who can stop by Kitchen Angels once a week we will give them a bag of meals. We have added soups to that as well.

Ms. Boies asked what about the northern part of Santa Fe County.

Mr. McCarty said we have had people as far as Mora. We have 20 people on that program for frozen meals.

Ms. Boies asked you said a days worth of food, is that for 7 days.

Mr. McCarty said it depends on the client. People with chronic illness don't eat as much. It depends on the conversation between the client and our client services manager.

Ms. Boies said she loves the dog and cat food, but is it only for people in your program

Mr. McCarty said yes, people with chronic or special health needs. We discovered that there are no pantry programs on Fridays or weekends so we developed a small pantry program over that time. Also we do homeless friendly bags for people from Pete's Pets shelter. This was developed out of need.

Mr. Ballon said it is very interesting when you say making good and healthy food distribution. Do you have an idea or any indicator of how these types of provisions are working on this population. He is involved in a program in El Paso and what is important is how these people improve on the basis of the food. Do you have that type of data.

Mr. McCarty said we do a survey of clients and are tracking the same questions we have asked over the last 6 or 7 years. There are some dramatic improvements. It costs about \$3,000 for a client for a year. That is less than an overnight visit to the hospital. It was over \$4 million that we saved the indigent fund of the County. The County is not tracking that kind of information. Home delivery of meals is the number one social service that keeps people aging in place with a better quality of life.

Mr. Rinaldi said the State, when he was there, asked clients if they did not have this service what would be the outcome. They said they would not be able to live at

home.

Mr. McCarty said our clients do not know what they would do or they say they would be living in an institution, which in New Mexico is \$75,000 a year.

Mr. Rinaldi said in the Older Americans Act the top issues are meals and the prevention of isolation.

Ms. Pickens said she has an article from Tufts University that says \$1 billion in medical costs is saved by providing fresh vegetables and fruit.

Mr. McCarty said a meal costs us \$8.98 a meal, \$2.00 of that is packaging.

Mr. Roy said maybe at our May meeting we can discuss this and think out of the box looking across the public and private sector.

Mr. Rinaldi said he is working on getting a hot pocket truck. We use RSVP Senior Program volunteers. They drive the vehicle, but they are covered from another vehicle they drive.

Chair Sundberg said thank you. This is fantastic and very illuminating.

Mr. Rinaldi said they dovetail with people we can't serve because of specialized meals. This is a great service and partnership.

Mr. McCarty said we work with the City and County to cross check use

Mr. McCarty showed a short film about Kitchen Angels.

G. PRESENTATIONS

Chair Sundberg said next month on April 25th we will be meeting from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. How do we want to run this meeting. There needs to be some planning on the scope of work of the Council. How to best use Robert Egger's time. Are there any suggestions on topics for our potential scope of work. Short term, middle and long term.

Chair Sundberg said aggregated food policy, we need to integrate that into the partnerships we can bring at the table, update the Food Plan and add to it.

Ms. Perry said much of what we have put into the updates each year we can use to feed into the Food Plan.

Ms. Hooper said at the beginning we need to talk about the purpose of the Food

Policy Council. We can ask Robert Egger if he has had experience with other Food Councils and what he suggests. Her hope is that the Food Council has its own plan. Revisit what is in the original Resolutions by the City and County to see how we are supposed to be set up. There may be people in City and County government that view us differently and expect different things. She had lunch with Katherine Kegal recently and she said the Mayor is really put out with the Council because we have not responded to him at all and he has not heard from you at all. She thinks the Mayor is expecting something from us that we think is not part of our scope of work That has to be addressed at the retreat.

Ms. Baran-Rees said she feels the Food Plan updates don't focus on the Council works and supports efforts and organizations. We have connective value.

Ms. Hooper said we are policy people.

Ms. Boies said this is such a great topic to bring up. The origin of the Council was because the two bodies were constantly changing and did not know what each other was doing. We are not programmatic. We may want to have a new and clearer Resolution.

Ms. Perry said she thinks it is very likely he and other folks don't understand what policy is and what that does. She did not understand until she sat on this Council.

Mr. Ballon left the meeting.

Ms. Enright said she went back to the manual and there is a specific set of things the Food Policy Council is supposed to do.

Ms. Roy said subsequent to her conversations with Kyra she asked her to meet with Matt Brown and get his ideas. We are sitting in isolation. Kyra cares about how we move forward and sees the Council as overarching to Divisions and Departments of the City and County. The question is what could we do with Matt Brown and Kyra and others. We could have a Ted Talk sort of thing where they share with us up front what they are doing and how they see us participating with their Departments and they learn from us in that conversation who we are as well. We met with Councilor Villarreal and she asked for two of us to give a presentation to City Finance on Monday and to Public Works the following Monday. So we are trying to get there.

Mr. Rinaldi asked who are we and what are we supposed to be doing.

Chair Sundberg asked are we being supported in an appropriate way. We are a group of people who can provide recommendations and solutions.

Ms. Baran-Rees said the Mayor mentioned many months ago a project he wanted us to do. Maybe we can work on sharing of model how Food Policy Councils

are related to cities and counties and what their specific role is in presenting recommendations and how that builds a relationship. Here is what is required. Maybe we can share that a bit.

Chair Sundberg said and scope of work.

Ms. Hooper said we need to have a discussion about the Council and what our focus is. Farmers, food waste, what. We don't want to be too broad.

Chair Sundberg said that is the purpose of the planning session. We have in the last year or so scatter shot on things. As a Council we have not been able to target specifically. He would like us as a Council to focus on five things as a priority. We would be more effective that way.

Mr. Rinaldi said we need to decide this before we go out and say this is what we are going to do.

Ms. Roy said we are not going to have Gino or Rebecca at the April meeting.

Chair Sundberg said maybe we need a break out subcommittee after the next meeting. We will have 30 minutes of an official meeting then will go into the presentation and the rest of time we will focus on who we are.

Ms. Baran-Rees asked is the timing concerning. The presentation to City Finance and will be before we have these conversations.

Ms. Roy said the Councilor wants us to do it before budgets

Chair Sundberg said lets hold off on Kyra and Matt until we know who we are.

Ms. Boise said our Resolution is in our binders.

Ms. Roy said she has the strategic plan from the previous year. She can send it out as well.

Ms. Hooper said she would like to have Robert speak to his experiences with government.

Mr. McCarty said he has ideas about senior services growth as well.

Chair Sundberg said he wants his thoughts about nonprofits being the 3rd largest economic driver.

Ms. Baran-Rees said we have a unique opportunity in having him here. We

should devote the first two hours to him and his experiences. Then for the second part of the meeting do a debriefing. Maybe have another half day for who we are and what we do.

Chair Sundberg said we can do the agenda electronically. He will send out a rough timeline and get everyone's input on specific questions to ask and topics to cover. We will have a half hour for the business meeting and then the presentation from Richard and discussion, have lunch and come back to it and hit on topics and discuss the Resolution.

Ms. Baran-Rees said it would be good to have a simple kind of landscape analysis. Our strengths, barriers and what we are trying to address to get value from his time and his advice. Describe to him where we are struggling.

Chair Sundberg said we have the beginnings of that in our last strategic plan.

Ms. Enright said he has some videos available. He is a wonderful thinker. The challenge is not going off on tangents. He has some great ideas about working with City governments in a positive way.

Ms. Roy asked do we want to do something a week later or a month later.

Chair Sundberg said we will do a poll and see everyone's availability.

G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

This item will be discussed under State and National issues.

H. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

None.

I. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

1. POLICY COMMITTEES

A. FOOD PLAN COMMITTEE UPDATE

There was no report.

B. FOOD PRODUCTION AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

There was no report.

C. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Chair Sundberg thanked Ms. Perry for the entertaining and informative interview she did.

Mr. McCarty made a plea for social media content. We would like to get out in front of events so if you have anything coming up please give the information to Tracy.

D. STATE AND NATIONAL ISSUES

Ms. Roy reported that she has been doing small reports on the Legislative activities all along. It was a marathon sprint from day one. There was a lot of participation from the Governor's office staff and we worked with her staff. In your packet is the Legislative outcome report. Regarding funding for senior programs the LFC made a 180 errors in the bills regarding where the money went. She spoke with the LFC and the employee who made errors and they were extremely apologetic. She spoke with Senator Smith and he said he did not want to open the budget bills back up as that may put the entire budget in jeopardy. We will work outside the Legislature to make sure the funds go to the Departments they were intended to go to.

Ms. Roy reviewed her Legislative packet.

There was discussion around the requirements that farmers purchase permits if they are going to allow people to taste their melons or products at the Farmers Market.

Ms. Pickens said the permits are \$200 per farmer which is cost prohibitive for most of our farmers. We are working on ways around it.

E. GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Ms. Perry said she is willing to continue to serve as chair of this committee, but is happy to serve as advisory since she is no longer a member of the Policy Council.

Chair Sundberg said it probably should be someone who is on the Council, but maybe we can make you an ex-officio member of the Council. Lets put that on the agenda and talk about how we can do that at our next meeting.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There was no report.

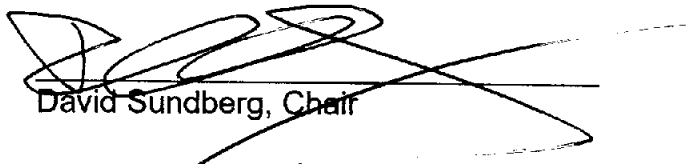
3. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

Thank you all for being here. This was a good discussion and he looks forward to the next meeting. He will begin the email process of asking for topics for discussion at the next meeting. We will meet here. Elizabeth is going to check to see if she can just be here for the business portion of the meeting as we do not really need a stenographer for the rest of the meeting. She will get back to us on that.


Ms. Perry said we will notice the meeting in a minimal manner.

J. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council the meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.



David Sundberg, Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer