



Agenda



Santa Fe City and County
Advisory Council on Food Policy
Thursday, January 24, 2013
9:00 to 10:30
Angel Depot Conference Room
1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM

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DATE 1/16/13 TIME 8:48am

PREPARED BY Katherine Mortimer

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1222 SILER ROAD, SANTA FE, NM 87501**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy was called to order by Katherine Mortimer, Chair on this date at approximately 9:25 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

Katherine Mortimer, Chair
Maria Bustamante-Bernal
Tony McCarty
Lynn Walters
Susan Perry
Steve Warshawer (arrived later)
Mark Winne
Elisabeth Salinas

Members Absent

Pamela Roy (excused)
Sherry Hooper (excused)
Martin Vigil (excused)
Emigdio Ballon (excused)

Staff Present

Rubina Cohen
Alena Paisano, AmeriCorps

Others Present

Patricia Boies, Santa Fe County Health Division
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Walters moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Bustamante-Bernal seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 20, 2012

The spelling of Patricia Boise's last name was corrected to Boies.
Chenetta Martin was corrected to Shenetta Martin.

Ms. Walters moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2012 as amended. Ms. Perry seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Boies asked to hear a timeline of the process for the Needs Assessment and whether completed and published etc.

Ms. Paisano said the Assessment is complete. She added an Executive Summary and put it on the website. She offered to e-mail the final to Ms. Boies. Chair Mortimer added there is also the Food Plan, which builds off of the Assessment. Ms. Paisano said she would also forward the methodology to Ms. Boies.

F. PRESENTATIONS/TRAINING- None

G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Cohen said she was leaving the Food Policy Council and would meet with the Executive Committee next week to transition out and help bring in a new person. She said a timeline would be provided to everyone after the Executive Committee meeting.

Ms. Cohen said she is completing a few reports (the City of Santa Fe and the Simon Foundation) and would continue to work with Shenetta on Upstream to get the CCAT items finished. She said the stakeholder questions are being completed and could be used for survey questions. The Assessment Committee was asked who the survey would be sent to versus who would be interviewed by phone.

H. INITIATIVES and ACTIONS

1. Executive Committee
 - a. Staff Work Plan

Chair Mortimer said since the position is open, the Food Council could look at staffing needs and take advantage of the funds allocated for that purpose. She said the Executive Committee would meet on the transition and a follow up meeting is scheduled with the idea to come back to the larger group with suggestions. Members were invited to join the meeting.

Mr. Warshawer entered the meeting at this time.

b. Council Member Commitment

Chair Mortimer asked members to continue to think about commitment because of the quorum challenges. She said it has been discussed to have an official advisory body of people who have conflict in attending official meetings. The advisory body could come to specific meetings on certain topics or join in subcommittee meetings and continue in an official capacity, but with a different level of commitment and understanding.

Ms. Perry thought the idea was excellent, but recommended people be briefly interviewed and asked if they could commit to the advisory group. She said it wouldn't do any good if the people they are trying to capture don't attend the advisory group meetings.

Chair Mortimer said Martin Vigil is an example of a member who really enjoys working with the Food Council and continuing work on emergency food issues. She said that is the case for many people; they have expertise or interests in specific issues.

Mr. Winne said the FPC should think about a community wide forum that coincides with the release of the Food Plan to give and get feedback. He said that could lead to an evolution of a larger advisory group who is interested in what the Food Council is doing.

Mr. Warshawer said a simpler structure than an advisory group is committee engagement. Committees working on issues could create a more active engagement that allows people to decide if they want to learn more about the other committees in the Food Policy Council.

Mr. Warshawer suggested a task force could be designated to release the Food Plan and provide an opportunity to engage people with specific interests in the Plan.

Chair Mortimer said the FPC has always allowed people to be able on the other subcommittees, but the reality is that they haven't been. The advisory structure would be created by people on the Food Council who leave to become part of the subcommittees' taskforce that has a more flexible schedule.

She said members could think about the idea and the CCAT could help identify people's relationships and how best to interact and still keep a high capacity of the larger group.

c. Reconsideration of Committee Structure- *carried over from last month's agenda*

2. Executive Committee (Governance Committee merged into)

Chair Mortimer said there are no presentations scheduled. Members were asked for ideas for presentations.

Ms. Cohen said she would follow-up with Zuby Wilson at the Santa Fe Community College, who is doing work around local food systems. She invited him to do a presentation and would follow up for the February meeting.

Chair Mortimer said she would ask Camilla Bustamante if she would present information on Sustanga in March. She said the group is associated with the Northern New Mexico College and was started by students and there is a small farm, a commercial kitchen and a farm store run by students. Sustanga is about getting fresh local food available, teaching students how to grow and eat healthy food and how to run a business.

Mr. Winne said he would like an update on community gardening in Santa Fe.

Ms. Paisano said she has been talking with Amy Hetager (Home Grown New Mexico) and was invited to their community garden potlucks to talk about governance issues on January 29 at 7 p.m. She said she would do research but this was also an opportunity to get in touch with people who know a lot about urban agricultural policies. A meeting would also be held February 16 to talk about the challenges and barriers of last year and how to overcome those, re-address the costs for community gardens and on issues that need policies.

She would forward the information.

3. Policy Committee
 - a. Community Food Assessment
 - i. Food Plan Methodology

The Committee discussed the document and how the document should be formatted.

Ms. Cohen said the original document had a formulation of the Executive Summary. The Food Council members wanted the original Executive Summary included and to show the overlap.

Ms. Paisano said she is on track with the methodology and completing the draft of the section based on demographics and information from the reports. She wrote a piece about community engagement with the concept of an advisory committee that, as an outreach strategy, is combined with the release of the Food Plan. She said with her background that would be a good use of her time while here.

Ms. Paisano said the writing process was scheduled to be completed by June, which gives time to go through the editing process before she leaves the end of July. She said also an alternative timeline came up.

She said she read about two dozen reports but couldn't get the PDFs into a lower resolution to put into one file. She asked the members if it would be useful for her to produce a hard copy format to keep in-house (at Farm to Table) as a reference guide. She was told that was a good idea.

Ms. Paisano said she was asked to whittle down the document even more and looks at pulling three items; those that overlap policy recommendations; those that directly conflict with policy recommendations and anything innovative or specific.

Chair Mortimer asked that important items be pulled and redundancy avoided. Mr. Winne added she should pull wherever the research is leading and the most relevant; Ms. Walters suggested foot notes.

Ms. Paisano said to date she has pulled demographic information and any policy recommendation of Santa Fe County, the region, or specific to the Food Policy Council work.

Mr. Winne said if a forum or public event is going to be done; the Food Council should spend time getting ready. He said the release should be timed to the Food Plan as a way to "grease the skids" to bring it to City Council.

Ms. Paisano said on behalf of Ms. Roy: the following day is Food and Farm Day at the legislature from nine to noon with an open house forum in the Rotunda. She said it would be valuable if members could attend to have a

Food Policy Council presence. Ms. Paisano said the event would be followed by a lunch hosted by the Santa Fe Community Foundation and they would be debriefed and discuss the day.

Ms. Paisano said the Farmers Market Bill would be presented to the Agriculture Committee at 8:30 and was critical to have the Food Council participate in the press conference at nine and wear green.

Chair Mortimer asked about the Healthy Kids Healthy Economy Bill and was told the Bill was renamed to SP80.

b. Food Production and Land Use

i. County Sustainable Land Development Code

Ms. Cohen said the next step is to draft a resolution on the highest and best use of land being agricultural land to take to the County.

Ms. Salinas explained that at a meeting on the 31st, a gamut of strategies was discussed to better integrate food access and food production into the Land Development code. She had developed strategies that build on the points discussed and some are cross-departmental and have been routed for approval.

She said the idea is for the County to collaborate with the Food Council to pursue strategies to advance the broader cause. She said if the Food Council creates an advocacy strategy, versus internally, this was a way to make sure this happens.

Ms. Salinas said she would pull the good ideas shared by the FPC and break them into tasks.

Mr. Warshawer said there is little in the Sustainable Development code that bears the fingerprints of the original Growth Management Plan (GMP) and a lot of visionary principles in the GMP are not in the code. The code is a development code and the problem is how to make that code so it wouldn't be anti-agriculture. He said they had to find a way to articulate the good values in the GMP and let those impact code writing.

Chair Mortimer suggested Ms. Salinas get an outlying agriculture-related, southern quarter of the County to introduce the resolution.

Ms. Salinas said there is support but she wanted to be clear the Planning Division was not the author of the code and needs partners to "plug" into the process. She didn't know the timing, but the land development code draft is six months out. She said the Food Council would have about eight weeks to contribute to the next draft.

Ms. Salinas hoped to send the rough scope of work for everyone to review in the next couple of days. She said she and another member of the Planning group could do a presentation to FPC.

Mr. Warshawer thought the Food Policy Council voice was in for this re-write. He said he is appreciative of the Planning Department Staff for recognizing the deficiencies, both in the language of the code proposed and creating a development code that is not anti-agriculture. He said the Planning Department is an advocate for the Food Policy Council's desire to see something different than the usual development code.

d. Upstream Grant - Previously discussed.

- e. Procurement- No update
- f. Education and Outreach- Nothing to report
- g. Federal
 - ii. Farm Bill

Mr. Warshawer said he forwarded Ms. Cohen information on the progressive side of things. He said the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition's lead lobbyist writes a weekly blog on the Farm Bill with occasional action items. He said the writer is good at getting at what policymakers are up to and the real possibilities and hasn't missed the mark much.

Mr. Winne said he noticed Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham was appointed to the House Agriculture Committee. He said that is good for New Mexico and would suggest the Food Council think about how to utilize the appointment.

The Committee discussed the Congresswoman, who is also a strong senior advocate with a background as an Administrator at the DOH (Department of Health.) One suggestion was to join the State FPC with the local FPC in a meeting and invite Congresswoman Grisham during the next recess, which is also the time for the Food Plan Forum.

Mr. Warshawer said outside of the Congresswoman's appointment, there is general disinterest on the part of Democrats on the Agriculture Committee and in the continued demise of power of the Agriculture Committee in the House. He said the House Agriculture Committee couldn't get their proposal onto the floor for consideration and hasn't been a place that is very impactful.

I. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR- There was none

J. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL- There were none

K. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING: February 28, 2013

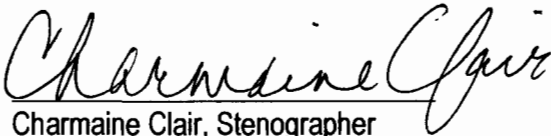
Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Approved by:



Katherine Mortimer, Chair

Submitted by:


Charmaine Clair, Stenographer