



Agenda



Santa Fe City and County
Advisory Council on Food Policy
Thursday, July 25, 2013
9:00 to 11:00
Angel Depot Conference Room
1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

DATE 7-18-13 TIME 9:15am

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**SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FOOD POLICY
1222 SILER ROAD, SANTA FE, NM 87501**

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 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 Susan Perry, Chair on this date at approximately 9:05 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

Susan Perry, Chair
Emigdio Ballon (arrived later)
Patricia Boies
Maria Bustamante-Bernal
Steve Warshawer
Tony McCarty
Katherine Mortimer
Pamela Roy
Lynn Walters
Mark Winne

Members Absent

Elisabeth Salinas

Two positions vacant

Staff Present

Alena Paisano
Erin Lloyd Ortigoza

Others Present

Councilor Chris Rivera
Carson Miller, Student
Gail Giles, Food and Water Watch
Ethan Genauer, AmeriCorps
Joe Hempling, citizen
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- April 25, 2013

Amendments were noted on the April minutes as follows:

On page 10 a statement by Mr. Warshawer was asked to be re-stated: "What we want to create with the help of our friends in the Planning Department is a process for what gets voted on. The fact that *any particular* ideas are floated, in no way suggests that they will go forward. "

Ms. Patricia Boies should have been reflected as present for the April meeting.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the minutes of April 25, 2013. Ms. Walters seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes of June 27, 2013

Ms. Boies moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2013 as presented. Ms. Roy seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Introductions were made of those present. Guests included:

City Councilor Chris Rivera who said he was present to observe.

Carson Miller, a student involved in raising healthy awareness for youth in Santa Fe.

Gail Giles with GMO Free Santa Fe said she also works with the Food and Water Watch campaign and supported the State Legislative campaign for Peter Wirth.

Joe Hempling is a retired state employee who worked with diabetes prevention who is concerned about GMO.

Ethan Genauer formerly with Food and Water Watch and Real Food (?) is a southwest regional organizer working to get more healthy foods into college cafeterias.

F. PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS- There were none

G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

The Staff Report is included in the packet.

1. City Annual Report for July 31

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she would present the City Annual Report to City Council next Wednesday. Everyone was encouraged to attend on July 31 at 5 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Chair Perry said she would send out the final edit of the report.

2. Confirmation of Subcommittee Membership

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said the updated membership list shows the member participation in subcommittee(s). She asked members to confirm if accurate and for chairs of the subcommittees to identify themselves. Ms. Mortimer noted that participation in at least one subcommittee is a requirement.

Ms. Walters suggested the Policy Committee be called the Food Plan Committee. The members discussed the change. Ms. Roy offered to chair the Food Plan Committee.

H. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

1. Consideration of City Farm Stand and Urban Agriculture Resolution (Exhibit 1)

Ms. Mortimer said the resolution has minor changes and one is to look at not just farm stands for community garden participants, but a broader urban agriculture and that impact. The Sustainable Santa Fe Commission made additional amendments to make the goal clearer.

2. Policy Committee

a. Policy Committee – Food Plan Update

i. Stakeholder interview process update (Exhibit 2)

Ms. Paisano said she has last minute interviews. She said the next phase would be to tour local farms and businesses and she would do that after August 7 and she would notify everyone of the date.

Chair Perry acknowledged Ms. Paisano and her work. She said as someone interviewed by Ms. Paisano, she did a powerful job, not only with the questions, but in the *way* she interviews.

b. Upstream Process:

i. Food Plan Policy Recommendation Workshop

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said the Food Plan Subcommittee would have an extended subcommittee meeting to frame and organize the data and draft policy recommendations based on the research. The policy recommendations would be presented to the FPC on August 19 and the Food Council would simultaneously revisit their guiding principles and vision statement.

She said the group has been working with Ms. Martin in the Upstream process to develop the workshop and agenda. Ms. Martin has recommended Ariel Fickle as a facilitator.

Chair Perry emphasized the importance for everyone to attend and engage in the workshop.

ii. Facilitation Training

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she also talked with other facilitators about the possibility of hosting a workshop in the fall focused on facilitation training for Food Council members. She said Lucy Moore was recommended as a facilitator by Rosemary Romero. Ms. Roy added that cultural competency work had been discussed and Ms. Moore would have a good idea of whether those pieces could be tied together.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said hosting community forums was discussed as well as structuring an environment that allows debate and listening to the ideas of others. Members with an interest in a topic could take a lead role in the forums.

Ms. Paisano said the idea would be to align with the goals and ensure relevant conversations when developing policy recommendations and to recognize that issues could fall into different goal areas.

- c. Food Production and Land Use Committee
 - i. County Sustainable Land Development Code

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said an urban agricultural task force was discussed at the last meeting and a suggestion was for the Food Production/Land Use to meet on the topic and invite the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission.

Mr. Ballon entered the meeting at this time.

Ms. Mortimer said one reason to do that is that they wouldn't want to presume the urban agricultural resolution would be approved. She said if approved, the focus could be expanded to include farm stands and see if the community gardens are interested in selling the produce they grow.

- ii. Proposed Urban Agriculture Task Force collaborative w/ Sustainable SF Commission

Ms. Paisano said a group of citizens are addressing urban agriculture, prompted by the challenges of Gaia Gardens. She understood the Gardens would be removed from the conversation because there are infringements to deal with first. A short term agenda has been developed to focus on Gaia Gardens and the other side would look at models around the country for urban agriculture.

She said the FPC has been invited to participate and she offered to continue to attend the meetings. She encouraged innovative ideas be sent to her to forward to that group; especially from Ms. Roy and Mr. Winne.

Ms. Roy said that fit under the Land Use Committee. She said it is important that everything be done to tie urban to rural; not just in the County, but how it pertains to water and issues that affect New Mexico, etc. She said on the policy side, they should think about their political structure in the region and in the State and that population is being lost in rural communities. She said it is important to go forward in a united effort as urban rural farmers.

Mr. Winne asked if the issues raised by Gaia Gardens and other community gardens would be addressed in the Food Plan. He thought the FPC should take the lead because it is part of their role, but wants to be thoughtful about what they do.

Ms. Paisano said they would be addressed and she had shared that the FPC was looking at urban agriculture in a broader context. She thought their issues were more water rights and use, zoning and appropriate approval.

Ms. Mortimer suggested the Food Council develop what is needed in a residential neighborhood to be urban 'ag' and what that would and wouldn't allow and how the impact should be addressed. She offered to be involved in the committee because of her knowledge of City code.

Mr. Ballon said the Food Policy Council would have to think about the type of plan that led to the development of the situation. He said they could garden anywhere and is fantastic to have hundreds of community gardens, but the situation is, there isn't water to support the gardens. He said they have to be very specific and careful in the way they deal with the development.

Mr. McCarty suggested that Amy Hetager (Home Grown New Mexico) is a person who could bridge the issue in both groups. He has talked with her about the issue and she is enthusiastic about joining the subcommittee.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza replied the Land Use Subcommittee meeting could be combined with the Urban Agriculture Task Force in conjunction with an invitation to the Gaia Garden group. Ms. Paisano suggested Pokei Poitton and Bette Booth would be interested in looking at the policy.

1. Consideration of City Farm Stand and Urban Agriculture Resolution (*Continued*)

Ms. Mortimer said the resolution does not include the edits of the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission Policy Council for the directive to be clear about the goal: not just to look at farm stands and their use for community gardeners, but also to look at urban agriculture more broadly.

Ms. Mortimer said the proposed edits would go forward to CIP, Land Use and the other City Council committees and when the resolution was an official recommendation, the Food Policy Council would take a formal vote.

The Committee members discussed the edits/changes.

Mr. McCarty was concerned about #3 (*examine possibilities for establishing large community gardens*) and #4 (*explore opportunities to end food deserts in Santa Fe*) in the resolution.

The Committee discussed the two directions to staff.

Ms. Mortimer thought the third task might go to Parks, since they do the park design. She said #4 could be a study in itself. She suggested striking #4 because it isn't in the same timeframe as the rest of the directives and the Food Council agreed.

Ms. Mortimer moved that the Food Policy Council recommend the approval of the Farm Stand and Urban Agriculture Resolution with the amendments proposed by the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission; and that directive number four be struck, because it is a larger issue being addressed in the Food Plan currently under preparation.

Ms. Walters seconded the motion.

A summary of the Food Council discussion of the Resolution follows:

Mr. Winne asked where this fit with the Food Council process; #2 states collaboration. Ms. Mortimer said she was directed as a staff person and how they collaborate could be decided.

Ms. Roy agreed with Mr. Winne and thought the cart is before the horse. She said *local farm stands* says to her that the land use issue has been dealt with and that hasn't happened yet. Ms. Mortimer explained that is why the FPC amendments added the issues.

The use of *organic* in the language was addressed. Ms. Roy pointed out there are few that are certified *organic* in the City and many people adhere to organic practices, but are *not* certified. The Committee discussed the language and decided to remove organic.

Ms. Paisano was concerned there was no language to clarify small-scale farming operations to prevent people from re-selling product. Ms. Mortimer said Councilor Bushee proposed that for the community garden plots

people who want to sell their products. Ms. Mortimer said neither she nor Ms. Sopoci-Belknap thought there is a market for that.

Mr. Winne said urban 'ag' in cities like Kansas City and Cleveland has extensive work around what constitutes an urban garden/farm and zoning to promote locally produced food. The cities have clear criteria about buying food for schools/institutions from the community farms and gardens and about the sale of produce. He thought the Food Council had not done enough work.

Ms. Mortimer explained the resolution directs staff to work on the resolution and because this is in a *whereas* statement and not the directive; staff could state concerns and change the language.

Ms. Walters said because *local* could mean many things: "grown in Santa Fe County" specificity would be better. She also suggested an emphasis on sustainable practices.

Ms. Mortimer made a friendly amendment change to the second *whereas* (line 20): *WHEREAS*, currently, the Santa Fe City Code does not allow for the sale of fresh fruits and vegetables from stands that would offer for sale fresh harvested produce that is grown at community gardens, orchards or farms within the City of Santa Fe, with an emphasis on sustainable practices...

Ms. Walters accepted the friendly amendment. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Councilor Rivera said he had to leave the meeting at this time, but he felt better knowing the resolution had a thoughtful and knowledgeable discussion. He said he appreciated all of the Food Council's work.

d. Procurement

Ms. Paisano said the State level work is continuing through Farm to Table. The Santa Fe Public Schools bid process is separated so local producers do not have to bid against larger producers; and unlimited amounts could be bought. The bid award would be made later that day for the Santa Fe Public Schools. Every product is awarded with three awardees and in that way, would be an informal cooperative.

Ms. Paisano said there has been discussion about how to ensure the produce is local and how to audit and inspect to ensure resale product isn't sold into wholesale markets. A food safety traceability handout has been established that Taos Public Schools is considering modifying. The Extension and the NMDA (New Mexico Department of Agriculture) are looking at how to certify that a business is local and as an educational entity, the Extension could certify farmers in the form of training, in the issues.

Ms. Roy commended Betsy Cole. She said Ms. Cole has been part of the work for 12 years and worked specifically on the process. She said the food safety piece is important and the rule making is happening now and would have impact on small to medium scale farming. She said the deadline is December 19 to participate. Ms. Roy said Farm to Table is working with the USDA (US Department of Agriculture) as a team to ensure size appropriateness and that farmers are capable of building those types of markets and that goes hand in hand with the procurement piece.

e. Education and Outreach-

ii. SFFPC Website/logo (Revised Agenda Order)

Chair Perry noted that the report is in the packet. She asked if Ms. Mortimer wanted to add anything.

Ms. Mortimer said the Annual Report would be given on July 31st, 2013. The Food Council is looking at branding for more recognition of the Food Policy Council and their work and so people know when they see the FPC logo that the Council is well vetted and balanced.

She explained the logo is generic and does not say Santa Fe or New Mexico and the subcommittee would develop options that would come before the Food Policy Council for a final decision. Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza added that she would send an e-mail asking for the member's ideas for artists who are working on the logo.

Ms. Bustamante-Bernal asked about the process for the artists designing the logo. She said her husband could assist with websites, etc.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza explained she is using an on-line process that allows international competition. She would provide continual critique to the designers on their submissions and the subcommittee would review the entries. A fee of \$300 is paid if a design is chosen and there is no fee for designs not selected.

i. Food Day- (noted as incorrectly listed under the Education & Outreach category)

Ms. Walters asked to address Food Day on October 24, 2013. She said Jan Poppendack, who has done extensive work on school food and hunger issues, would visit New Mexico and has offered to do something for *Cooking with Kids*. She said her concern is what could be done that is not just an academic discussion.

Ms. Mortimer said Mr. Warshawer had concerns with Food Day was about the organization (CSPI) that puts the event together and their policy directions and if the FPC wants to be associated with that policy.

Mr. Winne said the FPC could do their own Food Day. He said the idea of Ms. Poppendack is great and he suggested they find a place to do a Farmer's Market presentation and Mayor Coss could be asked to introduce her. He said this could be about Food Day in a larger context and have a local panel follow up and a reception with local food.

Ms. Roy said the New Mexico Food Policy Council was planned that day in Las Cruces and the Healthy Food, Healthy Communities Initiative would be held on the 25th in Las Cruces.

Ms. Mortimer agreed they should make their concerns clear, but would hate not to do Food Day because it would be a lost opportunity.

Ms. Paisano said she would meet with Jane Steinberg from *Slow Food Santa Fe*, who wants to discuss partnering on the Food Plan. She said that could help in the logistical challenges.

Chair Perry confirmed that the members wanted to participate in Food Day. She asked that an ad hoc committee be formed to put together a format.

Ms. Walters and Mr. Winne offered their help; Mr. Ethan Genauer and Ms. Carson Miller also wanted to be involved. Ms. Miller added that she worked a lot with the New Mexico Lieutenant Governor who is very interested in child health and childhood obesity. She thought he would be interested in speaking at the event.

Mr. Winne asked that a conference call be coordinated to organize the meeting details. He asked Ms. Walters to contact Ms. Poppendack and she agreed.

f. City-County GMO Task Force
i. Approval of Recommendations

Mr. Winne said the results of the meeting were summarized earlier. He said the recommendations were reviewed with Commissioner Holian and everyone felt the Task Force is moving in the right direction. He said Commissioner Holian had good ideas about how to make this work within the County; the crux was a committee established by the County. The committee would implement and oversee the recommendations and be comprised of people that are enthusiastic about GMOs and not necessarily a stakeholder.

Mr. Winne said some recommendations could be done immediately that doesn't require legislative/legal/administrative action. A resolution would be drafted and brought before the Food Policy Council in August and then submitted to the County. He said the hope is after the meeting with Councilor Bushee that something similar would be submitted to the City.

Chair Perry pointed out that a copy of the recommendations from the last meeting were in the packet.

Ms. Paisano asked if Commissioner Holian had followed up with tribal government and said the Commissioner should be urged to do that.

Ms. Roy said Commissioner Holian presented Resolution #2007-9 and the County passed that. Mr. Winne said the County is on record that they object to the seed industries refusal to label seeds/products that contain GE (genetically engineered) technology and ingredients and demands that all GE modified seeds and foods in New Mexico be labeled as such. He said they objected to the cultivation of GE seeds in general, especially within the range of the traditional agricultural systems. Ms. Mortimer added that Commissioner Holian was clear that there isn't a need to state general policy directions with the County, because the resolution has been approved.

Ms. Paisano said Commissioner Holian had discussed a meeting with a Pueblo Governor or one of the eight Northern Pueblo Councils. She said if they are to be a part, they should be at the table in the draft of the resolution.

The Council members continued to discuss tribal participation.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said rather than a mandate to the tribal communities to participate; they are to see if the tribes are interested. The resolution invites them to work together toward that goal.

Ms. Boies pointed out that the 2007 Resolution specifically states they would work with tribal governments to create zones that are free of genetically engineered and transmitted organisms.

Ms. Paisano said in cultural competency and to acknowledge sovereignty, even though not required; the move would be deliberate on their side on how they want to engage in the future.

Ms. Roy said Commissioner Holian's resolution was to set up a committee to work on that and the Commissioner asked the SFFPC to provide *some* recommendations. She said then they could recommend that the Pueblos have representation.

Ms. Mortimer suggested Ms. Paisano talk with Commissioner Holian.

Joe Hempling suggested Benny Shindo be contacted because of his experience with the Commission of Indian Affairs before he went on to the legislature. Mr. Genauer added it would be important is to include restaurants, institutional food providers, food banks and City/County purchasing.

Ms. Bustamante-Bernal replied that several restaurants are pushing for the resolution and she would try to contact them.

g. National Issues

i. Farm Bill- a report was submitted (Exhibit 2)

Ms. Roy said the Senate passed their version of the Farm Bill and the House came back to pass a farm bill that exempts the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and all Nutrition Title; SNAP, Senior and the Farmer's Market Nutrition Program and commodity and many of the food assistance programs.

Ms. Roy said the Senate would not move forward without the Nutrition Title and the President said he would not sign a Farm Bill without the Nutrition Title. She said the federal government has until September 30 on the current extension of the Farm Bill. The hope is that Congress will finalize the Bill and get that to the President.

Ms. Roy said she also included information on the October 24 meeting that is based on encouraging local food policy councils to participate in advocacy training to build continuity between the local and state issues.

ii. Center for Science and Public Interest- *N/A: item should not be on the agenda.*

3. Executive Committee

a. Review intro statement for staff positions – *Has not been done yet.*

b. Replacement Suggestions for Emergency Food Service

Mr. McCarty said Susan Odysius (Food for Santa Fe) is very interested but hasn't gotten her letter of interest to him; she is working on it. He noted that the instructions sent to people and what they are asked to do are conflicting and suggested the Executive Committee revise the instructions.

c. Replacement Suggestions for Community Member

Ms. Paisano said she sent an e-mail to Marianne Naranjo (Upstream) who is a passionate member of the water community and well versed in food issues. She has not heard back from her yet.

Mr. Warshawer and Ms. Salinas are said to be looking into the members on the Estancia Basin.

Ms. Roy said she appreciated that Carson Miller was present. She said they discussed representation from the youth and how youth would be a great ally in this work. She said great work is being done and Ms. Miller is a great example.

I. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR- None

J. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Ms. Boies said that Santa Fe County has published a revised resource directory and has a lot of contact information ranging from transportation to housing, to counseling and includes a section on the food assistance available in Santa Fe County. The directory is on the website and copies are available in the office on Galisteo.

Mr. McCarty said the issue of Native Food Ways on page eight, has a definition of food sovereignty. He added that the *Local Organic Meals on a Budget* has a series of classes sponsored by Kitchen Angels and WIC and EBT entrants could attend free.

Ms. Giles said a *Rights of Nature Workshop* would be held this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING: August, 2013

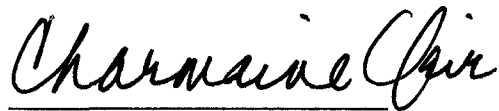
Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Approved by:



Susan Perry, Chair

Submitted by:



Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Patti Bushee

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CODE AND THE ESTABLISHED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO COMMUNITY GARDENS TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMITTED USE IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS FOR FARM STANDS; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP A LOCAL FARM STAND PLAN SO THE RESIDENTS OF SANTA FE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE FRESH PRODUCE FROM COMMUNITY GARDENS AND ORCHARDS.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body adopted Resolution No. 2009-53 on May 13, 2009 for the purpose of establishing a City of Santa Fe Community Garden Program with related policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Santa Fe City Code does not allow for the sale of fresh fruits and vegetables from stands that would offer for sale fresh harvested produce that is grown at community gardens, community orchards or at organic farms; and

WHEREAS, fresh grown fruits and vegetables are a nutritious and healthful addition to any diet and having the ability to purchase freshly grown produce from a local farm stand would be beneficial to our residents as well as enhance our local economy.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that staff is directed to:

1. Draft amendments to the city code and the established policies and procedures related to community gardens to include provisions related to the establishment of a permitted use in certain zoning districts for farm stands, which shall include provisions that local farmers will have the ability to sell their produce at the farm stands and clarify that the produce does not have to be grown at a community garden or orchard but can be grown at local farms;
2. Collaborate with local organizations such as Earth Care and Youthworks; the Food Policy Council, Sustainable Santa Fe Commission and neighborhood associations to develop a local farm stand plan so the residents of Santa Fe will have the ability to purchase fresh produce from community garden and orchard sites;
3. Examine the possibilities for establishing large community gardens, i.e. at SWAN Park;
4. Explore opportunities to end food deserts in Santa Fe.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2013.

DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY

07/20/2013

Food Plan for Santa Fe

Stakeholder Interview Highlights

- 1) Interviewees are in overwhelming agreement that the priority/vision for developing a healthy food system in Santa Fe is to increase access to *affordable* and fresh food options (notice the void of local as a priority). Hunger is still very much an issue in SF, there is need to address this reality before looking at quality of food issues. Another evident trend is that folks would like to see more urban agriculture, backyard gardens, school gardens, and community gardens.
- 2) Community Gardens are an underutilized asset in our community that would greatly benefit from some policy changes.
 - Water Usage: The water at the gardens is paid for through contributions from gardeners (\$25/year), if the annual water bills exceed this amount gardeners are *supposed* to pay the excess amount back to Parks- as of yet no penalties have been addressed and no payment has been used for excessive water use.
 - Resident Engagement: It is a trend that the folks who do garden in the community plots most often belong to 2 or 3 gardens. In other words, the potential impact of the gardens to reach as many people as possible is lessened by an average of 1/2.
 - Capacity: The gardens are ran by the city with *significant* support from the non-profit Homegrown NM in the form of classes, co-hosting meetings, logistical support, etc.
- 3) Emergency Management across our county is under capacity and in great need of further investment and community education.
 - EM meets food security and sustainability in the form of self-reliance, which is a cornerstone of sustainability and is not highlighted in the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan.
- 4) Santa Fe Public Schools are committed to buying local product, 2012-2013 they purchased about \$45,00 in local product and intend on *doubling* that in 2013-2014.
 - They partnered with Farm to Table to develop a Local Bid which affords local farmers the right to not bid against large suppliers. They are working to establish food safety and traceability requirements to ensure legitimacy and sustainability of the bid, it will be a model for other districts to adopt, Taos is currently considering doing so.
- 5) Tribal Commodity Foods serve approximately 1500 residents across our county, eligibility is determined geographically therefore non-native populations are also served in pockets of the north.

- Income eligibility requirements are stricter than SNAP/WIC and are not culturally appropriate (household size is restricted to immediate family member dependents under 18 – no exceptions).
- There is a need for greater information and connectivity to other food support programs in SF, if an individual doesn't qualify they currently don't have a list of other orgs and programs that may be able to meet their needs.
- ENIPC operates a warehouse north of Nambe which is equipped with all necessary infrastructure (ample cold storage, 2 refrigerated trucks) which is not currently at full capacity. There is an excess of inventory which would sustain clients for about 2 months at all times (policy).
- The foods offered are diverse and well balanced (ex. whole wheat flour, almond/soy milk, fresh fruits and veg, frozen meats), clients develop custom boxes by choosing options from different food categories.
- They are working with the USDA to improve the availability of culturally significant foods to the SW. *Research has been done which shows that families using the commodities system have better health indicators than those that choose to use SNAP.*

6) Senior Centers: The department is committed to not using canned food, using fresh and seasonal product whenever possible, and providing clients with high quality food. "If I wouldn't serve it to my mother it doesn't leave the kitchen".

- Edgewood has recently built a sizeable community garden through fund that were allocated from the county through Resolution 2013-42. They have little community buy in (both in the center and in the broader town), staff is committed to addressing this and has goals to incorporate Farm to School programming on site as a way to connect youth with elders. Product from the garden is *by the seniors, for the seniors*- folks take produce home and it is sometimes incorporated into the kitchen for congregate meal service (though there are some questions about the legitimacy of doing so, food safety issues etc.)
- There is immediate need to investigate who the approving agency might be for using garden-grown product for governmental services, and a potential to help support the centers through food safety and handling trainings for staff.
- There is also a need for programs in the centers- garden classes, culinary programs (like cooking with kids), and fun/engaging nutrition classes.
- They are currently hiring for a nutritionist (will start by September 2013) which is critical to our goals, this person will be responsible for all menu planning, ordering and inventory.
- There is demand for local product from the County (BCC and AAA), but not from clients- preferences sometimes dictate trends against healthier options.
- There is a potential for a pilot program of using local product, ideally in the centers with clients in most need (Chimayo, Santa Cruz, Edgewood), it would need to come with a funding appropriation.



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EXHIBIT 3
City & County of Santa Fe
Food Policy Council
July 25, 2013

July 19, 2013

Re: Santa Fe Food Policy Council – Policy Report

Dear Santa Fe Food Policy Council Colleagues:

As many of you may remember, over a year ago the Santa Fe Food Policy Council approved supporting a set of Farm Bill priorities (the same as the NM Food and Agriculture Policy Council). Since then, we have continued to be involved in the Farm Bill process educating our policymakers and their staff about the benefits of various programs to New Mexican's.

Farm to Table and the New Mexico Food and Agriculture Policy Council has been busy since our June meeting working on Farm Bill priorities, preparing for a NMFAPC October 24th convening in Las Cruces, and developing our schedule over the coming month as per much input and commitment from the June meeting.

Farm Bill:

In the immediate, the NM FAPC has been focused on the Farm Bill. Last Thursday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a Farm Bill that did not include the Nutrition Title (H.R. 2642). In a controversial move, just before midnight last Wednesday, the Rules Committee approved by a rule that split the Farm Bill, separating out the nutrition title. The bill contains updated subsidies for farmers but lacks a reauthorization of the food stamp program. This bill had much opposition from farm groups. Not a single Democrat voted for the bill. The new farm bill, "H.R. 2642 - the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013," is available at:
<http://rules.house.gov/bill/hr-2642>.

The Senate passed their version of the Farm Bill more than a month ago. It provides funding for all of the Farm Bill titles including nutrition and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – Food Stamp Program and the SNAP Education. It also includes funding for all of the programs we, at the NM FAPC, requested for farmers and ranchers, conservation programs, rural development, research and the cooperative extension program, energy, food safety education, organic agriculture and more.

What does this mean and what happens next? The House or the Senate will have to request a conference (a meeting of both parties) to negotiate for one Farm Bill (bill). The Senate will not agree to a bill that does not include the Nutrition Title (SNAP and many other programs that are priorities of the SFFPC and the NMFAPC). Then that bill will go to the full House and Senate for votes by both parties. If passed, that will be the bill that is sent to President Obama. President Obama said he will not consider a bill that does not include the Nutrition Title (SNAP and other programs). All of this needs to happen before September 30th. As it looks, they may not get to this

The House version of the Farm Bill completely cut many of the programs we consider priority to New Mexico including the SNAP, SNAP Education, Nutrition Education, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Snack Program for Schools, the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, the Commodity Supplemental Food Program, the Community Food Projects Grant Program, the Healthy Food Financing Initiative, and more. We have either helped to create or support many of these programs as they are critical to New Mexicans.

This is an opportunity to thank our Congressional leadership who have supported all of our requests including Congresswoman Michelle Lujan Grisham, Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich. Over the next month, it is our hope that we can encourage Congressman Pearce to support our priorities, and in particular, the Nutrition Title and its programs that are vital to New Mexicans.

NMFAPC Next Steps:

Mark your calendars for our next statewide NMFAPC **meeting, scheduled for Thursday, October 24th in Las Cruces at Hotel Encanto.** We will focus on building advocacy at the local level and organizing at the state level for our initiatives. We will also celebrate our successes and World Food Day with a “local foods” reception. In addition, we invite everyone to join us for the **Healthy People – Healthy Places Convening on Friday, October 25th.** More information will be provided in the month to come.

Attached are the minutes from the June meeting and a tentative schedule of meetings, events, and interim committees for the coming months (we will update the schedule and send out as we firm up dates). **The Governing Board will meet by conference call Thursday, August 1, 9-11am.** Information will be sent to the Governing Board by Monday, June 23rd.

In the immediate the following sub-committees will meet in August (dates to be finalized by July 26 and schedule will be sent out).

- **Food Safety:** Farm to Cafeteria Team
- **Competitive Foods:**
 - o Review competitive foods rules
 - o Healthy Kids – Healthy Economy
 - o Review and prep for Child Nutrition Reauthorization
- **Child Nutrition Re Authorization:**
 - o Review federal programs
 - o Develop recommendations
 - o Follow up meeting to determine how NMFAPC can align work with SSW and SWOP.
- **Tribal Community Initiatives:**
 - o Goal setting and issues
- **Farm Bill:**
 - o Continue work on Farm Bill with interested members
- **Advocacy, Outreach and Events**

If you are interested in participating on a committee please let me know.

Thank you to everyone for your commitments to the Farm Bill, committees and the important work of the NM FAPC. We will follow up with more updates, actions, and scheduled meetings in the coming week.

Best, Pam