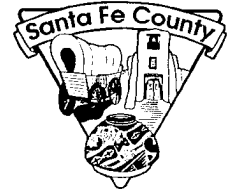




Agenda



Santa Fe City and County
Advisory Council on Food Policy
Thursday, July 26, 2012
9:00 to 10:30
Angel Depot Conference Room
1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM

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

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2012

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 9:15 a.m. at the Angel Depot, Conference Room, 1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated a lack of **quorum** but was established later as follows:

Members Present

Katherine Mortimer, Chair
Sherry Hooper
Tony McCarty
Emigdio Ballon (arrived later)
Martin Vigil
Maria Bustamante-Bernal
Lynn Walters

Members Absent

Bianca Sopoci-Belknap (excused)
Mark Winne (excused)
Pamela Roy (excused)
Susan Perry (excused)
Steve Warshawer (excused)

Staff Present

Rubina Cohen

Others Present

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

While waiting for quorum Amy Hetager presented information on Home Grown New Mexico.

F. PRESENTATIONS / TRAINING (Revised Agenda Order)

Home Grown New Mexico – Amy Hetager

Ms. Hetager passed around information on a fundraising event that helps Home Grown provide free classes. She said a person could tour seven fantastic houses in five locations for \$35. She would send an e-mail with more information.

A summary of Ms. Hetager's presentation follows:

Home Grown New Mexico works with the community gardens; currently there are ten with one planned for Plaza Contenta. Home Grown also works with the Earth Care Community Garden.

A community garden is defined as a privately owned or place in a city park that is leased to someone for the annual cost of the water (about \$10-\$25.) Costs will vary depending on plot size.

There are other kinds of gardens but the name *community garden* is reserved for places that lease plots. Santa Fe has about 130 gardeners in community gardens of all sizes; Milagro Community Garden the largest (75 members) and oldest (15 years) and is privately owned and funded by the church next to the garden.

The City opened four City park gardens in 2009. Earth Care was a part of the community garden before starting their community garden. The Earth Care garden has eight community garden plots with six to seven youth plots of mostly high school kids and the Earth Care summer camp helped set up the gardens.

The Cerro Gordo Park is looking for funding and Hopewell had a community garden but closed because there was no water. Herb Martinez Park has about 13 acres and is a potential location with about 25 people in the neighborhood that would support a community garden.

A Community Gardens Council meets with the leaders of the community gardens, private and City funded, to discuss the best ways to work with the gardeners; some from other areas of the country that have different climates, etc. Classes are given by the community gardens as well as Home Grown New Mexico.

The schools have some community gardens and charge an introductory fee for a plot that helps pay for new tools and the tool shed, etc. Home Grown New Mexico helps with projects such as at Sunny Slope to prepare the soil and put in compost for a xeric garden.

The City asked that Home Grown ensure at least 20 people are interested in a space in a community garden location and would pay \$25 for a plot for community gardens. One issue is access to water and a lot of the expense is for a water connection. Community gardens located in City parks use the City water system.

Home Grown New Mexico educates people through their classes. Classes are given during the two potlucks per month and run about 30 minutes with topics on the best things to garden; seasonal planting; what to plant now for seeds that could be planted next year. The speaker for the potluck on Tuesday, July 31, would talk about fall gardening. The schedule of events is on the Homegrown.nm.org website and events on the website are about keeping food and growing food.

Cooking classes are held with Kitchen Angels and the Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute every other Wednesday to help people to learn to cook; the class on August 22 would be on food preservation and teach people pickling, canning and making jams, etc.

Ms. Bustamante-Bernal mentioned she wants more low income and Latino families involved because of the many immigrants that are used to sustainable environments and growing their own food. She offered to teach classes in Spanish.

Ms. Hetager said she distributes flyers in English and Spanish and Earth Care is committed to knocking on doors and finding out if people are interested. Ms. Hetager said she liked the idea of teaching classes in Spanish for those people that might not speak English well enough to understand the classes.

Classes are held at the Milagro Community Garden free of charge and some of the classes have been on introductory bee keeping; plants bees enjoy; the local bees and how to get them to come to your garden. The hope at the end of the year is a class on how to start bee keeping.

Milagro Community Garden was started to help low income people eat local food and about 25% of the food is donated to the Adelante Program or Food Depot, etc. She said the South side has a lower attendance and she would try to reach people there.

A flyer for "truck farming," a new kind of neighborhood garden was passed around. The truck farm would move to a community garden in August. The truck farm would move to St. Michael's for the "Re-Mike" revitalization of the area in September.

A fund raising event would be held on September 14th and a tour of the community gardens would be held on September 15 and people could sign up on the website. Those who sign up for the website receive a weekly seasonal educational aspect.

Chair Mortimer thanked Ms. Hetager and said she has been doing wonderful work. Ms. Hooper added that Ms. Hetager always brings a lot of volunteers to help at the Food Depot and they are grateful.

Mr. Ballon entered the meeting and quorum was established at this time.

Chair Mortimer welcomed the new members; Martin Vigil and Emigdio Ballon. Each Food Policy Council member introduced themselves.

Mr. Ballon invited all of the members to come to Tesuque Pueblo to see what the Pueblo is doing.

Chair Mortimer said she would like to do another field trip; the Food Council has made a trip to the South and it was very helpful and informative. She said it would be good to go to the North to see the Bennett farm. She suggested they wait until September or October.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Hooper moved to approve the Agenda as published. Ms. Bustamante-Bernal seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March, 2012 and June 07 and June 28, 2012 March, 2012

Ms. Hooper moved to approve the Minutes of March, 2012 as presented. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

June 7, 2012

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the Minutes of June 7, 2012 as presented. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

June 28, 2012

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the Minutes of June 28, 2012 as presented. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR – There were none

G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Cohen said her focus has been on hiring the AmeriCorps intern. She said there were great interviews with highly qualified individuals but the first selection took another position. She would call Christina regarding the status on the second referral.

Ms. Cohen said the intern would start in September and could finish the community food assessment. Ms. Cohen said she worked on communication and outreach and the beginning work on the food plan.

Mr. McCarty noted that one of the federal budgets had eliminated AmeriCorps funding.

H. INITIATIVES and ACTIONS

3. Governance Committee (Revised Agenda Order)
 - a. Conflict of Interest Policy

Ms. Walters moved to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy as presented. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

1. Rancho Valle Farmland Preservation Project in La Puebla update –

Chair Mortimer said the project passed at the County and is moving forward with the appraisal. She explained the project for the benefit of the new members. Owners of the land want to preserve the land for agriculture and in order to retire and be able to put the land into agricultural preservation need more value out of the land than agriculturally could be received. The owners would donate some of the land and other sources are looked at to help buy the land. COLTPAC (County Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee) has funds to support that.

Chair Mortimer asked that Mr. Vigil keep an eye on that as it comes through from the County perspective. She would ask Ms. Noss to provide an update at a future meeting.

Mr. Ballon asked about the situation in which Food Policy Council would provide preservation...

Chair Mortimer explained that since the Land Trust asked the County for funds and support for the project, the County wanted FPC to confirm the project was one that the County should support. She explained the Food

Policy Council discussed the project to be sure there is value to the community and investment. A lot of the discussion was to ensure the situation wouldn't fail and the appraisal wouldn't be specialty foods but based realistically.

Mr. Ballon said it is important for the Food Council to have a good basis for why they support the project.

Chair Mortimer said one benefit is that Steve Warshawer currently ranches on the property and is working with the current property owners to transition the land to growing. She and Mr. Warshawer met with the Trust for Public Lands and the Farmers Market Association who are doing the proposal and all of their questions were answered. She feels as a result that the proposal is stronger and has a higher chance of success because the questions were addressed. She said the Food Policy Council would be kept in the loop.

2. Executive Committee-

Ms. Cohen said Ms. Roy would arrange a committee meeting when she returns.

a. Presentations and Trainings Criteria and Calendar

The Committee discussed the training that has been done and that all of the planned training has been done.

Chair Mortimer asked the members for their ideas on future presentations.

Ms. Cohen said it would be helpful for the Food Council to know what's is happening specifically with food stamps; if there are barriers, funding; what the Food Council could do etc.

Mr. McCarty said Christus St. Vincent's is working on a similar project with the heaviest users of the hospital and possibly there could be a dual presentation. He said Care Connection provides care for specific populations and works with the 10 heaviest users of the local hospital and the prison population. They have had a 74% drop in the use of emergency services at the hospital because someone guides people through the process and arranges services for them.

Mr. McCarty offered to do a presentation possibly in October. Chair Mortimer said she would tentatively schedule October and check on the status before then.

Chair Mortimer mentioned cultural sensitivity training had been discussed.

Ms. Hooper said one of the trainings Ms. Roy recommended was several thousand dollars. She thought they might be able to do something on a smaller scale or facilitate the process for nonprofits etc. and bring staff in and do a larger training.

Mr. McCarty said it had been suggested to tie in to the Santa Fe Community Foundation etc. that already does that type of training.

Chair Mortimer suggested training at the monthly meetings for a half hour or 45 minutes. She thought they might be able to get someone involved with the immigrant or Native American community to talk about specific local cultural sensitivities and how communities could be approached in respectful ways.

Ms. Walters suggested Gail with Adelante who has a lot of experience. She offered to contact Gail.

Mr. Vigil said in his background he did a lot of cultural healthcare education. He talked about his experience as a nurse in Florida with a patient from Haiti that practiced voodoo. He said he was educated over a few days to the similarities to indigenous beliefs, Native Americans and Catholicism. He said he had enormous information from spending a year taking care of people from all over the world and has worked at the shelters.

Chair Mortimer said several distinct communities are in Santa Fe that the Food Council would want to partner with and would be good to understand them uniquely.

Ms. Walters had to leave at this time and quorum was lost.

Mr. McCarty suggested waiting until September when the AmeriCorps volunteer is on board. He asked for more information on the Farm Bill status.

Chair Mortimer said the Bill is on the agenda and would be a priority until passed and she would ask Ms. Roy to give an update in August. Ms. Hooper suggested someone from Senator Udall and Senator Bingaman's office, or Congressman Lujan be invited to discuss what they see for the Farm Bill.

Ms. Bustamante-Bernal said the Farm Bill is being structured to get rid of things that impact the low income families first and a shift from major farming corporations to small farmers needs to be made that isn't being addressed by the Bill.

Ms. Hooper said TFAB, a commodities program that the Food Depot receives food from, has been increased but she hasn't seen the increase translate to more food. She said food is more expensive and now people are hearing about bad corn crops and anticipated increases in poultry, dairy, etc.

Ms. Hooper offered to invite the Senators and Congressman for the August or September meeting.

3. Governance- (Revisited)

Ms. Hooper said a County position is now open because of Mr. Sill's vacancy. She asked if she should talk to the County Manager.

Mr. Vigil suggested the position be filled by someone who works downtown. He doesn't attend the BCC (Board of County Commissioners) meetings as often. He said the person should be more involved in day-to-day issues.

Ms. Cohen offered to contact Robert Griego. Mr. Vigil added two women in Mr. Griego's office are involved in outreach projects and hear about irrigation issues, etc. that could be a good connection.

4. Policy Committee a. Assessment

Chair Mortimer said the document needs another edit and then would be sent out.

b. Food Production and Land Use

Ms. Cohen said the committee hasn't met in very long time.

c. Procurement

Ms. Cohen said Ms. Roy is having Shauna set up a meeting. Chair Mortimer added a meeting was set up with the City and was canceled and never rescheduled. Ms. Cohen thought Ms. Roy and Shauna were working on that.

d. Education and Outreach

Chair Mortimer said the packets are being worked on.

e. Federal

i. Farm Bill

Chair Mortimer said she would ask Ms. Roy to provide an update in August.

I. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR - There were none.

J. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL-

Mr. Vigil said September is the National Emergency Preparedness Month and he is trying to capture depression era recipes. He asked if anyone knew of a senior center or a forum that might support that. He said there could be good application in the future in terms of how to feed a family when there isn't much food etc.

Mr. Vigil said every day that generation (seniors) is lost and seniors are energized sharing their stories. He said the Food Policy Council had discussed taking on the preparedness messaging around food and food defense. He asked if the FPC still had that interest.

Ms. Cohen said messaging yes but she doesn't see going to senior centers as policy work. She said Mr. Vigil could sit with her or the Education Outreach Committee to come up with different messages and delivery ideas. She said an emergency food press release regarding the fires was done this year in conjunction with the Food Depot and one was specifically from the Food Policy Council.

Ms. Hooper suggested Mr. Vigil contact the RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program) and to get the idea into their newsletter and collect information in that way. Mr. McCarty agreed and said the head of the program is always looking for projects for her seniors.

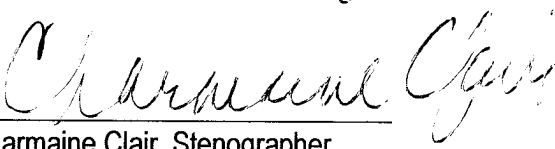
K. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING: August 23, 2012

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Approved by:

Katherine Mortimer, Chair

Submitted by:



Charmaine Clair, Stenographer