

Seattle Good Food Network

January 21, 2010 at Beacon Hill Library

Meeting Notes

Facilitators: Kara Martin/Branden Born

Notetakers: Uriah McKinney/Kara Martin

Attendance: Branden Born (UW Department of Urban Design and Planning), Kara Martin (Martin & Sanders Consulting), Jonathan Scherch (Antioch University Seattle), Matt Maria (UW), Uriah McKinney, SuJ'n Chon (Seattle Dept of Neighborhoods), Basil Weiner (CAGJ), Ron Harris White (Seattle Parks and Recreations), Diana Vergis Vinh (PHSKC), Rachel Duboff (Thyme to Nourish), Jamie Robinson (Lettuce Link), Sue McGann (Lettuce Link), John Samaras (Sustainable NE Seattle), Sharon Lerman (Seattle Tilth), Nicole Capizzi, Mike Graham-Squire (CAGJ), Siri Erickson-Brown (Local Roots/Sno-Valley Tilth), Anise Hotchkiss (Antioch/Chaco Café), Randy Engstrom (KCFFI/DNDA), Lee Brodie (Transition Seattle), Ashley DeForest (UrbanFarmHub) Andrea Petzel (Seattle DPD), Phyllis Shulman (Councilmember Richard Conlin's Office), Kira Doley (Neighborhood Farmers Market Alliance), Karen Luetjen

Summary

After reviewing the previous meetings discussions and decisions, the floor was opened up for news and updates on food-related work. Based on the news shared by City of Seattle staff and other network members, the network began to discuss what projects the network was interested in and what committees needed to be formed. Two committees were formed- the Mission/Vision/Values committee and the Technology committee. Additional committees will be formed in the next couple months (committee descriptions in notes).

Next meeting: February 18th, 4:30-6pm at the Capitol Hill Library. Branden and Kara will prepare agenda and facilitate.

News and Updates:

WSU/UW conference on Urban Ag in October 2010 (contact: Karen Luetjen)

PSRC will start a Regional Food Council (King, Snohomish, Pierce, Kitsap Skagit not included). Food Policy Council will report to PSRC's Exec Board. Info memo will go to the Exec Board. It will be established as a forum. Next steps: bring to Exec Board. Will include former AFPC members (3-4) and will seek out funding and membership for the next 2-3 months

Seattle has just contracted 3 consultants to examine economic opportunities of the local food system and at next steps as well.

Seattle Food Action Plan: In 2008 the city council put out a statement of legislative intent to create a Food Policy Action Plan. Plan combines efforts of several departments on food-related initiatives and will be finalized soon. Comments were collected and are being

collated now by consultants (Andy Fisher, exec dir. Community Food Security Coalition)

For 2010, there are a number of other City of Seattle policies/actions that are food related (i.e. city-owned property to expand pea patch, food contracting, reconvening interdepartmental policy to implement the Food Action Plan, incorporating food policy planning into neighborhood planning process)

Urban Ag Events: There is a lot of "energy" outside of local government to drive Urban Ag events to Seattle. There is a drive in City of Seattle to support this and provide a framework to make 2010 a year of Urban Ag (through a Web site / marketing materials / general linking)

- Will Allen will be coming to Seattle in early February.
- Community Food Summit is a possible project for SGFN
- Website- Create a site with calendar / links / project-volunteer connection, also a possible project for SGFN

The Urban Food Hub website launched in early January. It has a local info exchange focus. They're seeking writers for original content.

Projects / Committees:

Several committees were identified for future work and projects. They include:

- Mission/Vision/Values: review the AFPC Strategic Framework and provide a draft for the network describing the goals, values, structure, etc.

Committee members: Branden, Kara, Kira, Karen, Basil, Nicole

- Outreach & Engagement: develop strategies and actions to expand the network and build relationships
- Technology: look at options for developing an online resource/social networking tool

Committee members: Uriah, Ashley, Diana, Tim Crosby

- Community Food Summit: to be held summer 2010. Likely to form at February meeting.
- US Social Forum: Mobilizing people to go to June forum in Detroit (CAGJ - partnership)