

Food Policy Advisory Board Agenda and Notes

July 2020

- I. 8am – Review action items from previous meeting.
- II. 8:25am – Member updates.
- III. 8:45am - Discuss module #1 comments.
- IV. 9:00am – Revisit board member priorities.
- V. 9:20am – Additional comments/public comments.

Notes

- I. Community Member Updates
 - a. Aubrey Day – Bread and Butter store is set to open on August 15th
 - b. Michelle Ritchie – Local Food Program Coordinator for El Paso County Extension - A need with meat producers – one farmer is needing to find a processor. What other processors exist?
- II. Member Updates
 - a. Sean
 - i. PPUG updates with MSR Garden
 - ii. Open Food Network working group
 - iii. SWELL Program at UCCS
 - b. Ellen
 - i. Desire to connect on urban gardening group and improve relationships
 - ii. Westside community garden updates – garden is flourishing with 44 active members; no paid staff; Vermijo has a large amount of homeless individuals.
 - c. Beth
 - i. D11 – nutrition services – free boxes of fruits and vegetables, which additionally helps local farmers.
 - ii. PEBT – new card, \$270 to help food insecure children, additional to SNAP benefits.
 - d. Jenileigh
 - i. USDA farmers to families - food box – schools, food banks can be drop off sites, most contracts in Colorado are not in Colorado Springs.
- III. Review action items from previous meeting.
 - a. Read [Module 1 draft](#) document (see Morgan’s cheat sheet [here](#))
 - i. Comment were sent to Morgan in June
 - ii. Need more discussion on action items related

- b. Read through the board's strategic plan and food system assessment documents and reflect on individual board member top priorities. Discuss results of board member survey.
 - c. Assign person to follow-up to receive the Food Systems Assessment final report if no report is received by end of August.
 - d. John's Hopkins survey – who wants to do it?
- IV. Revisit board member priorities.
- a. Conversation on moving board under the sustainability department
 - b. How can we leverage existing private-public partnerships?
 - c. Where do we have alignment with priorities? – mini-strategic plan for carrying out actions. What overlap exists between priorities?
 - d. Ellen
 - i. For external communication - ability exists to share surveys and updates through the green cities coalition.
 - e. Past discussions have made progress – i.e. pesticide uses with changes to parks
- V. Action Items
- a. Sean send out new survey (board member priorities reduced to themes).