

<b>South Sound Food System Network</b>	
Date/Time/Location	June 1, 2016 - 9:30am – 11:30am - TRPC
Document	<b>Monthly Meeting Minutes</b>
Chairs	Katie Rains and Aslan Meade (Co-chairs)
Note taker	Lesley Price, Secretary

**1) Introductions & Announcements (*Announcements written on sign-in sheet are included in meeting minutes*)**

1. Auvinen, Alyssa, Washington State Department of Health
2. Friedman, Rachel, Sustainable South Sound
  - a. June 15, 2016 7pm Board Meeting w/ Clark Gloran from Olympia City Council & 3 Evergreen College students
3. Guttchen, Peter, Thurston County Solid Waste
4. Johnson, Mary K, Corona Communications Marketing & Design
5. Jones, Judy, Thurston County Food Bank
  - a. Warehouse Distribution Center refrigeration and freezer are fully operational
6. Meade, Aslan, Economic Development Council
7. Price, Lesley, Thurston County Public Health and Social Services
8. Rains, Katie, GRuB/Non-profits/Youth Organization
  - a. GRuBuation Wednesday 6/15/16 5pm – 7:30pm
  - b. Farm Dinner @ GRuB Thursday 6/23/16 6pm – 8pm
  - c. Tumwater Farm grand opening took place on Thursday 5/26/16 and summer program to launch next month
9. Seppanen, Loretta, South of the Sound Community Farmland Trust, Slow Food Greater Olympia
  - a. Farm to Table
    - i. Pigman's July 9, 4pm; veggie inspired dinner \$55 and \$65, see website events page, [slowfoodgreaterolympia.org](http://slowfoodgreaterolympia.org)
10. Smaciarz, Tracy, Heritage Meats
  - a. PSP Mobile Processing Unit Operation Update
11. Smith, Lisa, Enterprise for Equity, Food Related Entrepreneurship
  - a. June 5 – Healing Hope and Harvest
  - b. June 20 – Community Event (commercial kitchen 5:30pm – 8:30pm)
  - c. June 21 – Training for Food Processors 1pm – 4pm
12. Visser, Cathy, Nutrition Director Senior Services for South Sound
  - a. Food Panel Presentation, United Methodist Church “Gathering Place” room, September 28, 2016 11:30am – 1pm
  - b. Reporting for Scott River, Olympia Parks, Arts & Rec
    - i. Garden plots available at Sunrise Park behind Evergreen Village Apt.
    - ii. Free summer nutrition program at Madison & Garfield schools M-F noon-12:30pm beginning June 27<sup>th</sup>
13. Epperson, Peter, Thurston County Solid Waste

14. Ferer, Shelley, League of Women Voters
15. Woodworth, Laura, Thurston County Food Bank
16. Bramwell, Steven, Director WSU Thurston County Extension
  - a. Ag Producer Listening Sessions June 23, 27, 28 – 8:30am-10am
    - i. 23<sup>rd</sup>: McLane Grange, Olympia
    - ii. 27<sup>th</sup>: Swede Hall, Rochester
    - iii. 28<sup>th</sup>: Sportsmans, Rainier
17. Jones, Hugh, Evergreen United Food Hub
  - a. Licensed & Insured, just about in business
18. Koehler, Chris, WSU Grays Harbor Extension
19. Davis, Liz, Thurston Thrives Coordinating Council Coordinator

## **2) Approval May SSFSN Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2016 were motioned, seconded, and passed for approval without changes.

## **3) Team updates**

- Leadership/Housekeeping

### **Housekeeping decisions to propose on June 1:**

- Draft Mission for Approval
  - Thurston County Solid Waste requests including preventing food waste
    - The Housekeeping Team will work with Thurston County Solid Waste to revise draft mission
- Draft Vision for Approval
  - Suggestion for also adding a separate vision for the environment and for stewardship for resources
- Draft Name for Approval - South Sound Food System Network
  - Discussion re: draft name
    - Motioned and approved!
- Update logo with new name for approval
  - Discussion

- Use previous logo, but revise the following:
  - Change to NEW name
  - Possibly increase the font size of “network” (“council” was smaller on previous logo)
  - Mary K will work on the revision

Draft Mission:

**To form a network of individuals and organizations working together to *engage with and influence* a food system that promotes food security, provides access to healthy food choices for all people, supports a viable local food economy and protects the environment through education, advocacy & collaboration.**

See above

Draft Vision:

All people have access at all times to food that promotes health, protects the environment and promotes a local food economy.

OR

A vibrant food system where everyone in the South Sound has the right and access to healthy, local, affordable, culturally appropriate, sustainably produced food.

See above

- Communications
  - Using Dropbox to post agendas to the Food Team page of the Thurston Thrives’ website
  - Liz changed the food team’s name on the Thurston Thrives website
  - Posting events to social media
  - Discussion on whether to still use old website (Thurston Food System Council) or not, would need to change domain name to continue to use it
    - Could possibly link the websites
- Legislative

- GRuB bill attempted in two previous legislative sessions unsuccessful, will continue to go forward in future sessions
- Zero Net Loss
  - Trying to get more money in local community
  - Submitted a proposal to Fed. Govt. for a 5-year period (partnership-based), money would be for more farmland preservation
- Data & Reporting
  - Goal to send out a Google form (for data collection) for 2015 Food System Report
    - Gather available data sets
    - Highlight data that we don't have, but want
    - Goal to adopt a report in October

#### **4) Food ~~Recovery~~ Rescue – Thurston County Solid Waste (Peter Guttchen)**

- Working on strengthening food donations/rescue in Thurston County
- Working on telling the story of food rescue (showed a recently created video of current stakeholders in the food rescue program in Thurston County)
- Shared global food waste data
- Shared local food waste data
- Discussed food waste prevention
  - Most food waste is residential
  - Working with school districts
  - Rescue food from schools and restaurants (Thurston County Food Bank repackages rescued food for distribution at the food bank)
- 6 new food rescue grants awarded to local organizations, mostly used for equipment and facility upgrades

[www.wastelessfood.com](http://www.wastelessfood.com)

[www.fao.org/nr/sustainability/food-loss-and-waste](http://www.fao.org/nr/sustainability/food-loss-and-waste)

[www.savethefood.com](http://www.savethefood.com)

#### **5) Fall meeting agendas/presentations**

- September
  - Food Security
- October
  - Institutional Procurement
  - Adopt 2015 Food System Report
- November
  - Food related educational opportunities available, potentially leading to an educational food event
- December
  - Elections and Strategies/Priorities for 2017

## **6) Anchoring Local Food follow-up**

### **ANCHORING LOCAL FOOD, OCT. 29, 2015**

Held at the Business & Innovation Center on the brand new SPSCC Lacey Campus, over twenty local institutions, including Providence St. Peter, Mason General Hospital, the Olympia, Tumwater, North Thurston & Yelm School Districts, WA State Corrections, Senior Services of South Sound, Haggen Foods, Lucky Eagle Casino, Aramark at the Evergreen State College and many more attended this Thurston Food System Council roundtable discussion on exploring ways to make a commitment at the institutional level to purchase more food from local producers.

Some of the main topics covered (and overall long-term objectives) of the event were;

- 1) to learn how much local food is currently being purchased;
- 2) to seek ways to standardize measurement of local food purchasing across institutional sectors;
- 3) to have the institutions learn from each other and share best practices, and;
- 4) to increase the level of commitment to purchasing local from individual institutions.

Some of the major needs identified were;

- 1) low cost;
- 2) simple logistics;
- 3) low time commitment for purchasers;

- 4) consistent level of food preparation, and;
- 5) year-round availability of products.

Most all of these needs could be addressed with some sort of a food-hub/aggregation and distribution center.

Seen as one of the most compelling ways to drive an increase in local agricultural production, Institutional Procurement is an ongoing economic development target for the Thurston Food System Council.

- 7) **Notice!!** No full Network meetings in July or August

Next Meeting – September 7, 2016

- 8) **Adjourn**