

<b>South Sound Food System Network</b>	
Date/Time/Location	September 7, 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. Berg, Sammy, Thurston County Environmental Health
3. Friedman, Rachel, Sustainable South Sound
4. Grace-Crutcher, Diane, Food Sovereignty Nutritionist
5. Guttchen, Peter, Thurston County Solid Waste
  - a. Food Rescue Program moving forward. All orgs. should have their new equipment & their facility upgrades complete by end of Sept. Starting new donor outreach & recruitment of new volunteers.
6. Johnson, Mary K, Corona Communications Marketing & Design
  - a. Seeking collaborative partners to pursue projects in-line with the values & mission of our organization. Can match in-kind services within the development process including the application process. It can be useful to have a communications partner.
7. Meade, Aslan, Economic Development Council
8. Moorehead, Sarah, Thurston Conservation District
  - a. Mud & Manure workshop: Mon. 10/17 @ 6pm-8pm, Thurston CD office: 2918 Ferguson St. SW Tumwater
9. Parkhurst, Karen, Senior Planner, Thurston Regional Planning Council
10. Price, Lesley, Thurston County Public Health and Social Services
  - a. Thurston County Public Health is looking to start some work in Farm to School projects – would be interested in partnering with organizations doing this work.
11. Rains, Katie, GRuB/Non-profits/Youth Organization
12. Seppanen, Loretta, South of the Sound Community Farmland Trust, Slow Food Greater Olympia
  - a. Sept. 21 Slow Food potluck – free, Fertile Ground 5.30-6.30
  - b. Oct. 8 – Farm Forever – fundraising event for farmland preservation
13. Smaciarz, Tracy, Heritage Meats
14. Smith, Lisa, Enterprise for Equity, Food Related Entrepreneurship
  - a. Incubator Farm information sessions “Land to Grow On” September 26<sup>th</sup> 6-8 TESC, October 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8 E4E. Business planning for farmers: [enterpriseforequity.org](http://enterpriseforequity.org)
15. Visser, Cathy, Nutrition Director Senior Services for South Sound
  - a. Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction/Fundraiser for seniors.
16. Waters, Charissa, Thurston County Resource Stewardship Department
17. Robert Coit, Executive Director Thurston County Food Bank
18. Kellie McNelly, Executive Director ROOF Community Service

19. Michaela Winkley, Thurston County Food Bank, school gardens
20. Jennifer Hooper, South of the Sound Community Farmland Trust, Slow Food Greater Olympia
21. Stephen Bramwell, Director WSU Thurston County Extension
  - a. Ag. Producer listening session wk of Oct 11, specific date TBD
22. Shelley Ferer, League of Women Voters
23. Victoria Wortberg, Thurston Asset Building Coalition
  - a. Shared learning event – September 28 11:30-1:00 First United Methodist Church
24. Marcela Shannon, GRuB
  - a. Annual Harvest Soiree September 24<sup>th</sup> Auction/Fundraiser to support funding GRuB programs.
25. Chris Koehler, WSU Grays Harbor Extension
26. Kristina Alnajjar, Grays Harbor Public Health & Social Services
27. Kelly Smith, Economic Council, Intern
28. R Jeanne Rehwaldt, Mason Matters
  - a. Currently working to schedule an informational “gathering” in Mason County to “rollout” Moving Mason Forward – the campaign for the Community Health Improvement Plan to bring groups, organizations & individuals together to collaborate using common measurements, to collect data and compile using Insight Vision software and share via our website for anyone needing real-time local data for funding & other uses. Although I’m primarily concerned with Mason Co. presently – collaboration & sharing resources between counties should also be collected & encouraged. 7 priority areas: Healthy Living, Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Access to Health Care, Strong Empowered families, trained workforce (education), Environmental Health, Housing

## 2) Standing Working Issue Team (WIT) Reports

- Leadership/Housekeeping
  - Action Required – Approve June Meeting Minutes
    - ✓ Consensus reached for meeting Minutes for June 1, 2016 after the following change:
      - Change the last name of Clark in Announcements.
  - Action Required – Approve draft mission & vision
    - Consensus reached – mission & vision approved

- Action Required – Approve draft operating norms
  - Approved with the following changes
    - a. Strike the chamber foundation as the fiscal agent and leave open-ended
    - b. Commitment to add additional sections to charter at a later date – see below
  - ❖ Methods will be reviewed and approved at a later date
  - ❖ Add language re: the relationship to Thurston Asset Building Coalition and Thurston Thrives
- Communications
  - Action Required – Approve updated logo
    - Consensus reached – new logo approved
  - Website to be updated with mission and vision
  - Proposal to change domain name to [ssfoodsystemnetwork.org](http://ssfoodsystemnetwork.org)
    - Consensus reached
  - Proposal to omit Events page and recommend SSFSN participants post events to the network's Facebook page
    - Consensus reached
- Legislative
  - Meetings with legislatures are going on
  - Contact Karen Parkhurst if you want to promote or oppose anything
- Data – Templates & 2015 Report Timeline
  - Have not met this summer – pending
- Zero Net Loss
  - Zero Net Loss is about farmland preservation
  - Successful in the pre-application for a 5-year grant
    - Full application due September 15, 2016

- Aslan asked if there was any interest in starting an Institutional Procurement WIT in order to coordinate something for the October agenda (includes presentation re: institutional procurement); the following people volunteered
  - Cathy, Alyssa, Jeanne, Sarah, Steven, Lisa, Lesley
    - Aslan will send a Doodle poll for a meeting

### **3) Food Security Presentation – TCFB, Senior Services, ROOF & GRuB**

- Robert Coit, Executive Director of the Thurston County Food Bank
  - Reviewed maps of low income census tracts and locations of active Food Bank clients – both maps overlap each other
  - 23 satellite food banks
  - Reviewed food bank's most recent client survey results (54% response rate)
    - Reviewed key findings
  - Focus on fresh fruit and frozen meats
  - 102% increase in visits since 2011
  - Able to buy in bulk now because have a new large warehouse (helped to decrease overall food budget)
- Kellie McNelly, Executive Director of ROOF
  - ROOF (in Rochester) was started in 1993 as some after school programs, and has since grown into a program with buildings and a food bank, with staff and a board of directors
  - Lots of low income people living in Rochester
  - Limited resources in Rochester (ROOF helps coordinate resources from out of town to come to Rochester periodically)
  - Food bank started with 35 families, now serve 882 families
  - 50 kids are involved in the after school program (kids are bused to home)
  - Have a grant with Thurston County Solid Waste to rescue food from Rochester school cafeterias
- Cathy Visser, Nutrition Director Senior Services South Sound
  - 2 senior centers – Olympia and Lacey
  - Numerous programs for seniors
  - Senior meal program (community dining and Meals on Wheels)
  - Population of 65+ expected to double since 2010 by 2050 to 112 million

- Shared statistics and nutrition program facts
- Shared Meals on Wheels client survey results

Katie Rains, Executive Director GRuB

- Reviewed hunger and food insecurity rates
- Kitchen garden project helps add 50-100 gardens each year to low income households
- Factors to food insecurity include availability, stability and access
- GRuB does not provide emergency food – provides tools and resources for self-sufficiency, improved health and improved self esteem
- GRuB works between Food Security and Food Sovereignty

**4) Vermont Food System Council findings – Jennifer Hooper**

- Washington is #16 in commitment to local food (Vermont #1)
- Reviewed geography and food system of Vermont
- Farm to Plate Strategic Plan, a 10 year strategic plan for Vermont's food system
- Robust farm to school system
- Did local food price tracking

**5) Adjourn**

**Next meeting October 5, 2016**

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