



SSFSN Minutes

May 3, 2017, 9:30-11:30AM

Thurston Regional Planning Council - 2424 Heritage Ct SW Suite A, Olympia, WA 98502

Officers Present: Aslan Meade, Thurston EDC & Co-Chair; Katie Rains, GRuB & Co-Chair

Other Members Present: Lesley Price, Thurston County Public Health; Bud Blake, Thurston County Commissioner; Whitney Trotta, Family Support Center; Karen Parkhurst, Thurston Regional Planning Council; Katie Rains, GRuB; Mayra Pena, Thurston Asset Building Coalition; Eric Belgave, Sustainable South Sound; Celeste Wade, SSCFLT and Slow Food; Lisa Smith, Enterprise for Equity; R. Jeanne Rehwaldt, Mason Matters; Tara Witten, WSU Extension; Laura Woodworth, Thurston County Food Bank; Jenni Crain, Slow Food, Chelsie Papez, Agricultural Justice Project; Joel Hansen, Tumwater Farmers Market, City of Tumwater, Olympic Meat Collective; Sarah Moorehead, Thurston County Conservation District; Stephen Bramwell, WSU Extension; Candice Hendry, WGU BSN Student; Aslan Meade, Thurston EDC; Nora White, TC Conservation District

1) Thurston Thrives Housing Hub – Commissioner Bud Blake

- Shared overview of Housing Action Teams (HATs)
 - (3) teams – blue/green/red teams who address private/public partnerships, healthy housing, homeless housing
- Nexus meetings: Multiple action teams meet to identify gaps/needs in community (i.e., Housing, Clinical Care, Public Safety & Juice addressing needs related to transitional housing)
- Commissioner Blake invited a SSFSN representative to attend the next nexus meeting convening Housing, Children, and Food Action Teams on 5/22 at 9:30am in Room 280. Jeanne R. agreed to attend and report back next month.

2) Introductions/Announcements

- Attendees provided brief updates about their work & upcoming opportunities. Opportunities were recorded on sign-in sheet & folks are encouraged to email fliers & more information to the group email list.

3) Standing Working Issue Team (WIT) Reports

- **Leadership/Housekeeping**
 - 4/5/17 meeting minutes approved by consensus.
 - Group consented to methods, key relationships

- Katie reviewed Google Drive
 - Link to Google Drive previously sent; can be resent if needed.
 - Members do not need to sign-in to utilize Google Drive. If members are having difficulty accessing, there may be an error in settings. Email southsoundfood@gmail.com for assistance.
 - Members are invited to contribute Local Food Culture Campaign content by adding directly to campaign folder under each message.
 - When adding photos, ensure that your photos are saved in a folder with your organization's name on it in the photos folder so that your organization can be credited. Please be sure that you have adequate photo releases on file for any people featured in your images.
- Legislative: Karen will send out legislative tracker to the group.
- Local Food Culture Campaign
 - Marketing: Katie invites members to sign up for message content, pictures and factoids. Sign-up sheet was passed around.
 - Fundraising: Team has completed a list of businesses to approach with the goal of raising \$50,000. Team will update Google Drive with plans to reach contacts to aid coordination.
- 2017 Food Summit
 - Discussions regarding summit objectives that will relate to environmental, social and economic perspectives are taking place.
 - Team is aiming to engage marginalized population and are trying to understand barriers to attending.
 - Guiding questions: What do we want from the summit? What will be our next steps after the summit? Group answers included: overcoming judgement, raising hope amongst farmers that the market/community supports them, change perceptions related to local food affordability; raised possibility of a material incentive to participate in the local food system after the summit concludes.

Upcoming Meetings:

- May 18, 2017, 9-11 a.m. – Summit planning meeting at Enterprise for Equity
- June 7, 2017, 9:30-11:30 a.m. – SSFSN meeting at TRPC