



SSFSN Minutes

February 7, 2018, 9:30-11:30AM

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

Officers Present: Cathy Visser, Senior Services, Secretary & TABC Food Hub Rep; Lesley Price, TC PHSS & Website Coordinator, Celeste Wade, South of the Sound Farmland Trust Vice Chair and Whitney Trotta, Treasurer & Family Support Center.

Other Members Present: Stephanie Abraham, TABC, Rachel Friedman, Sustainable South Sound; Elaine Vradenburgh, Window Seat Media; Tracy Smaciarz, Heritage Meats; Nora White; Thurston Conservation District; Joel Hanson, Tumwater Planning Commission; Jeannie Rehwaldt, Community Connections (formerly Mason Matters); Alyssa Auvinen, WA DOH; Karen Parkhurst, TRPC; Jenni Crain, Slow Food; Marilyn Sitaker, TESC; Chris Koehler, WSU Ext. GH; S. Tye Menser, Community, Kristina Alnajar, GH Public Health.

Absent: Katie Rains, Grub & Chair on sabbatical.

1) Self Introductions & Announcements – sign in sheet passed around and members present shared. People are invited to email event information to Lesley Price and she can send out via SSFSN email and/or post on the SSFSN website.

2) Standing Working Issue Team (WIT) Reports

- Leadership/Housekeeping (5 minutes)
 - ✓ Celeste opened the floor for a second Vice Chair as she doesn't feel that she can be Chair next year.
 - ✓ Action Required – Approve January Meeting Minutes. Minutes approved with minor edits.
- Legislative (10 minutes) – Karen handed out the 2018 Legislative Session overview of bills that address issues of ag and food. She asked members to review the list and let her know if they have questions or feedback on any of the bills.
- Communication & Outreach (10 minutes) – Lesley puts the agenda and minutes on the SSFSN website. Still looking for people with knowledge of Word Press who are willing to help with the SSFSN website.
- Feasibility Assessment for Food Processing Facility (10 minutes) – Stephen Bramwell not present so this will be moved to next month. Lisa had spoken to him and he said he'll be reaching out over the next month via email with more details.

Food Summit (10 minutes) – Marilyn stated that this WIT did not meet in January, but she'll reach out again to coordinate a meeting to move the work forward. She wants to help facilitate bringing stories together. Elaine with Window Seat Media is open to working with us on the story telling piece. Lisa asked about the total cost of the Food Summit. Alyssa reported income of \$27,999 (cash sponsorships: \$20,450 & event ticket sales: \$7,549); Expenses: \$24,026

- Community Garden Resolution (10 minutes) – Rachel reported that the garden WIT met in late January and she'd like to bring people together again to establish a mission

statement for the work ahead. She's also hoping to meet with the City of Olympia again to discuss next steps in making community gardens happen. The City of Olympia garden resolution goal is to have a garden within ½ mile of each Olympia citizen.

- Collective Learning & Strategy Development (5 minutes) – WIT will meet in months to come. This WIT will work on revising and updating the SSFSN annual report.

3) WIT Synergy Discussion – Celeste asked if anyone else present was interested in joining a WIT.

4) Follow-up Discussion SSFSN 2018 Priorities & WITs

The following working issues surfaced in the December discussion, but we did not get to them at the January meeting. What energy is there to move forward on these issues?

- College Engagement. There is interest in finding a way to get more students involved. Last month, Martha said she'd help bring in more Evergreen students, but she's not available for a few months. Marilyn will reach out to other Evergreen professors who might be able to help. Elaine is teaching a class at Evergreen and can help recruit her students as well.
- Local & Statewide Policy & Advocacy – Karen is open to holding a brainstorming session about food-related rules and regulations that impede programs and businesses, e.g., county environmental health regulations and food truck businesses; USDA and WSDA regulations for small butchers.
- Youth Advisory Network and/or Mentorship Project – Katie will likely take this issue on when she's back.
- Rack Card – Jenni said they're working on the final three rack cards in the areas of social, environmental and economy. She asked for names of people to review the rack cards *Love your leftovers, Put your money where your mouth is, and Thank a farm worker*. Rachel asked about whether we were tracking the cards.
- Lisa suggested that we i keep support of undocumented Spanish speaking groups in mind with our programing.

Upcoming Meeting(s) & Agenda Items:

- March 7, 2018 9:30-11:30AM – SSFSN Meeting @ TRPC
- March 22, 2018 – Thurston Thrives Nexus Meeting, time & location TBD
- April 4, 2018 9:30-11:30AM – SSFSN Meeting @ TRPC