



SSFSN Minutes

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

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

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

Other Members Present: Eric Belgan & Rachel Friedman, Sustainable South Sound; Joel Hanson, Tumwater Planning Commission; Jeannie Rehwaldt, Community Connections; Tara Witten & Stephan Bramwell, WSU Ext.; Karen Parkhurst, TRPC; Jenni Crain, Slow Food Oly; Marilyn Sitaker, TESC; Mayra Pena, TABC; Lisa Smith, E4E; Chris Koehler, WSU Ext. GH; and Jackson Sillers, GRuB.

1) Self Introductions & Announcements – Live introductions and announcements were made. Members are encouraged to email event information to Lesley Price to be shared via the SSFSN email system and SSFSN website.

2) Standing Working Issue Team (WIT) Reports

- Leadership/Housekeeping (5 minutes)
 - ✓ Whitney Trotta emailed SSFSN Officers to inform us that she is transitioning to other professional and personal pursuits, so the treasurer's position is open.
 - ✓ Action Required – February Meeting Minutes were approved.
 - ✓ Thurston Thrives Coordinating Council upcoming retreat preparation – draft responses to questions asked by the TTCC planning team were reviewed, including past SSFSN accomplishments, current goals for the year, and what we need from the TTCC now and in the future. Membership approved of the draft.
- Legislative (10 minutes) – Karen handed out the 2018 Legislative Session highlighting key food and ag bills.
- Feasibility Assessment for Food Processing Facility (10 minutes) – Stephen will be meeting with key members to discuss planning for this project. He discussed the three phases of the project: 1) Market analysis of consumers through surveys of potential institutional buyers and CSA consumers; use some questions to do a rapid assessment-style survey at local farmers' markets, 2) Work with food processors at WSU to draft a marketing plan and scale of the processing line/facility would be. 3) Case studies on food processing to yield insights and give us ideas for how to proceed.
- Food Summit (10 minutes) –
 - ✓ Rack Card update, Jenni 2 of the 3 left to print have been sent to the designer. The third, "Thank your Farm Worker" is left to craft. Marilyn is moving it forward.

- ✓ Jenni reported back on recent meeting with Marilyn and Elaine to review and utilize feedback from the food summit evaluation. Marilyn had summarized some of the evaluation data and feels that there is rich information, plus photos, that can be used with community groups to connect them with local food resources. She also would like to contact some of the people who were surveyed and document their stories.
- ✓ Window Seat storytelling update, Elaine is on maternity leave and will be back in June.
- Community Garden Resolution (10 minutes) – Rachel reported that in addition to the work done with the City of Olympia City Council, they would like to meet with the city councils of Lacey and Tumwater to promote local gardening as well. Rachel to send out an email to determine the next gardening WIT, which will be March 20th or April 3rd.

3) Washington State Food Systems Roundtable (WSFSR) Prospectus, Marilyn Sitaker discussed the work of the WSFSR and proposed that we review it to spur further discussion and set our own priorities for the food system. She requested that we split into groups of people, environment, and economy to review the goals from the prospectus and assess what the SSFSN might be able to take on. She suggested three sub-strategies per category. The three groups worked on this for about 30 minutes, but more time is needed, so this work will continue at the April SSFSN meeting.

Upcoming Meeting(s) & Agenda Items:

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