



SSFSN Minutes

April 4, 2018 9:30-11:30AM

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

Officers Present: Katie Rains, Grub & Chair; Celeste Wade, Sound Farmland Trust, Slow Food & Vice Chair; and Cathy Visser, Senior Services for S. Sound, TABC Food Hub Rep. & Secretary.

Other Members Present: Sammy Berg, PHSS Environmental Health; Rachel Friedman, Sustainable South Sound; Jeannie Rehwaldt, Community Connections; Karen Parkhurst, TRPC; Stephanie Abraham & Mayra Pena, TABC; Nora White, TC Conservation District, Alyssa Auvinen, WA DOH; Kathryn Stalker, Lesley Price, TC PHSS & Website Coordinator; and Lisa Smith, E4E.

1) Self Introductions & Announcements –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)
 - ✓ Action Required – March draft minutes did not get sent out to SSFSN members and will be reviewed in May along with the April minutes.
 - ✓ March Thurston Thrives (TT) Retreat Review – Katie, Cathy, & Celeste attended and shared 2017 SSFSN accomplishments, which included well-attended monthly meetings, implementation of a local foods campaign/rack cards; and the Food Summit, which attracted 335 people. 2018 SSFSN goals include updating the food system strategy map, finishing the educational rack cards, and continuing the work identified during and after the food summit. TT asked the group what they needed from the TT. We asked for 6 hours per month of secretarial support to take minutes and then share/coordinate information between action groups. In the long run, we would like a Thurston County food system coordinator. Liz Davis has accepted a new position at TCPHSS as the Director of Child & Community Wellness.
- Legislative (10 minutes), Karen Parkhurst handed out and reviewed the highlights of food-, ag- and transportation-related bills for 2018 regular state legislative session.
- Food System Infrastructure – a conversation was held about the need for community- and commissary style kitchen and processing space. Career-connected learning was also brought up and Katie will make note for us to further delve into these topics in the future.
- Communication & Outreach (5 minutes) – Katie reported that Karissa from EDC is still willing to help maintain our website. Lesley is willing to maintain our membership email list and send out announcements, agendas, and minutes.

- Feasibility Assessment for Food Processing Facility (5 minutes) – will be discussed along with commercial kitchen and processing discussion at a future meeting.
- Local Food Culture Campaign (5 minutes) – The final rack cards are in the works.
- Community Garden WIT (5 minutes), Rachel Freidman reported back on the gardening WIT. Members met in April and shared why they're interested in being part of the WIT. It was clear that good governance is important to insure the success of community gardens. Sustainable South Sound will be looking for grant funding for community gardens. In the long run, they wish to have a community garden coordinator.

3) WA Food System Roundtable 25 Year Prospectus – Round 2 - We broke into groups of people, environment and farming to review and discuss the Prospectus; however, the exercise was not challenging for many reasons. Alyssa suggested that we set our goals for the SSFSN and then see what aligns with the Prospectus rather than the other way around. The group agreed.

4) Adjourn

Upcoming Meeting & Agenda Items:

- May 2, 2018 9:30-11:30 a.m. – SSFSN Meeting at TRPC