



SSFSN Minutes
July 10, 2019; 9:30-11:00AM
Lion's Park

Officers Present: Celeste Wade, Co-Chair; Marilyn Sitaker, Co-Chair, TABC Food Hub Rep., & TESC; Rachel Friedman, Treasurer & Sustainable S. Sound; Joel Hansen, SSFSN Event Point Person & Tumwater Planning Commission; and Cathy Visser, Senior Services for S. Sound, & Secretary.

Members Present: Stephen Bramwell, WSU Extension; Mayra Pena, TABC Coordinator; Maija Glasier-Lawson, FSCSS; Lynn Fitz-Hugh, TCAC; Taylor Krivenki, entrepreneur; Kris Hill, TESC; Stephen Harvey, community member; Jennifer McMaster, Fire Hearts Farm; and Melissa Davis, WSU Extension.

1) Leadership Working Issue Team (WIT) Report

- Action Required – June meeting minutes were approved.
- Lion's Park picnic shelter payment – the group agreed that Celeste should be reimbursed in full for the \$40 required to reserve the picnic shelter for the July SSFSN meeting.
- Thurston Asset Building Coalition (TABC) update – there will be an TABC Open House at the Huber Gasthaus on August 15th from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Hold the date. Send caterer suggestions to Mayra. Marilyn plans to attend on behalf of the SSFSN as the Food Hub leader, but all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

3) Standing Working Issue Team (WIT) Reports

- Community Garden WIT – Rachel, Melissa, and Cathy shared about the community garden tour, which was held on Tuesday, July 9th from and toured the Garfield school garden, Yauger Park Pea Patch garden, West Central Park, and the Garden of Weedin'. About 20 people attended the tour. Nora and Celeste took photos to share with the group and on FB. Mayra requested fliers from each garden to share through the TABC social network. The next garden tour is tentatively set for August 6th and will focus on teachers, administrators, and community leaders.
- Food Summit & Tasting Salon WIT, Joel and Maija have a tentative date of March 2020 for the next summit, which will be scaled down and may include a "night market" for food vendors. The daytime summit component would be geared more toward community members who are food insecure, especially the intersection of CSA farmers and low income communities. They are considering how vouchers for CSA shares could be provided to some attendees. Food equity is a major goal and Celeste suggested including classes on food preservation. A discussion ensued about how best to increase local organic produce and healthy foods for people living on a low income, with Marilyn

sharing research results that indicate that it's not necessarily a gap in food preparation knowledge, but is often more about time and cost.

- Ag Park/Food Processing WIT – Stephen said intern Jennifer Post and Marilyn area working are working on a community commercial kitchen feasibility survey to be implemented soon. Jennifer is also working with Christine Buckley of the Business Innovation Center on a business plan for a value-added food processing facility. Concurrently, Cathy is working with Christine on a separate business plan for a senior meals processing kitchen and possibly rental space.

4) Introductions, Updates & Networking

- This valuable section of the meeting was saved until the end to allow more time for members to share and network. Announcements July & August activities should be sent to Lesley Price and Maija Glasier-Lawson so they can spread the word via SSFSN email and FB!

5) Adjourn

- Upcoming Meeting(s): Wednesday August 7, 2019 at Thurston County Health Department