



SSFSN Minutes
August 7, 2019; 9:30-11:00AM
TC Public Health & Social Services

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

Members Present: Mayra Pena, TABC Coordinator; Maija Glasier-Lawson, FSCSS; Lynn Fitz-Hugh, TCAC; Kris Hill, TESC; Stephen Harvey, community member; Lesley Price, TCPHSS, Jenni Crain, Slow Food; Chris Koehler, WSU Ext.; and Krosbie Carter, TT.

1) Introductions, Updates & Networking

2) Leadership Working Issue Team (WIT) Report

- Action Required – July meeting minutes were approved.
- Treasurers Report \$45 spent on Lion's Park shelter reservation for the July meeting.

3) Thurston Thrives (TT) Update

- Krosbie Carter reported that one of the TT goals is to adopt a new governance document that reflects the relationship between the TT Coordinating Council and the issue groups. TT will be helping with the community health assessment, which will focus on health equity this year.

4) Thurston Asset Building Coalition (TABC) Update

- TABC will hold an open house August 15th, 4:30-6:30 pm at Huber's Gasthaus on Friendly Grove Road. Please RSVP to the www.thurstonabc.org if you can attend. Marilyn will attend on behalf of the SSFSN.

5) Standing Working Issue Team (WIT) Reports

- Community Garden WIT – Celeste reported that she attended the school garden tour August 6th. About 10 people attended including City of Lacey officials who were quite interested in promoting school gardens.
- Ag Park/Food Processing WIT – Stephen was not present. Cathy, Marilyn, and Joel reported that the group had met in July to move the community commercial kitchen survey forward. It is drafted and currently with the Internal Review Board of WSU, which shouldn't take long since identifying data for those taking the survey is not being gathered. It will be important to reach a wide audience with the survey, which will require the assistance of SSFSN members. Marilyn reported that we need a list of potential commercial kitchen users, e.g., entrepreneurs, nonprofits, farmers who wish to process their produce. We're hoping to launch the survey in the next month.

- Food Summit & Tasting Salon WIT, Maija, Joel, and Mayra met and laid out a format for the day. They're thinking the end of February 2020. Depending on the date, the Summit will be held at the SPSCC main campus or the Lacey SPSCC campus. They are thinking about six workshops/information sessions starting around 9 a.m. with scholarships available for people who need support to attend. Lunch will be provided on site from the SPSCC Culinary Arts Program, SPSCC Catering, or from local food trucks. Topics could include cooking from a CSA share and preserving/putting up food. Free CSA shares may be available for some with ongoing support and meetings throughout the season. Joel hopes to find seed money for scholarships. There will be a food market/tasting salon possibly to include food trucks and vendors. Marilyn shared that a project she worked on developed a 9-week curriculum on how to cook with a CSA share. She also requested that we make time to get feedback from participants on perceived needs and issues related to our local food system. Jenni suggested that we pair farmers with value-added food vendors to help build synergy between the two and attendees.
- SSFSN priorities & past surveys – Celeste opened the floor for suggested food system priorities for the SSFSN for the year. Marilyn suggested that we include finding a way to assess the capacity of our local food system.

6) Adjourn

- Upcoming Meeting(s): Wednesday September 4, 2019 at Thurston County Health Department