Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:30-11:00AM

Location: VIRTUAL MEETING via Zoom

Patrick Rofe, Deb Crockett, Marilyn Sitaker, Eileen Grigsby, Colleen Minion, Tye Menser, Liz Davis, Nora White, Lesley Price, Chris Kholer, Jennifer Crain, Heidi Smith, Melissa Davis, Maija Glasier-Lawson, Mayra Pena, Stephen Bramwell

1) Self Introductions, Updates & Announcements 9:30-10:15
   ▪ Each person shared their organization’s activities, particularly regarding COVID-19

2) Leadership Team Report 10:15-10:20
   □ February & April Meeting Minutes - both approved
   □ Financial Report (Celeste) - same, approx $1400
   □ Thurston Thrives (Celeste/Taylor) - No major updates except that Krosbie is no longer with the group. Taylor will be the main contact but is not working full time.
   □ Thurston Asset Building Coalition Update (Marilyn/Mayra) – teams are meeting and finding ways to address increased needs of low income people due to COVID-19

3) Standing Working Issue Team (WIT) Reports 10:20-10:50
   o Ag Park/Food Processing WIT (Stephen)
     ▪ Still in progress, working with the Port and private sectors to locate space, equipment, farmers and buyers. Initially focused on larger scale and value added, will also serve individual orders; not seeking to compete with existing direct to consumer markets.

   o Food Security/Emergency food system (Elieen)
     ▪ Food Bank: needs canned soups, fruits & Mac-n-cheese in Bulk; also needs drivers for home deliveries that will be starting. Has lots of food, is doing drive-through food boxes at several locations.

   o Gardens (Celeste, Deb, Martha, Michaela, Lesley, Cathy, Amanda)
     ▪ GRUB: 100 ‘bag’ gardens will be available to set up, will be looking for ‘Hubs’ of 6-8 families near each other.

   o Food Resilience (Jeff, Marilyn, Martha)
     ▪ No new progress to report

   o Communications WIT (Marilyn, Celeste, Maija, Jennifer, Mayra)
     ▪ Review of COVID 19 Response Page with links to organizations & area resources
       https://ssfoodsystemnetwork.org/covid-19-resources/
     ▪ Request than SSFSN members review and send Marilyn any additional links that need to be added.
     ▪ Gardening WIT will be updating their links soon
4) Links Shared:
   ● Info on Conservation District Board Mid-Term opening: https://www.thurstoncd.com/2020-mid-term-appointment/
   ● Info on 5/7/20 Conservation District on-line workshop - https://www.facebook.com/events/659537504845995/
   ● If people are in need of food they can contact City Gates Ministries at https://citygatesministries.org/request-assistance/

Upcoming Meeting(s) & Agenda Items:
   Next Virtual Meeting: June 3
   Updates, WIT reports, and COVID-19 response efforts