



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 (Eileen)

- 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