



DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 9:30-11:00AM

Location: VIRTUAL MEETING

Recorded Zoom Meeting:

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1) Self Introductions, Updates & Announcements

Share your organization's activities, particularly regarding COVID-19

--Marilyn Sitaker, The Evergreen State College

- A lot has happened in the past month, please share anything you want during your introductions

--Rob Spinks, Senior Services for South Sound

- Not open to the public
- Meals on Wheels operational
- Working on best practices for when able to open
- 4 sites
- Making more meals, last month 11,000 meals!
- At capacity for refrigerator/freezer space (only making frozen meals now) – would like to utilize freezer space somewhere in the community

--Eileen Grigsby, Thurston County Food Bank

- Continue hosting drive-throughs
- Need more volunteers

--Maija Glasier-Lawson, Family Support Center

- 13 families were impacted by the Quality Inn fire
- Got some plants

--Deb Crockett, Garden Raised Bounty (GRuB)

- Means Farm utilizing 7 youths (usually about 30)
- Starting CSA in a couple weeks
- Farm stand
- Garden Builds
 - Have built 50 gardens
 - Will build 100 more this summer
 - 5 food diameter totes
 - Need ideas for who could use the gardens (seniors, immune compromised, groups, apartments)
 - Rotary will be helping to build more gardens through the fall
 - Will have 250 new gardens built by the end of the year
- Seed shed is free and open to the community
- Wild food and medicine program

--Lisa Smith, Enterprise for Equity

- Starting a free business program
- Will host three online trainings
 - Social media

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- E-commerce
- Financials
- Lesley Price, Thurston County Public Health and Social Services
 - Considering some garden related options for oral health project
- Chris Koehler, WSU Grays Harbor Extension
 - Grays Harbor Farm Map now available
 - <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2062/2020/05/Grays-Harbor-2020-Farm-Fresh-Guide.pdf>
- Mayra Pena, Thurston Asset Building Coalition
 - Starting an initiative using an equity lense
 - Workshop series online re: local food systems

--Cathy Visser and Marilyn Sitaker

- Attended "*Feeding Communities in the Face of Adversity: Municipal Emergency Planning & Policy Options for Healthy Food Access*" by the Healthy Food Policy Project. <https://healthyfoodpolicyproject.org/webinars>
- Webinar discussed database with sample policies related to COVID 19 and local food systems. State-level policies were classified in the following areas-- a good resource as we think about policies for our own community

| # Policies | Policy Types | Definition |
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| 3 | Dedicated Business Hours for Priority Populations | Laws that require business to offer (or endeavor to offer) special windows of time for food shopping or other food access activities for elderly persons, immunocompromised individuals, or other priority populations |
| 26 | Exemptions from Business Operating Restrictions for Food Service Establishments Serving Priority Populations | Laws that exempt food establishments that serve priority populations such as nursing homes, homeless shelters, food shelves, school meal service operations, etc. from business closures |
| 6 | Food Pricing, Distribution and Supply Controls | Laws that allow or direct local government actors to control distribution, allocation, or rationing of food; or to control its supply or price |
| 2 | Food Procurement Measures | Laws that allow, or direct local governments to procure food or that facilitate such procurement |
| 2 | Food Provision Laws | Laws that require, direct or prioritize efforts to provide food through meal services, food box distribution efforts or other initiatives |
| 4 | Funding for Food Assistance | Laws that allocate funding to provide individuals or families with food, or with benefits to support their food purchases |
| 18 | Laws that Support Fresh Food Sales/Purchases, Food Cultivation, Hunting or Fishing | Laws that recognize the benefit of, or provide exemptions or allowances for activities relating to the sale or purchase of fresh foods, gardening, farming, hunting or fishing activities |
| 9 | Special Allowances and Flexibilities for Food Service Establishments | Laws that provide special operating flexibility or other emergency-period allowances for food service establishments |

2) Leadership Team Report

- May Meeting Minutes – [approved](#); June meeting was recorded (link at top of page 1)
- Financial Report (Celeste) – Celeste absent; Marilyn reports no changes since last month
- Thurston Thrives (Celeste/Taylor) – Marilyn reported Krosbie has stepped down, Taylor will be stepping in
- Thurston Asset Building Coalition Update (Marilyn/Mayra) – [see update in introductions](#)

3) Standing Working Issue Team (WIT) Reports

- Infrastructure WIT (Stephen) – [Stephen absent](#)
- Food Resilience (Jeff, Marilyn, Martha) – [have not met](#)
- Food Security/Emergency food system (Eileen) – Eileen reported that the Food Bank will soon be promoting the fresh foods they get – packaging it in a “COVID-safe” manner (COVID Farm Assistance Program); the structure of where the food bank gets most of their food has changed; open to new partnerships to obtain food
- Gardens (Celeste, Deb, Martha, Michaela, Lesley, Cathy, Amanda) – [has not met recently](#); need to decide what content goes on website (COVID resource page)

- Communications WIT (Marilyn, Celeste, Maija, Jennifer, Mayra) – [has not met](#)
- Earth Friendly Eating—partnership with TCAT (Lynn, Cathy, Marilyn) – [Marilyn reported that TCAT wants to form an Earth Friendly Eating Action Group](#)

4) Other: Discussion on social justice in light of current unrest in the nation.

Next Virtual Meeting: July 1, 2020

(We will retain the virtual option, and will let you know if we're also able to meet in person)

Minutes submitted by Lesley Price