

OAKLAND FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

Council Meeting **Notes**

July 21, 2011

5:30-6:30 pm

North Oakland Senior Center, 5714 Martin Luther King Jr. Way
Refreshments provided

Facilitated by Armando Nieto and Sara Wiehmann



AGENDA

Meeting Purpose: To discuss urban agriculture recommendations for upcoming city zoning changes

Activity	Time	Lead
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome, Agenda Review • Ground Rules + Meeting Outcomes • Official Check-in • Reminders • General Public Comment sign-up 	5:30-5:40	Armando Nieto, Sara Weihmann
<p>Approve Notes from last meeting (Members review notes prior to meeting)</p>	5:40-5:45	Armando Nieto, Sara Weihmann, OFPC members
<p>Speaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonia Williams, Kenneth Hill, Jazz Vassar, and Jameela Troops of the SEFA Food Guardians 	5:45-6:05	
<p>Work Plan Activities Discussion of the City Innovations Group’s Urban Ag Recommendations</p>	6:05-6:20	City Innovations Group
<p>Reports, Updates + Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates + Announcements from other work groups on their progress at last month’s Work Group meetings • General public comment 	6:20-6:30	Armando Nieto, Sara Weihmann, Work Group Chairs, public
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps, Announcements + Plus/Delta 	Posted	Jaime Hamre



GROUND RULES

- Put cell phones on silent
- Assume best intentions
- Stay engaged in the conversation + on topic
- Trust the process
- Suspend certainty
- Challenge ideas and not people
- Seek to understand
- Take care to monitor your speaking time
- Raise your hand to speak
- Enjoy the ride



CHECK-IN



From May Meeting

All in favor

APPROVE NOTES



Speaker

**Antonia Williams, Kenneth Hill, Jazz Vassar and
Jameela Troops**

Food Guardians for SEFA working to improve food
justice in Bayview Hunters Point



SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS

- **The World Food Summit of 1996 defined food security as existing “when all people at all times have access to sufficient, safe and nutrition food.”**
- **Food Security is built on three pillars: availability, access and use**
- **Similar conditions in BVHP to those of East and West Oakland. According to maps released by the USDA, Bayview – Hunters Point is considered a “food desert”**
- **Toxicity from the naval yard has created environmental and social problems**
- **BVHP has become isolated from the rest of SF, which caused and/or created issues of poor public transportation, urban renewal and poor access to healthy and nutritious food**
- **Pros to community food security: SF Wholesale Produce Market, Alemany Farmers Market, community gardens, churches and food pantries, healthy restaurants and Fresh and Easy Market opening in August 2011**
- **Cons to community food security: not enough grocery stores, liquor stores and corner stores on every block, fast food chains and unhealthy food options, lack of healthy and nutritious food and grocery stores**



SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D

- **The story of the food guardians began in January 2010**
 - Group of Bayview Hunters Point residents trained to educate, advocate and mobilize to address community food security and justice, support urban agriculture and promote nutrition education and awareness
 - Created by Southeast Food Access Working Group and funded by San Francisco environment
 - **How do you work to improve food justice in BVHP?**
 - › Improve food retail options in the area and help develop SEFA Food Retail Standards for Health & Sustainability to rate BVHP stores and give feedback to residents and store owners
 - › Will be assessing all BVHP grocery and corner stores annually using SEFA Food Retail Standards starting in 2011
 - › Ongoing meeting with Foods Co.
 - › Vegetable garden with Quesada Gardens
 - › Harvested produce from local school garden and donations from farmers markets
 - › Outreach to community members about seasonal CalFresh/EBT
 - › Community Research (surveys, grocery store assessments)
 - › Awareness raising (presentations and educational wkshps, tabling, etc.)
 - › Plans for the future
 - Expanding work to include more aspects of health equity
 - Utilize partnerships with other CBOs and agendas to strengthen our work



WORK PLAN ACTIVITIES



FUNDRAISING & FINANCING

- **A June Fundraising and Financing work group meeting was not held**



OUTREACH & RECRUITMENT

Sara reported.

- **Recruitment – trying to target which groups can fill in our council a little better. We have targeted sectors and are outreaching. We now have a way to measure.**



DATA MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH

- **Revising the call to action for students who are looking for research opportunities**
 - › **Reach out to individuals**
 - › **Reach out to Professors that we know in the area that might be interested in coordinating group projects**
- **Revising metrics template (that analyzes health of the food system) – looking at organizing data in a way that is manageable (How often are we getting it? How often do we do a broader assessment of the food system?) Part of the assessment would be looking at the internal progress of the food council. What ten steps does your work group own? What metrics would you suggest for your work group?**



CITY INNOVATIONS

Aaron Reported

- **Ongoing Projects and Progress:**
- **Discussion of City Innovation's Urban Ag Recommendations**
 - Bay Localize and East Bay Urban Ag Alliance and others are bringing together folks from the city of Oakland on how we should update Oakland zoning code to create opportunities for urban farming and make it affordable and facilitate community access to public lands.
- **Questions and/or Recommendations for the full OFPC:**
 - At the last working group, we have circulated a list of recommendations (6.16), but since then, they have been dramatically revised. A sign on letter has been created, highlighting seven key principles for urban ag.
 - › We define urban agriculture in a way that is inclusive of plant and animal production
 - › We should make sure that onsite sales is allowed, as well as value added goods
 - › We are showing there is an affordable permit fee structure, more around an administrative permit, than tied to a property, and that this can be done in a timely fashion to get productions approvedWe feel like it's inappropriate to have commercial slaughterhouse operations in residential zones
 - › Community access to public land – there should be the opportunity in public works to have a clear process for facilitating
 - › The most humane and ecologically friendly standards should be upheld, to not infringe on neighbors rights and production increases
 - › We need a clear process that is outlined and an educational campaign should be done in the city, providing a set of standards that are clear and understood for everyone to abide by
- **Announcements, Proposals, or Ideas for the full OFPC:**
 - The next step is that the planning department urban ag project is pulling together a technical advisory group (TAG), OFPC is sending three members to be a part of this, and we propose Aaron Lehmer, Heather Wooten and Nathan McClintock. TAG is comprised of people from animal control, vector control, Alameda County Public Health and other city agencies, and also urban farmers and urban ag orgs
 - Council approved those three individuals to go to the tag



NEIGHBORHOOD INNOVATIONS

Sabrina reported.

- **Align ourselves with the policies that are active within the council, i.e. HOPE Collaborative, explaining to community members what the issues are**
- **Farm Bill Workshop will be held in East Oakland and West Oakland, explaining the farm bill titles and how they impact local communities.**
- **New intern at HOPE is taking on the lesson plans (to be completed by end of summer)**
- **HOPE and OFPC doing activities for Food Day on October 24th. Decisions to be made on what they want to organize for that day.**



PUBLIC, PRIVATE, REGIONAL AND STATE INNOVATIONS

- Action items: Talk to Mike Church about the city EPP process. Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Protocol's (lead by Jenny)...
- Action items: Scan of Farm Bill policies (provided by Victoria) to allow us to have more information on the Farm Bill to let us help be leaders in the field



Please add your comments to the posted sheet

“ Good staying on-time! “

NEXT STEPS + PLUS/DELTA

