

Attendance

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General Discussion

- What is the group's ultimate goal/mission?
 - Neighborhood-based work that links back to policy
 - Previous and current work
 - Workshops and education
 - Listening sessions to figure out priorities in community
 - Government 101
 - Food systems and policy curriculum (with some food justice) for community groups or individuals. Sections focus on different parts of the food system. It's a "train the trainer" model that makes our education more sustainable, and empowers the community.
 - Already working with People's Grocery, Phat Beets, and other orgs on their events and curricula
 - Longer-term vision: to build capacity to link and work more with and have more formalized relationships with other Oakland orgs
- Do you reach out to University students? They have a lot of energy
 - Not really, we try and focus on Oakland residents
 - But they can use the curriculum and run with it
 - Our interns are usually in college, and do plug in occasionally

Agenda Item 1: Internal Analysis: 1. What areas of the plan are you working on?

- Role in strengthening community-government links
- Have done some work in urban ag policy issues
- SNAP/WIC: Current WIC fruit and vegetable bonus checks can only be used one month (summer) of the year at certified Farmers' Markets. This is one example of barriers to receiving benefits. Currently cannot use these checks at produce markets (like at OUSD schools) or grocery stores, because they aren't certified farmers' markets. Also, low (only 30%) redemption rate.

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Agenda Item 2: Recruitment

- We have a list of different groups to tap into, but this needs to be re-vamped
- **Action:** Sarah will email out power map of neighborhood groups, other members to help fill in. Kari Hamerschlag can help.
- **Action:** Prioritize groups

Agenda Item 3: Food Justice Curriculum

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Minutes submitted by Lotta Chan