

- Farm Incubator: A program that would set up an RFP for an NGO to manage several acres of land, and then divvy it up to several organizations to farm. It could create jobs and offer on site training, so we could garner some support around it.
- Getting green bins for five-plexes: The city waste contract is back up for reassessment in 2012, and the RFP begins in 2011. How do we designate a space where the city's compost is dumped and accessible for residents to pick-up for use? Does the city have different grades of compost? Can Oakland set a percentage of how much of the waste stream can be composted? NorCal Recycling is family operated, and runs really well and could be a good example of how a composting program operates. This could possibly be a project for the Regional Innovations work group.
- Wholesale Produce Distribution Relocation and Expansion: Relocating wholesale produce distribution from the Jack London Square location to the Army Base, or elsewhere. The Jack London Square site is not modern; there is no coldchain, and not enough space. The City of Oakland doesn't want it on the Army Base and many warehouse spaces in Oakland are not suitable due to the truck congestion and lack of truck accessibility. What are the logistics of possibly merging the SF produce terminal (directed by Michael Janis) with Oakland's?
- Reshaping the City's Community Gardening position: streamlining access for residents interested in starting a community garden (could be included in this position) or come in the form of a brochure. How do we shape the community gardening position to include opening up access to gardens and increasing education/resources for residents? It could be valuable to speak with Josh Amaris, who left the position, and find out why he left, and what can change to make it more effective. The Federal Green Jobs money might apply to this project; Fundraising and Financing work group should look into this.
- Corner Store Initiative: finding access to new food retail could use federal workforce development money? How do we get grocery back into West Oakland? Working with Oakland Partnership would be a good way to get this project started, and possibly having a table at their annual Economic Summit could be helpful.

○ Action:

- A possible recycling/waste initiative for apartment buildings with 5 or more apartments will be discussed with the Regional Innovations work group. More research is needed to know how much waste Oakland is composting already, and what the possibilities are to designate an area for residents to pick-up usable compost for gardening. Robin with stopwaste.org could be a huge help with this project.
- The work group will get the idea of relocating the produce distribution site back on Margot's radar. The relocation includes transportation/distribution sectors and could increase jobs in Oakland, so we could lobby for support on this issue. Annie Appel Ratto could offer insight on wholesale distribution.
- Fundraising and Financing work group should look into the Federal Green Jobs money might apply to this project and Public-Private Partnership workgroup can start sending letters and lobbying for the project. How do we get involved with Oakland Partnership and their economic summit?

Agenda Item 2: Update on Zoning and proposed brochure

- Discussion:
 - Issue with Zoning: Can Nathan describe what due diligence is needed at soil testing sites for the policy proposal? He says it depends on site history, and soil testing is really expensive so that this policy cannot be mandated for all sites. What about using a policy similar to Chicago's for raised beds only, in order to avoid the cost of expensive soil testing? Or the policy could mandate a year of remediation. So do we go with the bare minimum requirements or require more expensive testing?
- Action
 - Nathan and Heather will continue to communicate about the zoning proposals.
 - City Innovations will keep the OFPC on Devon's and Neil's radars.

Action Items

- The list of policy proposals will be presented to the OFPC meeting on May 20th.
- Nathan will send Heather comments on the UA zoning proposals as soon as possible.
- Food First interns will discuss possible research project detailing protocol on Urban Agriculture zoning from other cities around the US, and this will be added to the Research Project Wish List.
- The work group will get the possibility of relocating Oakland's produce distribution site back on Margot's radar.
- Jamie will let the Asiya and Alethea know about possible projects to be brought to the table with other work groups:
 - Fundraising and Financing: They could look into the Federal Green Jobs Program money that might apply to the Corner Store Initiative.
 - Public-Private Partnership: They could start sending letters and lobbying for the Corner Store Initiative.
 - Regional Innovations: A recycling/waste initiative for composting at apartment buildings with 5 or more apartments will be discussed with the work group. Specifically, we need to talk to Robin at stopwaste.org.

Minutes submitted by Jamie Nash.