



Meeting Minutes

Work Group: Regional and State Work Group

Date: 05/11/10

Time: 05:00:00 PM

Location: ACPHD, 3600 Telegraph Ave

Attendance

Abeni Ramsey, Aaron Lehmer, Alethea Harper, Asiya Wadud

Agenda Item 1: Approval of minutes

- **Action:** Minutes Approved

Agenda Item 2: Update on Strategic Plan and Timeline

Discussion:

Policy partnerships will naturally emerge and it'll become clear which organization we need to partner with in trying to pass a certain policy.

Since Art & Soul draws a decidedly more diverse crowd than some other public summer events in Oakland (i.e. the Oakland Beer Festival, for example), we should aim to have all of our materials ready by Art & Soul. We don't necessarily need the strategic plan completed, but we should have an interactive display and literature available for people to read. We could have a version of the Strategic Plan available-- a document that explains the Plan in pared down language that someone could easily digest. We could also have, for example, a map that shows how far Oakland-ers in various neighborhoods travel to shop for food.

Justin, Sara Weihmann's partner, is interested in offering his graphic design expertise.

Additionally, we'd like to have the application available at Art & Soul.

Agenda Item 3: Oakland Climate Action Coalition

- **Discussion:** OCAC's first draft was a little weak on the food policy mark, but it's too be expected with the first draft. Shereen D'Souza from the OFPC and CFJC and folks from Movement Generation are working to refine the policy recommendations.

- Public Comment closes June 11, and the OFPC would like to have a statement ready by that time.
- While Strategic Plan is not finished, we have outlined our six policy goals. For example, there is overlap for our vibrant farms area and the mandate to increase agricultural production on public land. The Healthy People priority of “Utilizes a broad range of public investments and tools (such as land use planning) to increase access to healthy food and decrease inequities across race and class that contribute to food insecurity and compromise health.” resonates with the OCAC recommendation of increased access to community kitchens.

Action: Alethea will draft a letter and send it out to the Council for editing, revisions, recommendations, etc.

Agenda Item 4: Timeline and Items Not Included

Discussion:

Pizzaiolo Fundraiser will happen sometime in the fall, once the strategic plan is finished. The San Francisco Foundation has renewed our grant, and the Heller Foundation is interested in funding the OFPC. They'd like to see commitment from other local organizations as well. A meeting will be convened sometime during the first two weeks of August with Justine from the San Francisco Foundation; Suzan Bateson; Bruce from the Heller Foundation; Alethea, and Eric (ED at Food First).

Host a forum with everyone who is running for mayor in Oakland and ask each candidate questions about his/her commitment to better food policy in Oakland. Rather than trying to organize a separate forum, we could partner with- for example- League of East Bay Voters or the Sierra Club and insert a series of questions dealing with food policy in Oakland. The League of East Bay Voters and the Sierra Club are just two examples of organizations with whom we could partner.

Action:

- Asiya will look into other possible organizations that we could partner with in organizing a mayoral forum.

Agenda Item 5: Policy Recommendations for Strategic Plan, Progress report on assignments

• Discussion:

The Mills symposium; maybe the symposium could inform recommendations; Aaron will report back re: Strong Communities recommendation after the symposium on May 24.

Diane is examining the ramifications of SB375 as it relates to Land Use Planning and securing long-term protection for urban ag and zoning to meet climate legislation.

Abeni: Many of the ag policies' latitude is far greater than in the city-level, and can influence regional/state policy as well. For example, how many small farm animals can be housed based on Alameda's policies, and how can that influence city-level policy?

Action Items:

All work group members will send out recommendations to the group by the end of the day, May 14.

Agenda Item 4: Policy Scan Review

Discussion:

The Policy Scan needs reviewers; note policies that would either be a support or barrier; at a glance, one can see which policies are barriers. It would be helpful to have a second set of eyes. There are federal policies that effect the local policies as well.

Action Items:

- Abeni will write one paragraph summaries of federal policies that effects local policy.

Agenda Item 4: Strategic Plan and Youth Funding:**Discussion:**

Youth radio is interested in partnering with the OFPC; it would be Youth Radio's project, but the OFPC would provide the content. Youth UpRising is also interested in a summer partnership.

Applications for youth will be ready by the end of May.

Action Item:

- Send application to Tuere at Youth Radio so she can 'test' it on the youth.

Action Items:

- All work group members will send out recommendations (at the state and regional level) to the group by the end of the day, May 14.
- Abeni will write one paragraph summaries of federal policies that effects local policy.
- Send application to Tuere at Youth Radio so she can 'test' it on the youth.
- Alethea will draft a letter (re: OCAC food policy recommendations) and send it out to the Council for editing, revisions, recommendations, etc.
- Asiya will look into other possible organizations that we could partner with in organizing a mayoral forum.

Minutes submitted by Asiya Wadud.