



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 11th, 2011

Municipal Services Building, 1417 JFK Blvd., Room 1450
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Meeting was called to order at 1:15pm.

Members in attendance:

Marilyn Anthony, Glenn Bergman (co-chair), John Byres, Lou Cooperhouse, Diane Cornman-Levy, Nic Esposito, Danny Gerber, Alison Hastings, Karl Ingram, Leanne Krueger-Braneky, Shiriki Kumanyika, Jamie McKnight, Carey Morgan, Lisa Mosca, Johanna Rosen, Carly Spross, Viery Ricketts-Thomas, Nicky Uy, D-L Wormley. **Ex-officio members in attendance:** Joan Blaustein (co-chair), Clint Randall (for Alan Urek), Amanda Wagner, Sarah Wu

Also in attendance:

Sasha Swayze Dews, consultant, Philadelphia Parks & Recreation
Haley VanderMeer, graduate student, Drexel University

Welcome by Glenn Bergman

Attendees' self-introductions

Funding

Glenn Bergman is exploring funding possibilities to support the council, including support for analytical work on the council's progress.

Zoning Code

Clint Randall updated members on the zoning code that is currently in review. Clint and Sarah Wu will share agriculture/food-specific language from the code with the council via email. Glenn suggested a chicken ordinance would be a good topic for a subcommittee in the future.

Open floor format - better defining the council

In an open floor format discussion the co-chairs and attendees discussed how they envision the role of the council in advising food policy to the City. Two questions were posed on the agenda: how should FPAC move forward and what is FPAC seeking to accomplish as a group? Joanna Rosen raised another question, what weight might FPAC have in City decision-making processes? Joan Blaustein stated that the council's influence will most likely be directly related to the council's work. The council will need to gather information, form a position, and make policy recommendations. She expressed that she hopes the members will have the power to see what needs to be done to improve the agreed upon priority

areas of the food system. Joan predicted the council will also need to be flexible and patient during the council's initial formation phase.

Karl Ingram and Lisa Mosca both raised concern about the current council body not fairly representing food system stakeholders across the city. Joan and Glenn responded that they would like a list of who might be missing from the council and specific subcommittees. Subcommittees can bring external advisors to guide members through issues when creating priorities and setting goals. Members verbally agreed that subcommittees would proceed with their work and not wait for the Governance and Membership Subcommittee to formalize by-laws. The meetings can be open to the public but they have not been promoted as public meetings yet. Alison Hastings raised caution about letting the membership get too large and stated the council will need to consider the parameters of public meetings if it chooses to go that route. Leanne Kruger-Brankey pointed out it may be worth considering how urgent it is to bring new members in at this point.

Open floor format - better defining the subcommittees

During the open floor format the co-chairs and council members also discussed how subcommittees might be effective and successful, and how to move forward. The council verbally agreed to proceed with the four subcommittees that resulted from the May meeting: Governance and Membership, Vacant Land, Workforce Strategy, and Anti-Hunger and Local Food. FPAC members volunteered to hold leadership positions in their respective subcommittee (see below).

➤ ACTIONS to be taken before next meeting (December 6th):

- Subcommittees will meet at least once before the next council meeting
- Subcommittees will prepare a written document on their plan of action/2-3 recommendations
- Subcommittees will email the whole council their written reports at least 5 days prior to the next council meeting
- Subcommittees will create a list of who is missing from the council or what perspectives are not represented by the current membership body
- Subcommittees will be prepared to present their progress to the council on Dec. 6th

Diane Cornman-Levy suggested consideration of a "social impact subcommittee" that would focus on data and communications. This idea will be reviewed at a later date but in the meantime each subcommittee will include relevant data sources/needs in their report for the next meeting.

Updated subcommittees are as follows:

Governance and Membership: Joan Blaustein, Diane Cornman-Levy, Alison Hastings (subcommittee chair), Karl Ingram

Vacant Land: Glenn Bergman (subcommittee chair), Jamie McKnight, Lisa Mosca, Clint Randall, Carly Spross, Viery Ricketts-Thomas, Sarah Wu

Workforce Strategy: Marilyn Anthony, John Byrnes, Nic Esposito (subcommittee chair), Danny Gerber, Ann Karlen, Shiriki Kumanyika, Leanne Kruger-Brankey, Bob Pierson, Mary Seton Corboy, Patricia Smith

Anti-Hunger and Local Food: Lou Cooperhouse, Jess McAtamney, Carey Morgan (subcommittee chair), Johanna Rosen, Amanda Wagner, Nicky Uy

Other Business or Announcements

Sasha Swayze Dews informed the council of upcoming ethics training dates and that outstanding financial disclosures are to be submitted electronically as soon as possible. Members should contact Sasha for guidelines on the financial disclosure submission process. Ethics training dates are November 8th 5:30pm-6:30pm or November 17th 12:30-1:30pm or TBD based on the Ethics Board's schedule. RSVP: Hortencia.Vasquez@phila.gov or 215-686-9450.

Glenn suggested the council find a way to share calendar updates on food-related events within Philadelphia. Alison had advise on how to do this that may spur this effort in the near future. As food for thought Glenn also mentioned the development of a FPAC website to share the council's work with the general public.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Blaustein (co-chair)

Glenn Bergman (co-chair)