### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
3:00pm - 5:00pm  
PHS Town Hall, 100 N. 20th St.  
Philadelphia, PA

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The Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council connects Philadelphians and their local government to create a more just food system.
A. CALL TO ORDER
Co-Chairs Amy Laura Cahn and Sarah Wu called the general meeting of the Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council (FPAC) to order. Meeting attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations. Co-Chairs noted that Mayor Kenney would be joining FPAC at its May executive session.

B. ROLL CALL
Roll call indicated a quorum was present to conduct official business.

Members Present
Allison Blansfield
Rickie Brawer
Amy Laura Cahn
Katrice Cheaton
Noelle Dames
Stephanie Dorenbosch
Bryan Fenstermaker
Jill Fink
Kathy Fisher
Alison Hastings
Esteban Kelly
Linda Knapp
Nancy Kohn
George Matysik
Jessica McAtamney
Greg McKinley
Jiana Murdic
Herman Nyamunga
Calvin Okunoye
Nicky Uy
Dwayne Wharton
Julie Zaebst

Ex-Officio Members Present
Jennifer Aquilante
Catherine Bartoli
Elisa Esposito
Molly Riordan
Amanda Wagner
Sarah Wu

Members Absent
Kirtrina Baxter
Glenn Bergman
Patricia Blakely
Saleem Chapman
Diane Cornman-Levy
Kelly Courts
Donkey Dover
Tommy McCann
Julianne Schrader Ortega
Carolina Torres
Suzanne Weltman

Others Present
Liz Anderson
Kait Bowdler
Vanessa Caracoza
Rebecca Cook
Joel Fath
Liz Ferro
Erica Feldman
Michelle Gross
Ashley Kemembin
Marjorie Lau
Tamela Luce
Jordan Muse
Lindsey Ricker
Sarah Risley

FPAC Staff Present
Hannah Chatterjee, FPAC Manager
Madeline Smith-Gibbs, FPAC Coordinator
C. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES
Attendees participated in “subcommittee speed dating”: over the course of three rounds, attendees met with subcommittee chairs for small group discussion of subcommittee updates.

1. Anti-Hunger
FPAC manager Hannah Chatterjee gave the subcommittee update.

Anti-Hunger hosted two Hunger Advocacy 101 trainings this spring: one for the subcommittee and one after business hours for the public. The public training on February 28 attracted 48 people, many of whom were new to FPAC. Kathy Fisher of the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger and Emma Kornetsky of Philabundance led the training, covering how federal programs address hunger, best approaches for getting in touch with your representatives, and what representatives care most about. The training empowered attendees to understand that anyone can be an advocate, and that we all have a responsibility to advocate for the programs that protect our most vulnerable residents. Slides from the training are available on FPAC’s website.

Anti-Hunger’s next meeting is on Monday, April 10. The subcommittee will review the briefing document that FPAC leadership is developing in preparation for a meeting with the Mayor on May 3 to educate him on how the new federal administration might affect the food system in Philadelphia.

For more information or to attend a meeting, please contact Co-Chair Steveanna Wynn.

2. Food & Health
Food & Health Co-Chair Dwayne Wharton led the subcommittee update.

Lead testing and installation of hydration stations continues in Philadelphia schools. The water at West Philadelphia High School has been turned off since November, when it came out of the outlets brown. Testing revealed that galvanized pipes caused the change in color, and the pipes were replaced with copper pipes. The School District is currently waiting on the latest test results while the community continues to express concern for students’ health.

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health and Philadelphia Parks and Recreation received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to conduct a randomized control trial at 28 recreation centers to measure water consumption.

Penn Environment published a report on lead in water which gave Pennsylvania an “F” for lead in schools. Philadelphia is leading the state for testing and addressing lead issues.

Philadelphia’s Sweetened Beverage Tax went into effect in January 2017. Since then, 1,500 pre-k slots have been created with the initial revenue. There are no current Rebuild projects in 2017 due to uncertainty surrounding funding as litigation against the tax reaches the state supreme court. Peach Labs, which
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translates research into policy, is focusing on the Philadelphia Sweetened Beverage Tax. They will be a guest speaker at an upcoming Food & Health meeting.

In November 2016, FPAC submitted testimony in support of banning the use of restrictive covenants in areas underserved by grocery stores. The property that inspired the legislation, which previously had a restrictive covenant in place, opened in March 2017 as a Save-A-Lot. 35 part-time and 5 full time positions are tied to the new store.

The Food Trust is leading an advocacy campaign to recapitalize the Pennsylvania Fresh Food Finance Initiative, which incentivizes and supports supermarket development in underserved areas. The subcommittee is following this issue and looking for ways to be involved.

Subcommittee speed daters also discussed the FreshEBT app, which allows food stamp recipients to view their balance and see which retailers near them accept EBT.

Food & Health meets on the second Thursday of the month from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. For more information or to attend a meeting, contact Co-Chairs Kelly Courts and Dwayne Wharton.

3. Good Food Procurement
Good Food Procurement Subcommittee Co-Chairs Catherine Bartoli and Molly Riordan gave the subcommittee update.

This summer will see a new iteration of the Good Food Caterer Guide, including a new call for participating caterers, a revised and streamlined caterer verification process, and an outreach campaign to encourage its use by more businesses and organizations.

We will be holding a brainstorming session on the subcommittee's next phase of work at our next meeting, Tuesday April 25 at 2pm on the 9th fl. of 1101 Market St. All are encouraged to attend and provide input!

If you are interested in participating in Good Food Procurement, please contact Co-Chairs Catherine Bartoli and Molly Riordan.

4. Urban Agriculture
FPAC Co-Chair and Urban Agriculture member Amy Laura Cahn gave the subcommittee update.

Good news for community gardens: as of January 2017, community gardens can apply for discounted monthly storm water fees. Eligible community gardens can now apply to get up to 100% off their monthly storm water fees. For more information about the storm water fee discount and how to apply, see this presentation created by Philadelphia Water Department and Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.
The Urban Agriculture Strategic Planning process will proceed in three stages. The first step will be developing the scope of work, during which stakeholders can advise on the process of creating the strategic plan. The next step will be fundraising and hiring a consultant. Finally, a steering committee will be convened to advise on the content of the plan.

Urban Agriculture is starting to research property tax exemptions or incentives, drawing on models from other states. The subcommittee is also considering inviting a representative from Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) to speak about the possible of including open space and urban agriculture into PHA’s developments.

Philadelphia City Planning Commission (PCPC) is in the process of developing its plan for the North District and is interested in incorporating food hubs and urban agriculture projects into the plan.

The subcommittee meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Co-Chairs Nancy Kohn and Ash Richards.

5. Workforce & Economic Development
Workforce & Economic Development Co-Chairs Stephanie Dorenbosch and Calvin Okunoye gave the subcommittee update.

Workforce & Economic Development is looking to bring more people to its table. The subcommittee is in the process of identifying key groups to reach out to and invite. Anyone interested in joining the subcommittee should get in touch with its co-chairs (contact information below).

Over the last month, Workforce & Economic Development has been researching available types of employer trainings. The subcommittee is interested in creating a database for people who are interested in learning more about workplace health, safety, equality, equity, and career ladders. One of the trainings to be featured is the Co-Chairs’ immigration presentation (see section G), which focuses on immigrants within the US food industry.

Workforce & Economic Development meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. contact Co-Chairs Stephanie Dorenbosch, Calvin Okunoye, and Kamaryn Norris if you are interested in participating.

6. Zero Waste
Zero Waste Subcommittee Chair Linda Knapp gave the subcommittee update.

Linda reviewed the history of the subcommittee for people who were new to FPAC. The small group also discussed updates to FPAC’s Community Compost Design Competition: judging has concluded and the subcommittee is preparing for the testing stage of the competition.
Zero Waste meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. If you are interested in participating in the Zero Waste Subcommittee, please contact Chair Linda Knapp.

D. VOTING ITEMS

1. February 2017 Minutes
Motion by Bryan Fenstermaker, seconded by Alison Hastings, to approve the February 2017 minutes. Motion passed with none opposing and Esteban Kelly abstaining.

E. ZERO WASTE POLICY RECOMMENDATION UPDATES
Zero Waste Subcommittee Chair Linda Knapp presented on updates to the subcommittee’s Zero Waste Policy Recommendations, which FPAC members voted to approve in October 2015. FPAC applauds Mayor Kenney’s commitment to achieving zero waste by 2035 and the recent creation of the Zero Waste and Litter Cabinet. Linda’s full update is available on our website.

F. MISSION & VISION STATEMENT FEEDBACK
The review of the proposed mission and vision statements was tabled due to time constraints.

G. IMMIGRANT WORKERS RIGHTS TRAINING
Workforce & Economic Development Co-Chairs presented on immigrant workers' rights in the food system. Stephanie Dorenbosch drew from her experience in legal representation for migrant and immigrant workers, while Calvin Okunoye shared from his community organizing work to improve restaurant workers' wages and working conditions.

The presentation included a brief history of US farm labor, distinctions between various immigration statuses, an overview of the conditions immigrant workers face, and a review of current advocacy opportunities. Review the slides from the presentation for more information.

H. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

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