



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

3:00pm - 5:00pm

One Parkway Building, 1515 Arch St., Room 18-029

Philadelphia, PA

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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.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Members Present

Patricia Blakely	Bryan Fenstermaker	Jessica McAtamney
Amy Laura Cahn	Kathy Fisher	Tommy McCann
Katrice Cheaton	Alison Hastings	Calvin Okunoye
Stephanie Dorenbosch	Linda Knapp	Julianne Schrader
Donkey Dover	Andy Marin	Dwayne Wharton

Ex-Officio Members Present

Jasmine Hamilton	Elisa Ruse-Esposito	Sarah Wu
Annie Preston	Amanda Wagner	

Members Absent

Glenn Bergman	Leah Lazer	Barbara Schneider
Allison Blansfield	George Matysik	Nicky Uy
Diane Cornman-Levy	Tommy McCann	Jimmy Wilson
Ann Karlen	Gregory McKinley	Steveanna Wynn
Esteban Kelly	Herman Nyamunga	Julie Zaebst

Others Present

Kevin Beck	Vania Freire	Nancy Kohn
Stephanie Bello	Adrian Glass	Marisa Lau
Cheryl Bettigole	Jenn Hall	Jiana Murdic
Kelly Courts	Amory Hillengas	Tricia Neale
Alice Dolbin	Jenny Horn	Daphne Rowe
Jill Fink	Chuck Lazarus	
Bridget Flynn	Ben Logue	

FPAC Staff Present

Hannah Chatterjee, FPAC Manager
Madeline Smith-Gibbs, FPAC Coordinator



C. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

In lieu of the usual subcommittee updates, those present participated in “subcommittee speed dating.” Over the course of three rounds, attendees met with subcommittee chairs for small group discussion of subcommittee updates. Attendees reported satisfaction with the format, and April’s general meeting will feature the same format with the addition of FPAC’s two new subcommittees.

D. WALKABLE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

Amanda Wagner, FPAC ex-officio member and chair of the Good Food Procurement Subcommittee, gave a presentation on the findings of Get Healthy Philly’s recent [Walkable Access to Healthy Food in Philadelphia, 2012-2014](#) report.

The report, which updates 2010-2012 data, assesses and maps walkable access to healthy food, defined as food retailers within 0.5 miles or closer depending on the retailer type. Walkable access data was layered with poverty data, allowing Get Healthy Philly to focus on low-income neighborhoods in which residents may have the fewest resources to purchase healthy foods or travel to distant retailers. The report includes not only supermarkets but also smaller and seasonal retailers, such as corner stores, farmers’ markets, and produce carts.

The report finds that about 1 in 4 Philadelphians live in areas with low-to-no walkable access to healthy food retailers and high poverty (LNA-HP). African-Americans, Latinos, and children are affected disproportionately.

When comparing to the 2010 baseline there are 26,487 fewer Philadelphians living in LNA-HP areas, representing a decrease of 7.2% over four years. However, the number of Philadelphians living in LNA-HP areas increased by approximately 34,482 between 2012 and 2014. This sharp increase (11.2% over two years) coincides with the closing of 20 supermarkets in the same time period.

Get Healthy Philly is sponsoring a meeting on March 4th to review the report’s findings and discuss possible solutions.

E. VOTING ITEMS

1. Bylaws Updates

Motion by Kathy Fisher, seconded by Dwayne Wharton, to approve the updates to Article 2 of FPAC’s bylaws. Motion passed with none opposed and none abstaining.

2. October General Meeting Minutes

Motion by Patricia Blakely, seconded by Tommy McCann, to approve the October General Meeting Minutes. Motion passed with none opposed and none abstaining.

3. December General Meeting Minutes

Motion by Alison Hastings, seconded by Kathy Fisher, to approve the December General Meeting Minutes. Motion passed with none opposed and one abstaining.



F. FPAC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The remaining general meetings for 2016 will be held at 1234 Market Street. The March, May, and July Executive Sessions will be held in the Innovation Lab of the Municipal Services Building. Please visit [FPAC's website](#) for details and updates. All meetings are open to the public.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

FPAC member Calvin Okunoye is starting a new Workforce & Economic Development Subcommittee. If you're interested in sitting on the subcommittee and/or helping to create its mission statement, contact [Calvin](#).

FPAC member Patricia Blakely wondered how school meals affect food access. FPAC recently made specific [recommendations about education and food](#) to Mayor Kenney's transition team. Commenters noted that Mayor Kenney has expressed interest in turning schools into community hubs, which might be an opportunity for food programming.

For those interested in learning more, the Philadelphia Public School Notebook dedicated its [February 2016 issue](#) to youth, schools, and food. Repair the World is also hosting two free events focusing on school meals.

FPAC member Tommy McCann announced that the Penn State Extension is conducting a needs assessment survey, targeting organizations that work with communities to find out how the Extension could be more helpful. [Complete the survey here](#).

Some SNAP recipients in certain Pennsylvania counties will now face a three-month limit on their benefits. Philadelphia is exempt from the limit, but many nearby counties are not. FPAC member [Kathy Fisher](#) requested that people working with SNAP populations in non-exempt counties contact her.

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) is soliciting comments on proposed revisions to the Citywide Nutrition Standards. A June 2014 executive order established nutrition standards to ensure that the City offers a broad range of healthy food and beverages to employees and residents. Any City contract that either calls for the provision of food or provides funding for food is required to comply with the standards. The standards are revised annually and are posted for public comment until March 5. For more information, visit www.phila.gov/nutritionstandards.

FPAC member Dwayne Wharton proposed a new subcommittee to address food issues related to health, such as drinking water access, sugar-sweetened beverage policies, and vending policies. FPAC Co-Chair Amy Laura Cahn noted that water access, particularly in Philadelphia schools, is a topical issue. Anyone interested in participating in the Food & Health Subcommittee should contact [Dwayne](#).



Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, in partnership with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, the Office of Sustainability, and the Philadelphia Land Bank, is now offering free workshops for urban growers. The Soil Safety Workshop will educate participants about the risk of pollutants in urban soil, the best practices for gardening safely, and what resources exist to support their projects. The Land Access Workshop will teach participants how to gain legal access to land for gardens and farms, and share information about resources to support their projects. For more information, contact Jasmine Hamilton, FarmPhilly Garden Outreach Coordinator, at farmphilly@phila.gov or 215-683-3583.

FPAC's Urban Agriculture Subcommittee will host an Open House on Monday, February 8, to engage voices from the urban growing community in its work.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.

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