



**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

3:00pm - 5:00pm

PHS Town Hall, 100 N. 20<sup>th</sup> St.

Philadelphia, PA

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-chair 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

Glenn Bergman	Kathy Fisher	Calvin Okunoye
Allison Blansfield	Allison Hastings	Julianne Schrader
Amy Laura Cahn	Esteban Kelly	Dwayne Wharton
Saleem Chapman	Linda Knapp	Jimmy Wilson
Katrice Cheaton	George Matysik	Julie Zaebst
Stephanie Dorenbosch	Tommy McCann	
Jill Fink	Herman Nyamunga	

Ex-Officio Members Present

Jen Aquilante	Amanda Wagner	Sarah Wu
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Members Absent

Patricia Blakely	Nancy Kohn	Barbara Schneider
Donkey Dover	Andy Marin	Nicky Uy
Bryan Fenstermaker	Jessica McAtamney	
Ann Karlen	Greg McKinley	

Others Present

Liz Anderson	Aartee Gagadeen	Matt Porter
Alexis Becton	Michelle Gross	Ryan Schumacher
Zoe Braunstein	Amanda Hallock	Megan Smith
Kelly Courts	Sharline Heller	Heather Strassberger
Amelia Duffy-Tumas	Charles Isaacs	Amyro Thi
John Dynak	Jasper Jones	Ashley Vogel
Jo Fagan	Julie Kiene	David Wagstaff
Erica Feldman	Sally McCabe	Kalie Wertz
Liz Ferro	Kurt Oehlberg	

FPAC Staff Present

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



### C. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

In lieu of presentation-style subcommittee updates, attendees participated in “subcommittee speed dating.” Over the course of three rounds, attendees met with subcommittee representatives for small group discussion of subcommittee updates.

#### 1. Food & Health

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

Food & Health discussed the beverage association’s lawsuit seeking to halt the implementation of Philadelphia’s sweetened beverage tax, the City Council hearing on lead in school water scheduled for November 16, and the City Council legislation hearing on banning the practice of restrictive deeds and leases in food deserts scheduled for November 30.

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](#).

#### 2. Good Food Procurement

Good Food Procurement Subcommittee chair Amanda Wagner gave the subcommittee update.

Good Food Procurement meets on the third Monday of the month from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Chair [Amanda Wagner](#).

#### 3. Urban Agriculture

FPAC Manager Hannah Chatterjee gave the subcommittee update.

City Council held a hearing on Urban Agriculture on September 21. FPAC’s testimony, including data and policy recommendations, is available on our [website](#). The hearing was successful. Councilwoman Brown praised the diversity and representation of gardeners in the rooms, and we heard multiple times that it was the best City Council hearing people had ever been to.

Urban Agriculture will be meeting next week to determine next steps to move those recommendations forward where we’ve gained traction with City Council.

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](#).

#### 4. Workforce & Economic Development

Workforce & Economic Development Chair Calvin Okunoye gave the subcommittee update.



Workforce & Economic Development discussed their plans to create a poster and website to inform employers and employees about the Healthy Families and Healthy Workplaces bill, also known as the earned sick leave law.

Workforce & Economic Development meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 4:00pm to 5:00pm. Contact Chair [Calvin Okunoye](#) if you are interested in participating.

#### 5. Zero Waste

Zero Waste Subcommittee Chair Linda Knapp gave the subcommittee update.

Zero Waste is launching a design competition for neighborhood-scale, in-vessel composting systems. Visit [www.phillyfpac.org/compost](http://www.phillyfpac.org/compost) for more information.

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](#).

#### 6. Membership & Governance

FPAC coordinator Madeline Smith-Gibbs led a review of FPAC's annual membership survey.

Membership & Governance meets on the second Monday of the month from 9:30am to 11:00am. Contact Chair [Bryan Fenstermaker](#) if you are interested in participating.

### **D. VOTING ITEMS**

#### 1. June 2016 Minutes

Motion by Alison Hastings, seconded by Esteban Kelly, to approve the June 2016 minutes. Motion passed with none opposed and none abstaining.

#### 2. August 2016 Minutes

Motion by Jill Fink, seconded by Saleem Chapman, to approve the August 2016 minutes. Motion passed with none opposed and three abstaining: Esteban Kelly, Alison Hastings, Linda Knapp.

### **E. Philadelphia City Budget 101**

Andrew Sharp, Deputy Director for Policy in the Office of Sustainability, gave an overview of the city budgeting process. The budget allows the City to be strategic in its spending, have financial accountability, manage revenues and expenditures, and prioritize programs. Facility in the budget allows FPAC members to understand the workings of government and frame budget asks effectively.



## **F. Open Session**

FPAC member Linda Knapp announced that the Old Tennis Court Farm in Germantown was fundraising for the full purchase price of the land and related costs. The Old Tennis Court Farm Protection Project is working with Natural Lands Trust to preserve the site and continue growing produce.

FPAC ex-officio member Amanda Wagner announced that the City is seeking a Good Food Procurement Coordinator to help increase Philadelphia's capacity to procure healthy, sustainable, fair, and local food. The Coordinator will work across departments such as Public Health, Procurement, Finance, and Sustainability to investigate innovative contracting opportunities, conduct vendor outreach and engagement, and assess market availability of good food products.

Liz Anderson of the US Federation of Worker Coops shared information about the October 24 City Council hearings on cooperative development. FPAC resolved to submit written testimony for the hearings.

On October 19, the Food Trust and the Philadelphia Area Cooperative Alliance will host a screening of *Food for Change*, a documentary about food, equity, and cooperatives. FPAC agreed to be a co-sponsor of the screening.

Membership & Governance is overseeing the process of recruiting and selecting new members for appointment to FPAC. Twice a year, in June and December, the subcommittee presents a slate of nominees to FPAC's membership for approval. More information about nominations is available on [FPAC's website](#).

## **G. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

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