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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 5, 2016
3:00pm - 5:00pm
PHS Town Hall, 100 N. 20th 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
Allison Blansfield
Amy Laura Cahn
Saleem Chapman
Katrice Cheaton
Stephanie Dorenbosch
Jill Fink
Kathy Fisher
Alison Hastings
Esteban Kelly
Linda Knapp
George Matysik
Tommy McCann
Herman Nyamunga
Calvin Okunoye
Julianne Schrader
Dwayne Wharton
Jimmy Wilson
Julie Zaebst

Ex-Officio Members Present
Jen Aquilante
Amanda Wagner
Sarah Wu

Members Absent
Patricia Blakely
Donkey Dover
Bryan Fenstermaker
Ann Karlen
Nancy Kohn
Andy Marin
Jessica McAtamney
Greg McKinley

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

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](mailto:kellycourts@gmail.com) and [Dwayne Wharton](mailto:dwayne.wharton@gmail.com).

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](mailto:amanda.wagner@phila.gov).

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](http://www.phila.gov). 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](mailto:nancy.kohn@phila.gov) and [Ash Richards](mailto:ash.richards@phila.gov).

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 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.

Submitted by:
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