# MEETING MINUTES
December 12th, 2012
John F. Street Community Center, 1100 Poplar Street
Philadelphia, PA 19123

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A. WELCOME & OVERVIEW
A general meeting of the Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council (FPAC) was called to order by Co-chairs, Carey Morgan and Sarah Wu, at 5:30pm.

B. ROLL CALL
Roll call indicated a quorum was not present to conduct official business.

Members Present
John Byrnes                        Ann Karlen                        Johanna Rosen
Mary Seton Corboy                 Carey Morgan                       Nicky Uy
Nic Esposito                      Lisa Mosca
Alison Hastings                   Bob Pierson

Ex-officio Members Present
Joan Blaustein, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation (Co-chair)
Amanda Wagner, Philadelphia Health Department
Sarah Wu, Mayor’s Office of Sustainability

Members Absent
Glenn Bergman                     Shiriki Kumanyika                 Patricia Smith
Diane Cornman-Levy                Jessica McAtamney                  Carly Spross
Leanne Kruger-Brankey             Jamie McKnight                    Viery Ricketts Thomas

Others Present
Amy Laura Cahn, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia
Jen Kates, Office of Councilwoman Maria Quinones-Sanchez
Aimee Hill
Addison Vawters, Federation of Neighborhood Centers

FPAC Staff Present
Sasha Swayze Dews, FPAC Coordinator

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Minutes from October 16th, 2012 were not approved since quorum was not met. Approval of minutes was tabled until the next general meeting in February.

D. FPAC 2013 STRATEGIC OVERVIEW
Carey Morgan and Sarah Wu gave a presentation on the course of action they plan to lead during their tenure as Co-chairs. (PPT slides included at end of these minutes).

E. OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITY TO FACILITATE CURRENT FOOD WORK
Following the strategic overview presentation the floor was opened to identify “low-hanging fruit” policy opportunities. The discussion was intended to be a platform to hear about issues affecting members’ work and an opportunity to start setting some concrete policy change goals. Identified issues were:

• New zoning code - vacant land - market and community gardens
• Parking fee code enforcement at farmers’ markets
• Barriers to large-scale food events

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• Community kitchens
• Establishing new food businesses

F. ACTION ITEMS
There were two action items on the agenda. The first was to approve a nomination, application, and appointment process. The second was a vote on the Governance and Membership Sub-committee’s recommended slate of nominees for new appointed members. Both action items were tabled until a future FPAC general meeting and a request was made for further discussion at the Governance and Membership Sub-committee meeting scheduled for January 10th. All appointed members, ex-officios, and sub-committee participants were encouraged to attend the January 10th meeting. The sub-committee requested FPAC to vote via email on an interim nomination process for 2012. (This action item was approved on 1/25/13).

G. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES
A representative from each sub-committee gave a brief update.

1. Anti-Hunger and Local Food Sub-committee
The Anti-Hunger and Local Food Sub-committee did not hold a meeting since the last general meeting and had no updates.

2. Workforce Development Strategy Sub-committee
Nic Esposito credited Patricia Blakely and Leanne Krueger-Braneky for helping the sub-committee to realize new potential around the sub-committee’s policy recommendations. A representative from Philadelphia Works met with the sub-committee about job training programs, salary reimbursement programs, and potential partnerships with the food industry. The sub-committee has started to explore possibilities around legislation for food training accreditation in high school programs and finding a partner for a food industry stakeholder data collection project and report.

3. Vacant Land Sub-committee
Amy Laura Cahn informed the Council that the City agencies and departments involved in vacant land are still looking broadly at how properties are held and made available. Amy Laura encouraged the Council to define a role to play around zoning and strategic opportunity creation for new gardens and larger farms. John Byrnes stated that a PSU/NYU research project focused on profitability dovetails with the sub-committee’s needs assessment and will soon be available for comment.

H. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
Amy Laura Cahn gave an update on the zoning code amendments. Jennifer Kates gave an update on the Philadelphia land bank bill and suggested FPAC may be able to seek input about the process and help facilitate conversations around it. The Co-chairs are looking for feedback on evening meeting time in community locations, and whether anyone would like to help establish the communications sub-committee or begin working with a different sub-committee.

I. DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING
The next general meeting will be Monday, February 11th, 2013 from 10:30am-12:30 at One Parkway Building, 1515 Arch Street, Room 18-020, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

J. ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.
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