



## **Executive Session**

Wednesday, January 4, 2017

3pm - 5pm

### I. Welcome and Introductions

Present: Talia Berday-Sacks, Dorothy Buttz, Amy Laura Cahn, Hannah Chatterjee, Liz Ferro, Jill Fink, Kathy Fisher, Janet Fleetwood, Adrian Glass, Linda Knapp, Nancy Kohn, Kim Labno, Liora Lebowitz, Cat Lowther, Tommy McCann, Jordan Muse, Calvin Okunoye, Meghan Smith, Madeline Smith-Gibbs, Suzanne Weltman, Dwayne Wharton, Sarah Wu, Alex Zaremba

### II. Defining FPAC's Road Map in the context of a New Federal Administration

FPAC Co-Chairs reopened the discussion held at the December 2016 general meeting about FPAC's role given changes in the political climate. Suggestions included:

- Hosting a hunger advocacy 101 training
- Disseminating resources and information about immigrant and farmworker rights
- Ensuring the preservation of federal data on the food system and environment
- Stepping up participation in the Center for Livable Futures' Food Policy Network
- Educating the Mayor about the Farm Bill and its potential impacts on Philadelphia residents and businesses
- Tracking proposed rollbacks of Michelle Obama's school nutrition standards
- Working with Councilwoman Gym on the Philadelphia school breakfast challenge and fair scheduling
- Facilitating more collaboration across subcommittees
- Understanding the Mayor's involvement in national platforms, such as the US Conference of Mayors
- Partnering with Rebuild
- Meeting with the School Reform Commission
- Individually keeping in touch with colleagues on the federal level who can keep us informed of major changes or issues when they come up

FPAC Co-Chairs proposed that FPAC commit to:

- Using this brainstorm to develop a list of potential projects, and getting feedback from subcommittee chairs on projects that they can/want to work on
- Presenting subcommittee commitments and remaining projects at the next general meeting to launch cross-cutting working groups that take on federal issues or school food, for example
- Developing agendas for these cross cutting projects
- Meeting with and/or briefing the Mayor on these agendas before his budget address

### III. Prep for Disposition Policies Hearing

The Philadelphia Land Bank Board is holding a hearing on their proposed *Strategic Plan*, acquisition policies, and disposition policies on Thursday, January 5, from 4pm to 6pm at 1515 Arch St on the 18th Floor. The FPAC Urban Ag Subcommittee has [long been involved](#) in supporting and providing feedback on Land Bank processes, from its conception in 2014 to its first strategic plan and disposition policies in 2015.

Pending member approval, FPAC will provide oral testimony on January 5 and will submit written testimony incorporating any additional feedback on January 9.

### IV. Open Session

[FPAC's Food & Health Subcommittee's](#) next meeting is January 12 at 3:30pm.

FPAC's Zero Waste Subcommittee has launched its [Compost Design Competition](#), which solicits designs for neighborhood-scale, in-vessel composting systems that can be used by schools and community organizations. Please share widely!

Philadelphia's new Zero Waste and Litter Cabinet is tasked with exploring ways to reduce and contain the city's waste. FPAC's Zero Waste Subcommittee plans to work with the Cabinet and continue collaboration with Nic Esposito, the new Zero Waste and Litter director, who is also an FPAC ex-officio member.

The Philadelphia City Planning Commission (PCPC) is currently working on the North Philadelphia District Plan. North Philadelphia contains a lot of vacant land and vacant industrial space, and PCPC has indicated willingness to consider urban agriculture and food business as potential land uses.

Those in attendance affirmed the importance of taking care of ourselves and our communities. To lighten the mood, a few people shared short success stories.

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