



EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

3:00pm - 5:00pm

1401 JFK Blvd, 16th Floor Innovation Lab

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Liz Anderson, Catherine Bartoli, Talia Berday-Sacks, Howard Bilofsky, Allison Blansfield, Kait Bowdler, Zoe Braunstein, Amy Laura Cahn, Terrance Carter, Hannah Chatterjee, Katrice Cheaton, Kelly Courts, Rosa DaCosta, Casey Dascher, Amanda DeLeo, Elisa Esposito, Erica Feldman, Bryan Fenstermaker, Liz Ferro, Jill Fink, Kathy Fisher, Dennis Gibson, Sue Gibson, LeAnne Harvey, Alison Hastings, Jim Kenney, Linda Knapp, Nancy Kohn, Emma Kornetsky, Michaela Kupfer, Mo Manklang, George Matysik, Jessica McAtamney, Damon McCool, Brooke Mullen, Maile Munro, Jiana Murdic, Herman Nyamunga, Calvin Okunoye, Mary Pham, Alyson Platzer, Amy Regan, Lindsey Ricker, Kinji Ridley, Molly Riordan, Melissa Sattler, Hannah Schlesinger, Linda Shanahan, Daniel Shea, Meghan Smith, Madeline Smith-Gibbs, Megan Storm, Suzanna Urminksa, Amanda Wagner, Suzanne Weltman, Sarah Wu, Steveanna Wynn

B. MAYORAL BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION

Mayor Kenney kicked the meeting off with a few words about how poverty and opportunity intersect with FPAC's work, drawing connections between food policy and his administration's community infrastructure, community schools, and pre-k programs.

FPAC Co-Chairs Sarah Wu and Amy Laura Cahn gave an introduction to FPAC, explaining the Council's structure and highlighting recent accomplishments. Appointed member Kathy Fisher, Policy Director at the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger, reviewed some of the changes FPAC anticipates coming from the new federal administration, including cuts to USDA programs that provide food to those facing hunger, increase access to healthy food, and help food businesses.

Anti-Hunger Subcommittee Chair Steveanna Wynne explained how state programs support Philadelphia's emergency food program. FPAC would appreciate the Mayor's support in advocating for Pennsylvania to commit to funding the State Food Purchase Program at \$21 million and the Pennsylvania Agriculture Surplus System at \$5 million. FPAC is also aware of efforts in the state legislature to eliminate funding for Fourth Amendment cities and prevent municipalities from passing earned sick leave policies. FPAC thanks Mayor Kenney for his leadership and support of immigrant communities now and throughout his career.

Workforce & Economic Development Subcommittee Chair Calvin Okunoye and FPAC appointed member Alison Hastings then shared a few opportunities where Mayor Kenney's support could have a great



impact for Philadelphians:

- We thank the Mayor for supporting the Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity and the BenePhilly centers that help Philadelphians access public benefits. We see a huge opportunity to address the decline in redemption of summer meals, a program that feeds children while they are out of school. We'd also like help in promoting Philadelphia's "No SNAP Cuts" resolution through the media, and encourage the Mayor to use this legislation as an opportunity to work with other mayors to advocate against cuts to SNAP.
- We thank the Mayor for spearheading initiatives that will result in healthier food for Philadelphia's youth, including the Community Schools initiative and the pre-kindergarten program. We ask for the Mayor's support for policies and procedures that increase City purchases of "good food": food that is healthy, sustainable, fair, and supports our local economy.
- Philadelphia has many laws that support its workforce, including anti-wage theft laws, ban the box, earned sick leave, and equal pay policies. These laws improve working standards, enhance job quality, reduce discrimination, and alleviate poverty. We would like the Mayor's support on increasing transparency, speed of implementation, and access to services relating to these ordinances to ensure they do what they were designed to do.
- We thank the Mayor for supporting our schools and ensuring that students have access to safe water. Philadelphia can build on this work by promoting school breakfast, a federal program that Philadelphia schools could be using more effectively to feed hungry children and set them up for success in the classroom.
- We appreciate the Mayor's support of the Philadelphia Land Bank and efforts to ensure that it functions in service to many different kinds of constituents, including community gardeners and farmers. We'd like the Mayor's help in ensuring that the Land Bank Strategic Plan is implemented effectively with sufficient funding and staffing, a Community Advisory Board with representation from the urban agriculture sector, and cooperation among the Land Bank, Revenue, and other related City agencies. We also emphasize the importance of preventing tax lien sales or securitization, which would create long-term barriers to the Land Bank's implementation. Finally, we'd like the Mayor's support on a citywide Urban Agriculture Strategic Plan, which gardeners and advocates are working with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, the Office of Sustainability, and the Planning Commission to create.
- We thank the Mayor for signing the Zero Waste and Litter Control Executive Order and establishing the Cabinet. We hope Mayor Kenney continues to be a champion of zero waste, using his platform at Mayor to promote these concepts and City initiatives.

FPAC Co-Chair Amy Laura Cahn thanked Mayor Kenney for the opportunity to meet, and expressed a hope that he'd meet with us once a year so FPAC can continue to be a resource. Read the full [Food](#)



[Policy and Programs](#) briefing document for more information.

Based on the Mayor's questions and feedback, FPAC identified the following next steps:

- Talk to the Office of Community Engagement and Volunteer Service about developing relationships with Philadelphia's "eds and meds" to do a fundraiser for local food pantries.
- Discuss with the Policy Office possible ideas to bring to the US Conference of Mayors.
- Investigate ways to promote farmers markets' role in providing local, fresh food with a "Harvest Day."
- Invite additional representatives from the School District to FPAC meetings and continue to support the Community Schools initiative.
- Inform the City's state and federal lobbyists about any food issues they should keep on their radar.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please complete FPAC's Annual Membership Survey no later than May 5, 2017. FPAC uses the survey to get a sense of the demographics and areas of expertise represented around the table, and to identify gaps to fill during member recruitment. The annual survey is open to the public but is mandatory for all appointed members.

The terms of both of FPAC's Co-Chairs are ending in the next months. Please submit nominations for both positions to Sarah Wu (sarah.wu@phila.gov) and Amy Laura Cahn (acahn@pubintl.org).

Learn about eating well on a budget, reducing food waste, self-care for providers, food workers' rights and more at the [Good Food for All Conference](#). The conference is aimed toward people who are SNAP eligible, hunger fighters, food educators, and advocates for food access. Saru Jayaraman, co-founder of Restaurant Opportunities Centers United, will provide a keynote address.

Saul Agricultural High School will host its Annual Country Fair Demonstration Day on Saturday, May 13 from 11am to 3pm. The event will take place at 7100 Henry Ave in Roxborough.

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