



EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, November 1st, 2017

3:00pm-5:00pm

1401 JFK Blvd, 16th Floor Innovation Lab

AGENDA

- A. Welcome & Introductions
- B. Policy Platform Report Back
- C. Open Session
- D. Ethics Training

A. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Hannah Chatterjee, Mary Pham, Kelly Courts, Kirtrina Baxter, Sarah Wu, Esteban Kelly, Amanda Wagner, Molly Riordan, Nancy Kohn, Joan Boyce, Catherine Bartoli, Jill Fink, Jessica McAtamney, Tommy McCann, Jen Aquilante, Eliana Zimet, Kathy Fisher, Howard Bilofsky, Kait Bowdler, Melissa Sattler, Mary Holmcrauz, Patricia Blakely, Alice Dolbin, Linda Knapp, Rickie Brawer, Saleem Chapman, Jiana Murdic

B. POLICY PLATFORM REPORT BACK - [General Policy Platform Overview](#)

FPAC Manager and Coordinator Hannah Chatterjee and Mary Pham facilitated the policy review with subcommittee co-chairs.

Anti-Hunger - [Policy Recommendation Revisions](#)

The Anti-Hunger Subcommittee discussed which goals were the subcommittee's responsibility and which were directed at the administration. For the second recommendation that calls for "establishing programs to support households...", this is under the purview of the administration and became a separate recommendation. Establishing anti-hunger programs can possibly be a part of *Get Health Philly's* work and is also complementary to other recommendations, like number four - "Engage with City Council to expand...student meals on planned days off..."

For anti-hunger issues, the City does not control a large portion of the funds. The subcommittee thinks that it is important for FPAC to ask the City to be advocates and push its lobbyists to engage with Harrisburg. There is a need for greater specificity in what FPAC would like the City to accomplish, versus what is requested at the state and federal levels.

In reviewing the platform, there should be a balance between making the recommendations broad and actionable. A document that is too narrow in scope can result in missed opportunities. One suggestion is creating a companion sheet that drills into specific asks. For example, the sixth recommendation is more



specific and can be incorporated into the first or included in a companion sheet because it is time-specific.

Possible Next Steps:

- Subcommittee review #2 and add specific actions as bullets or in companion document
- Anti-Hunger Subcommittee make final revisions
- Platform voted on in December by FPAC, with opportunity to amend recommendations after meeting

Food & Health - [Policy Recommendations](#)

The subcommittee will be reviewing policy recommendations at its December meeting.

Good Food Procurement - [Policy Recommendation Revisions](#)

The first recommendation is related to funding, so the subcommittee will pass it to appointed members to discuss. The second recommendation is no longer applicable because the subcommittee has evolved into the *Good Food Subcommittee*. The City also does not have complete information on how much it is purchasing, although this data is currently being gathered.

In the third recommendation, language on the task force can be removed and can be reworded to include coalition building between anchor institutions, which is already occurring. One possibility is to include a recommendation on sponsoring the creation of an internal taskforce, which is reflective of the Local Food Economy Assessment work. It will be important to have the mayor show support for this, when it is completed.

Workforce & Economic Development - [Policy Recommendations](#)

The second recommendation on streamlining the permitting process can be removed because the permitting process is now online, or it can be changed to address other barriers to food market entry for local growers and small businesses. The third recommendation can be updated to include enforcement and accountability of earned sick leave.

Additions to the recommendations can include advocating for fair scheduling, a fair work week, stable schedules, and extending family leave. The subcommittee also recommends eliminating “clopings”, or schedules that force staff to close and then open the next day, and eliminating the two-tier wage system.

Urban Ag - [Policy Recommendation Revisions](#)

Many of the recommendations are specific and targeted to the administration because the subcommittee has been historically policy-oriented.



The third recommendation on increasing funding for Farm Philly can be passed to appointed members because ex-officio chairs cannot advocate for funding. For the fourth recommendation, the subcommittee will request that City Council preserve 5 new acres in each district.

Additions to the recommendations include:

- Support for more funding for the Urban Ag Strategic Plan - can be bullet point under #6.
- The creation of a modern tracking system for garden preservation

Zero Waste - [Policy Recommendations](#)

The zero waste recommendations were first approved by FPAC in 2015 and was updated in spring 2017. One change is removing any mentions of Waste Watchers and to replace it with Philacycle because the program has been rebranded.

Much progress has been made since 2014, especially with the creation of the Zero Waste Cabinet. One possible addition is supporting sections of the farm bill that can support food recovery and supporting zero waste at the state level. All subcommittees can discuss whether the farm bill should be included in their recommendations, as it implicates nearly all of FPAC's work.

C. OPEN SESSION

FPAC members are very interested in a farm bill training for the January meeting. The Food Trust is developing a training webinar with its DC partner and Kamaryn can connect with them for the training in January, but she will send the outline and resources as soon as the materials are available. The Pittsburgh Food Policy Council has also developed a [farm bill guide](#) that is very helpful.

There is some interest in Philadelphia signing on to the [Milan Urban Food Policy Pact](#), which advocates for a sustainable and equitable food policy framework. Over 150 international cities have signed on and many more cities will be signing on in January. Member cities can be eligible for money and prizes. At the December meeting, FPAC can discuss if it is worthwhile to push the mayor to sign the pact.

The Anti-Hunger Subcommittee is approaching Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds Brown for a Hunger 101 workshop. The subcommittee will be working with FPAC members to develop short presentations on anti-hunger resources that their organizations offer. Importantly, the workshop provides an opportunity to present FPAC's anti-hunger policy recommendations to council members.

The Communications subcommittee can possibly be the group that publicizes the recommendations, but it has not had much participation. The subcommittee is currently merged with Membership & Governance and is working on engaging populations not traditionally involved with FPAC, like youth.



Increasing youth participation may also encourage more participation in the Communications subcommittee. Get Hype Philly may be a good starting point.

The Clean Water Fund is having its [annual event](#) on November 10th. PA Attorney General Josh Shapiro will be presented an environmental leadership award. He may be a good political contact for FPAC.

Challah for Hunger is having an [informational happy hour](#) on November 9th at Milkboy South from 5PM to 7:30PM. The launch of a campus hunger project will be discussed.

The Glow Up will be screening *The Invisible Vegan* at it's [fundraising event](#) on November 10th at the Perelman building, from 6:30PM to 10PM.

Election day is Tuesday, November 7th!

Next Steps:

- Subcommittees will finalize policy platforms and discuss farm bill implications at November subcommittee meetings
- Policy platform funding questions will be discussed by appointed members at the December General Meeting
- Discussion of Milan Urban Food Policy Pact at December General Meeting
- Kamaryn will share TFT's farm bill resources and contact DC partners for January training

D. ETHIC TRAINING

The training was led by Nedda Massar.