



Food System Committee

Wednesday, March 20th, 2019

4:00-5:30 PM

NW Annex

5280 Northwest Drive

Bellingham, WA 98226

Minutes

Members Present:

Name	Sector	Present
Andy Enfield	Export Sales Farming	X
Margaret Gerard	Local Sales Farming	X
Riley Starks	Fishing	X
Adrienne Renz	Processing/Distribution	X
Riley Sweeney	Food Access	
Amber Noskoff	Nutrition/ Public Health	X
Maureen Darras	Labor	X
Krista Rome	Natural Resources	X
Mardi Solomon	Whatcom Food Network	X

Staff: Ali Jensen, WCHD

Call to order: Maureen started the meeting at 4:04pm

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Approval of minutes

Motion: Approve minutes: Riley moved. Adrienne seconded. Approved

Public Comment

No members of the public present

Adopt Business Rules and Procedures:

Group discussed Roberts Rules of Order. Decision to aim for consensus and revert to Roberts rules when there is not consensus. Group decided to use a 2/3 majority in decision-making process.

Maureen proposed the following decision-making process:

A majority of currently appointed positions (one more than half) is required for a quorum to conduct regular business. Members may be counted as present when calling in to committee meetings.

Decision-making will endeavor to be by consensus with the positions of each member having been heard, respected, and seriously considered.

Any committee member or members may file for the record a minority opinion. Such minority opinion shall include the specific issue, proposed code language, or policy which is opposed and a rationale for the minority opinion. When possible, preferred alternative language or options should be included in the minority report. Members supporting the minority report shall be listed in the minority report.

At any meeting of the Committee, the final adoption of measures put to a vote shall adhere to Roberts Rules of Order and be subject to a 2/3 majority vote of those participating in the meeting.

The meeting minutes shall reflect Roberts Rules of Order.

Motion: Adrienne moved to accept these changes. Krista seconded. Approved.

Land Acknowledgement

Maureen offered a different acknowledgement today that expresses the beliefs of agro-ecology. The concept is that Mother Earth has a voice, and to be in relationship with the land is to listen to that and not to force one's will upon the earth. This is in keeping with the beliefs of the Coast Salish people. The way C2C practices this is with a garden they tend. We're guests of the Coast Salish people when we are on this land.

Review of Food System Plans

25-Year Vision for WA State's Food System: Mardi & Maureen – Aspirational. Big ag wasn't enough a part of the conversation. Not enough focus on affordable access to land for new farmers. Doesn't talk about protecting the land and water from pesticides and stuff like that.

Advice from Ellen Gray: Think about the money from the beginning. The group will come up with lots of great ideas, but if there is no funding to carry them out, the energy will be sucked out of the group.

Multnomah County Food Action Plan 2010-2025: Krista, Adrienne, & Amber

It had goals for halfway through, which is this year, and then goals til 2025. Built on existing work in community. Aspirational goals, but action oriented, and with specific benchmarks, indicators, targets, outcomes. Structure parallels the WFN. Empowering. Has citizen actions individuals can take and actions that govt. could take.

They had a great definition of terms, comprehensive glossary

Ali will find out if the Multnomah group is going to produce a report.

Douglas County Food System Plan, Kansas – Margaret & Andy

Nice clear structure. No timeline about when objectives are to be met or the order of priority. Douglas Food Policy Council was formed in 2010 and plan came out in 2017. Unsure what happened in the

interim. Involved a lot of community partners. FPC was a large committee (~23 members) Did a community food assessment. Has a color-coded quick guide.

King County Kitchen Cabinet Local Food Initiative - Riley & Riley

They did it in 5 months. Had a really great group of 36 people. They did it in 2016 and this was an update of an earlier plan. Utilized sub-committees. Had good buy-in from King County Executive, Dow Constantine. Put together in an entertaining way, not too text heavy. Called it an initiative rather than a plan. Diverse recommendations and specific ideas how to get there. Lack of discussion about funding. Long, very good appendix. No discussion of seafood or water pollution that affects seafood.

Assignment of Homework and Next Meeting:

Look at CFA. Each small group will get two sector summaries to review.

SECTORS	Assigned People
Consumption AND Fishing	Maureen and Margaret
Processing/ Distribution AND Farming	Riley Sweeney and Krista Rome
Labor AND Land	Mardi, Riley Starks, and Amber
Waste AND Water	Adrienne and Andy

Answer questions:

- What did you learn from this?
- What questions came up?
- What is missing? What updates are needed?

Extra credit: Look at a summary from a sector you are familiar with and suggest anyone who would be good to talk to in order to improve upon this sector summary. Who isn't represented or who is over-represented.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm