

Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Location: Thursday, June 15, 2017; Knox County Health Department

Type of Meeting: General Meeting

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| Attending Appointed (Voting) Members | Rebecca Saldivar - Tootsie Food Truck/New Harvest Farmers' Market Fiona McAnally - Knox County Health Department Kristen Faerber - Food Consultant/Community Volunteer Judith Pelot - CAC, Senior Nutrition Program Willa Essie |
| Attending Associate Members | Amanda Spangler - Center for Urban Agriculture Chad Hellwinckel - UT Agricultural Economics, Permaculture Guild Kimberly Pettigrew – Slow Food TN Valley Charlotte Tolley – Nourish Knoxville |
| Other Attendees | Gail Root – Second Harvest Food Bank Brian Blackmon – City of Knoxville Liz Albertson – MPC Drew McDonald – Owner/Chef Plaid Apron Dr. Annette Wszelaki – UT Extension Vegetable Specialist |

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| 1. | Fiona called meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Went around the room and introduced selves. Motion made to approve May minutes, seconded and approved. |
| 2. | <p>Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) – Dr. Wszelaki</p> <p>Most sweeping reform of food safety laws in 70 years</p> <p>Signed 2011</p> <p>Shifts the focus from responding to preventing</p> <p>Current: Poultry and leafy greens are the primary causes of food borne illnesses</p> <p>1996-2007 – Tomatoes, Melons and Leafy Greens were primary causes</p> <p>FSMA applies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Farms that grow, harvest, pack or hold most produce in raw or natural state -Domestic and imported -Farms annual sales of produces greater than \$25k/year <p>“Produce” includes mushrooms, herbs and tree nuts. Does not include grains.</p> <p>Produce for on-farm consumption is exempt.</p> <p>A farm with the qualified exemption must still meet certain modified requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Disclosing the name and complete business address (PO is okay) of the farm where the produce was grown either on the produce label or a the POS (Must be implemented by 2020.) <p>Small farms are exempt from the rules, but must have address displayed now.</p> <p>Available resources:</p> <p>FDA Produce Safety fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm604045.htm</p> <p>Produce Safety Alliance producesafetyalliance.cornell.edu</p> <p>UT Fruit and Veg Food Safety vegetables.tennessee.edu/food_safety.html</p> |

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| | <p>Organic Farm Tour October 26 Email Annette Wszelaki or Faith Critzer annettew@utk.edu faithc@utk.edu vegetables.tennessee.edu</p> |
| 3. | <p>Drew McDonald, Plaid Apron Opened May 2011 Building renovation this year. Gave a brief overview of his background. Worked at New Zealand restaurant, worked exclusively with two farms. Was going to open a fine dining establishment, but opened breakfast/lunch because “Knoxville wasn’t ready” Anti large ag “Large ag is the downfall of our country” Majority of what he buys locally is Certified Organic, CNG or farms that use organic practices What affect his business-Weather (Farmers) Knoxville has one of the largest per=capita restaurant scenes in country (80% corporate) Wants to see more farm-to-table restaurants in Knoxville Not enough comraderie between small guy chefs People complain that his prices are too high, but they aren't Bread sales every wednesday He serves small portions Uses Cruze to gauge local commidity Increased prices at most 15% since opened</p> |
| 4. | <p>Fiona: -Should we change our bylaws? -New small groups</p> |
| 5. | <p>Liz: MPC: COK/KC zoning ordinance Current zoning was written in 50s City working on complete overhaul Interest in holding special events on large ag land in county (weddings) (Not currently permitted) Special event facility only allowed in commercial zoning district MPC is working on allowing this "Rural Retreats" Event facilities in rural areas Use on Review process Draft passed out July 13 MPC agenda, 1:30 CC building, Lg assembly room (Same as city council) If passed, this would allow without rezoning property, but use-on-review Specific regulations for marinas, mobile home parks, etc. so that they don't conflict with adjacent land Required info: no. of accommodations, restrooms, lighting, etc (anything that would potentially impact adjacent land owner) Would have to be located with direct access to main streets Minimum 5 acres Structures must be 200-300' from property line Parking standards equ. to churches</p> |

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| | <p>MPC can limit hours of operation MPC makes requirements, doesn't have to go to county commission Zoning ordinance update will have to be approved by county commission AG, low density residential, general residential, planned residential If overnight camping, must be 20 acres 2 guests every 5 acres comissioners@knoxmpc.org Would taxes be affected?</p> |
| 6. | Motion to adjourn – passes |
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| | July Meeting cancelled |
| | Next meeting: Retreat August 17, 8:30am |