

Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Location: Wednesday, September 20, 2023; United Way of Greater Knoxville

Type of Meeting: Annual Retreat

Recorder: Brett Foster

<p>Attending Appointed (Voting) Members Bolded names in attendance</p>	<p>Bruce Crabtree Bailey Foster Brett Foster Laura Deubler Ross Jones Sara Keel Marisa Moazen Jen Russomanno Rylan Thompson Lauren Woods Donna Wright</p>
<p>Attending Associated (Non-voting) Members Bolded names in attendance</p>	<p>Beth Brown Adam Caraco Kara Finger Nicole Gross Lisa Healy Travis Henderson Marissa McKeague Judith Pelot Charlotte Rodina Wade Seifert Marsha Spence Caesar Stair Erin Sweeney Vivian Williams</p>
<p>Other Attendees (all names listed were in attendance)</p>	<p>Jessie Hillman—Knoxville-Knox County Planning Madelyn Howe—Knox County Health Department Fiona McAnally—City of Knoxville Kimberly Pettigrew—United Way Greater Knoxville</p> <p>Jennifer Ayers—UW/CS Chris Battle—Battlefield Farm Kat Bike—Nourish Knoxville Sarah DeWitt—Knox Botanical Garden Femeika Elliott—Rooted East/Alliance Mary Clay Kline—Second Harvest Hailey Lewis—UTK Courtney Liles—Second Harvest Parker Owens—KCDC AmeriCorps Porschia Prickett—Wesley House</p>

	Lillie Sutton—KCDC AmeriCorps Sarah Torres--KCDC
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1.	Welcome and Introductions: Bailey Foster
2.	<p>Facilitated Discussion: What were our results of coming together over the past year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were our successes? Anticipated and unexpected? Diversity of organizations; existing connections brought to the group; partnerships/connections; strengthened partnerships; consistently finding solutions; individual organizations had huge successes and many of those were through collaboration within FPC; internal/external information sharing; networking; interdisciplinary efforts; added jobs/roles (Bill Emerson Hunger Fellows, KCDC Food Access Coordinator, etc.); data/research projects (asset mapping; community food security assessment, etc.); funding received due to the work of this group • What are our opportunities for growth? Continue to expand in diversity of organizations represented; spend more time learning about projects together; collaborate in sub-committees; discuss more access opportunities (transportation); region-specific coalitions
3.	<p>Facilitated Discussion: Where would we like to grow and improve?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are our goals for 2024? Expand nutrition classes (new foods, recipe cards); enhance individualized options on dietary needs (ex. cans are heavy for homeless—how do facilitate more pouches within funding limitations); expand partnerships with other pantries; increase our influence; increase empowerment for reporting out to organizations; formalize movement of power; create inclusive food environment; have a communications sub-committee/website development; message board for organizational updates; FPC newsletter or memo; FPC open house for community; community outreach and sharing what we are doing to address food insecurity; local healthcare system involvement (Food as medicine); secure more grant funding; lobbying; modeling FPC throughout the state; expand/diversify who is at the FPC table • What does success look like in this space? Actual action steps to meet goals (not just talking points); less wasted food/resources; increasing access (knowledge/transportation); decrease need for food pantries; listening to community needs; increase in positive health outcomes; thriving local food business and farmers market; sustainable programming to address needs • What are our challenges?

	Funding; housing crisis; mixed socio-economic housing structures (meeting needs at different levels); staffing; food access in rural areas
4.	<p>Facilitated Discussion: 2024 Planning Input (did not discuss due to time)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Who are we missing at the table? Housing advocacy, SOCM, BLOC, KARM, transit representative, healthcare ○ How are addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion? • What would we like to learn?
5.	Meeting Adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings:

- October 18, 2023—Volunteer East TN, 211, Community Garden Share-out; location/final details in planning
- November 15, 2023—Volunteer East TN, 211, Community Garden Share-out; location/final details in planning

Reminders:

- Committees need to meet—Bylaws/Nominations
- Beardsley Farm’s Harvest Festival—October 28, 1-5 PM (flyer attached)
- Knoxville Botanical Garden & Arboretum Fall Festival—October 29, 1-5 PM (flyer attached)