

## Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Location: Wednesday, October 18, 2023; United Way of Greater Knoxville

Type of Meeting: Educational Meeting

Recorder: Madelyn Howe

<p>Attending Appointed (Voting) Members <b>Bolded names in attendance</b></p>	<p>Bruce Crabtree <b>Bailey Foster</b> Brett Foster Laura Deubler <b>Ross Jones</b> <b>Sara Keel</b> <b>Marisa Moazen</b> Jen Russomanno Rylan Thompson <b>Lauren Woods</b> <b>Donna Wright</b></p>
<p>Attending Associated (Non-voting) Members <b>Bolded names in attendance</b></p>	<p><b>Beth Brown</b> <b>Adam Caraco</b> Kara Finger <b>Nicole Gross</b> Lisa Healy Travis Henderson Marissa McKeague Judith Pelot <b>Charlotte Rodina</b> Wade Seifert Marsha Spence <b>Caesar Stair</b> <b>Erin Sweeney</b> 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 Kat Bike—Nourish Knoxville Sarah DeWitt—Knox Botanical Garden Femeika Elliott—Rooted East/Alliance Mary Clay Kline—Second Harvest Parker Owens—KCDC AmeriCorps Porschia Prickett—Wesley House Liliana Burbano – UTMC Lillie Sutton – KCDC AmeriCorps Katy Neusner – UWGK</p>

	<p>Sarah Torres—KCDC</p> <p>DeeAnn Dean – Vive Academy</p> <p>Jason Dean – Vive Academy</p> <p>Tom Ruggles – Rooted East, KATO</p> <p>Juanita Miller – Juanita Miller</p> <p>Sandra Wairimu – UWGK</p>
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1.	<p><b>Welcome and Introductions: Bailey Foster</b></p>
2.	<p><b>Community Garden Alliance Report Share-Out: Katy Neusner</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First annual Knox County Community Garden Report, in partnership with Gardeners and Growers Alliance</li> <li>• PowerPoint Presentation and Data Report to be sent after meeting</li> <li>• <i>Reflection: How can we use/integrate this information in our own organizations and programs?</i></li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Volunteer East TN 101 for Nonprofits: Kate Barnett</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.volunteeretn.org/">https://www.volunteeretn.org/</a></li> <li>• Reports on volunteer hours, who’s coming, and what they’re coming too are available to organizations who use the platform – this can track in-kind support</li> <li>• PowerPoint with info on creating an organization profile to be sent after meeting</li> <li>• For questions reach out to Kate Barnett at UWGK</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Introduction to 211: Russ Jensen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PowerPoint Presentation to be sent after meeting</li> <li>• If you have updates you’d like to share with 211, or new information that needs to be public call them.</li> <li>• Soon to be undergoing a website and software update to connect 211 across the state and make information more streamlined – this will make it easier for community orgs to share their information</li> <li>• <a href="https://211counts.org/home/index">https://211counts.org/home/index</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://mycommunitypt.211counts.org/">https://mycommunitypt.211counts.org/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://housingassistancedata.knoxvilletn.gov/">https://housingassistancedata.knoxvilletn.gov/</a></li> </ul>
	<p><b>2024 Planning Input Continuation</b></p> <p><b>Who are we missing at the table?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sodela – Refugee resource organization run by refugees</li> <li>• Reconnecting with Bridge and Centro</li> </ul> <p><b>How are we addressing diversity, equity and inclusion?</b></p> <p><b>What would we like to learn/opportunities we’d like focus on?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food/fitness and families (focusing on improving outcomes for kids and families)</li> <li>• Exposure of the FPC to community – press release on highlighting food access in</li> </ul>

	<p>Knoxville, sharing out our data and what our individual organizations do</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating a repository of information, or page on website to host data reports</li> </ul> <p>New organization at the table today: Statewide Organizing for Community eMpowerment (SOCM) – Knoxville focus on organizing housing/tenants unions to negotiate with landlords. Developed a food pantry committee as part of tenant union, to get food to tenants who are facing rent increases</p>
5.	<b>Meeting Adjourned.</b>

Upcoming Meetings:

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

Reminders/Updates:

- **Committees need to meet—Bylaws/Nominations – must meet before November 15**
- 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)
- UT Extension Community Partner Survey – scan responses and email to Lauren Woods
- Advance Knox preliminary plan is out - <https://advanceknox.org/>
- November is Diabetes Awareness Month – request resources from AHA and KCHD if you would like to support diabetes/nutrition education for community members you serve
- Grow, Teach, Knox a symposium on outdoor education will be held at UT Gardens on Nov 11. This event is open to all educators, Pre-K – 12<sup>th</sup>, afterschool, homeschool. Scholarships are available for ECE and afterschool providers, application must be completed by Oct 27. – register/apply for scholarships here: <https://utgardens.tennessee.edu/locations/knoxville/special-events-knoxville/grow-teach-knox/>
- Real Good Kitchen Foundation is hosting a Food Business 101 class at UWGK on 10/20 and 10/21, cost to attend is \$50. For more information and scholarships contact Sandra at [sandra@realgoodfoundation.org](mailto:sandra@realgoodfoundation.org)
- DeeAnn and Jason Dean from Vive Academy, offer plant-based catering and wellness education