Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes
Date & Location: Wednesday, June 26, 2024; United Way of Greater Knoxville
Type of Meeting: Educational
Recorder: Brett Foster

Attending Appointed (Voting) Members Bolded names in attendance	Bruce Crabtree Femeika Elliott Bailey Foster Brett Foster Laura Deubler Sara Keel Marisa Moazen Jen Russomanno Rylan Thompson Lauren Woods Donna Wright
Attending Associated (Non-voting) Members Bolded names in attendance	Chris Battle Kat Bike Beth Brown Jasmine Bryant Adam Caraco Sarah DeWitt Nicole Gross Travis Henderson Juanita Jones Ross Jones Hailey Lewis Marissa McKeague Judith Pelot Porschia Pickett Charlotte Rodina Wade Seifert Marsha Spence Caesar Stair Erin Sweeney Sandra Wairimu Tiara-Lady Wilson
Other Attendees (all names listed were in attendance)	Staff Support: Kimberly Pettigrew—United Way Greater Knoxville Madelyn Howe—Knox County Health Department Jessie Hillman—Knoxville-Knox County Planning Imelda Gutierrez—United Way Greater Knoxville Kristin Jenkins—Knox Planning Becky Hooper—Nourish Knox

Kenzie Masters—Nourish Knox
Emily Morton—Nourish Knox
Levi Negussie—Real Good Kitchen Foundation
Amanda Spangler—UT Plant Sciences
Lillie Sutton—KCDC AmeriCorps

1. Welcome and Introductions: Bailey Foster

2. Organizational Updates and Announcements

<u>AHA:</u> Recently provided refrigeration for InterFaith Health Clinic in their teaching kitchens; partnership with Second Harvest

<u>Jasmine Bryant:</u> Working with TJC, helping with policies and impact from DHS/SNAP backlog

<u>Femekia Elliott:</u> Gov. Lee signed maternal health legislation—will be effective July 1 (to increase access to capital funding for maternal health)

<u>Real Good Kitchen:</u> Pilot Community Meal Program—produce/distribute meals to children in the summer; received grant to launch program in a more sustainable way <u>United Way:</u> Community Garden survey will be overhauled; Imelda will be working on this

3. The People's Food Plan: Madelyn Howe, Kimberly Pettigrew

- Creating our plan—used images to create a vision board to show what a just, equitable food system looks like
- Five Core Outcomes
 - o Right to access
 - o Creating capabilities
 - o Economic inclusion
 - Abundance
 - o Collective shared power
- Focus Area ranking activity (major focus, minor focus, not a focus)
 - o Top 5 (algorithm from Three3)
 - Policy and Advocacy
 - Shared Collaborative Leadership
 - Reform Food Pantries and Emergency Support System
 - Increase Access to Gardens or Community Space to Grow Food
 - Increase Access to Food—making pantries more accessible, food delivery, etc.
- Strategies
 - Support systemic change through policy, advocacy, and practice
 - o Grow a self-reliant food system
 - o Cultivate pathways for education, skill building, and communication
 - o Nurture a culture of support, empowerment, and belonging
 - o Reimagine how we feed people
- People's Food Plan working group will be formed for monitoring/evaluation

5. **Meeting Adjourned**

Upcoming Meetings:

- July 17, 2024, 8:30-10:00—CAC Beardsley Farm field trip (wear shoes suitable for walking the farm)
- August 21, 2024, 8:30-10:00—KCDC: Transforming Western Heights, Section 8 Needs Assessment, and Reconnecting Communities Presentation (United Way of Greater Knoxville)