

## Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Location: Wednesday, August 21, 2024; United Way of Greater Knoxville

Type of Meeting: Educational

Recorder: Brett Foster

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

	<p>Liliana Burbano—UT Medical Center  Sarah Bush—Three Rivers/Slow Food  Deedee Chism—KAUL  Katie Cooper—United Way, Community Schools (Beaumont)  Riley Douglas--Beardsley  Imelda Gutierrez—United Way Greater Knoxville  Lisa Higginbotham—CAC  Kristin Jenkins—Knox Planning  Mary Clay Kline—Second Harvest  Courtney Liles—Second Harvest  Kennedy McFarland—Second Harvest  Cade Mullins—CAC/Real Good Kitchen Foundation  Kevin Murphy—TEAM  Parker Owens—AmeriCorps, KCDC  Celeste Paula—Centro Hispano  Barbara Price—Beardsley  Jenny Ramirez—Little Chefs, Big Change  Jerry Saguin—CAC  Christina Slabinski—KCDC, AmeriCorps  Amanda Spangler—UT Plant Sciences  Allison Stokoe—Second Harvest  Shenaiah Thomas—Boys &amp; Girls Club  Susan Troop—KCDC  Ken Woodhouse—KCDC</p>
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1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions: Bailey Foster</b>
2.	<p><b>A. Transforming Western: Lisa Higginbotham &amp; Marisa Moazen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-site Staff and Office (1 Program Manager, 3 CMs, 1 Business Engagement Coordinator, 1 Education Specialist, 1 VISTA, 1 CSW Intern)</li> <li>• 123 households currently enrolled</li> <li>• Assess vulnerability and work with them through goal-oriented plans</li> <li>• Program goes through 2028</li> <li>• Geography &amp; Access <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Census tract 14 and part of tract 70</li> <li>○ Baptist Center (food pantry), Dollar General, Food City, Kroger</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Characteristics of Community Profile <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 94% of residents report limited access to healthy food; 10 year less life expectancy than those in city; 84% of children experience poverty; Median income=\$14k HWC and \$10k HWA; 63% access SNAP; 43% report high blood pressure; 56% experience diabetes; 44% experience obesity; 68% have not seen a dentist within last 12 months</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 times per week Baptist Center Pantry (Tues/Thurs), Holiday Partner Food Boxes, Quarterly CAC Commodities, Free Store Pop Up Pantry, Resident Pot Luck, Community Cook Out, Cooking Classes, Nutrition Workshops, Budget/Meal Planning Sessions</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Qualitative Feedback from residents/case managers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lack of nutritious options from food options; need increased education and access to preventative care; transportation is a barrier; food delivery is popular but not economical</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Needs/Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Volunteers and/or stations for walking school bus; healthier food options—considering diabetes and heart disease; shop with dignity pantry and/or pop ups; meals prepared for engagement events; kitchenware cooking supplies; nutrition and cooking classes; on-site gardening; increased SNAP enrollment and education on renewals; Real Good Kitchen partnership</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Housing, Neighborhood, and People (notes above) are the 3 goals of the grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ New Head Start building; renovate 1930s buildings; develop vacant areas; redevelop 1950s buildings</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Neighborhood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Destination park; community-focused entrepreneurship and restaurant building; arts creation space; primary care medical office; Boys &amp; Girls Club expansion; commercial façade enhancement program</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>B. Reconnecting Communities: Marisa Moazen</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redevelopment side of KCDC through grant from DOT</li> <li>• Civic infrastructure plan to restore connections to emerging economic growth centers among formerly displaced populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ East Knoxville Gateway; First Creek at Austin Bridge and Connector; Stadium/Old City Connector; Cultural Corridor &amp; Connectors; South Knoxville Bridge Connector; Cottrell Connector</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Partners &amp; Community Advisory Council involved in this project</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Organizational Updates and Announcements</b></p> <p><b>Real Good Kitchen:</b> also hiring for Healthy Food Financing grant position</p> <p><b>Real Good Kitchen Foundation:</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Food Business 101 workshop is Sept. 21 at United Way (9 AM-4PM)</p> <p><b>TSU:</b> Small Farms Expo on Sept. 5; 12 passenger van available from Knoxville if anyone is interested (more info provided later); Stakeholder meeting on Sept. 3</p> <p><b>United Way:</b> Healthy Food Financing grant to help empower entrepreneurs—Food Systems Manager position available through United Way (job description sent later); People’s Food Plan Coalition will meet on Oct. 25</p>
5.	<p><b>Meeting Adjourned</b></p>

Upcoming Meetings:

- September 18, 2024: “How Small Farms Weather the Storm”—Amanda McHale and Jennifer Russomanno, United Way of Greater Knoxville 8:30-10:00 AM
- October 16, 2024: TBD
- October 25, 2024: People’s Food Plan Coalition Launch, 9-11 AM
- November 20, 2024: Nominations/Bylaws/2025 Planning, United Way of Greater Knoxville 8:30-10:00 AM