

Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Location: Wednesday, April 15, 2026; United Way of Greater Knoxville

Type of Meeting: Educational

Recorder: Sara Keel

<p>Attending Appointed (Voting) Members Bolded names in attendance</p>	<p>Bruce Crabtree Bailey Foster Brett Foster Laura Deubler Sara Keel Marisa Moazen Lauren Woods Sarah Dewitt Laila Malik Travis Henderson Jasmine Bryant</p>
<p>Attending Associated (Non-voting) Members Bolded names in attendance</p>	<p>John Camp Nicole Gross Adam Caraco Noah McBrayer Jones Rhea Joshi Marsha Spence Marissa McKeague Charlotte Rodina Jen Russomano Amanda Spangler Caesar Stair Doc Lap Tran</p>
<p>Staff Support Bolded names in attendance</p>	<p>Ariel Allen—United Way Greater Knoxville Kimberly Pettigrew—United Way Greater Knoxville Madelyn Howe—Knox County Health Department Jessie Hillman—Knoxville-Knox County Planning Kara Finger—City of Knoxville</p>
<p>Other Attendees (all names listed were in attendance)</p>	<p><u>Other Attendees:</u> Eli Cockrum, Bloc Knoxville Rebecca Robbins, UFP Chris Battle, Battlefield Farm Devalle Muhammad, Muslim Community of Knoxville (MCK) Muneer Arees, Muslim Community of Knoxville (MCK) Jenna Bailey, KCDC Michelle Schaur, Nourish Knoxville Jeanne Jenkins, UT College of Nursing Mary Clay Kline, Second Harvest of ETN Hannah Sutt, KCDC AmeriCorps</p>

	Valeria Ramirez, Centro Hispano Becky Hooper, Nourish Knoxville Meika Elliot, Rooted East
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1.	Reflection and Introductions – Sarah Dewitt
2.	Organizational & Committee Updates – Marisa Moazen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes Approval • Council Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City of Knoxville – Upcoming Comprehensive Plan is called What’s Next Knoxville. Hosting public input sessions last 4 days of April, will also have a storefront in Market Square you can visit to provide input. More information at whatsnextknoxville.com ○ Knox County Community Garden and Growers Alliance – Grand Opening of Miller Heritage Garden today, April 15 at 5pm. New community garden in Mechanicsville/Lonsdale/Western Heights area. ○ Nourish Knoxville - 2026 Local Food Guide being released soon. Reach out to easttn@nourishknoxville.org To request. ○ Knoxville Botanical Garden and Arboretum – Spring Plant Sale on April 18 9am-2pm. They also have community garden spots available, reach out to Sarah Dewitt for more info. ○ KCDC – Hosting 8 more community resource fairs at their properties through May, reach out to Jenna Bailey to get involved with the fairs. ○ Food Distribution Working Group – Group originally started through FPC to help distribute excess resources to organizations with need. Reach out to Jenna Bailey to get meeting info and to get involved. ○ American Heart Association - Recently displayed a variety of useful resources at Burlington library in East Knoxville. Rotating useful resources, including maternal health, nutrition, healthy movement, etc. ○ Real Good Kitchen Foundation – Hosting a workshop called Food, Space, & Place: Shaping the Future of Knoxville’s Food Retail. Learn how zoning impacts food entrepreneurs. May 11 at 5:30pm at Pellissippi Magnolia campus. ○ Eastside Sunday Market – Has a program that gives \$5-10 to kids at the market, looking for funding to offset cost. Reach out to give ideas on funding, sponsors, etc. <p>Power Mapping Activity – Marisa Moazen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led activity on mapping resources needed to enact change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Example: Starting a community garden in Fountain City, listed resources needed and stakeholders. Mapped them in terms of power and influence. ○ High Power, High Influence: Activate Them

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holly Power, Low Influence: Inform Them ○ Low Power, Low Influence: Monitor Them ○ Low Power, High Influence: Mobilize Them ○ From there, boil down to 4-5 actionable steps ● Discussed how to apply to our Food Policy Council Priorities, broke into groups where each group took on a priority and mapped resources and stakeholders.
4.	Meeting Adjourned

Upcoming Meetings:

- Food Policy Council Meeting – May 20, 2026 from 8:30am-10am at United Way of Greater Knoxville