

Piedmont Triad Regional Food Council

Interim Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

2:00pm – 3:15pm || Remote Call: Zoom

Objectives:

Today's Objectives:

- Connect with council members and guests through check in/updates
- Inform council on work group updates
- Inform council on membership and meetings

Attendance: (c) consultant; (s) technical support staff; (v) visitor

David Allen

LaShauna Austria (v)

Stesha Warren

Gary Williams

Michael Banner

Tom Henslee

Hannah Harrison

Nikki McCormick

Jennifer Bedrosian (s)

Rachel Zimmer

Kana Miller

Savannah Moore (v)

2:00 PM Call to order

- Rachel Zimmer and David Allen called the meeting to order.
- Council member check-in
 - Rachel Zimmer- closed Food RX program. Currently writing outcomes for Food RX program, has been accepted for publication in Journal of Geriatric Medicine.
 - David Allen- the proposed Ag Center (with education, commercial kitchen, and food hub) in Randolph County is waiting on budget approval with significant ARP Funds. This has been talked about for 20 years.
 - Gary Williams- Working on construction of SHARE Co-op in Winston- a full service food market in a food desert of Winston Salem. Currently vetting general contractors. They're giving away food boxes if you know of names. The food prescription pilot is ending this year and seeking funding to continue in a bigger way. Sadly, did not receive USDA Funding.
 - Tom Henslee- It's quiet around the farm. Having a good fall and the grass is growing well!
 - Nikki McCormick- Second Harvest Food Bank's Farm Fresh Program has been a success, going on through November. Will restart in the new year. This program has 3 goals: to identify folks at risk of developing diabetes at food pantry locations; provide CSA fresh produce boxes to support local BIPOC and urban farms; and a text message nutrition education program to test efficiency. Has served over 1200 households across multiple counties, distributed 50k pounds of fresh produce, and worked with 18 partner farms.
 - Kana Miller- Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) is hosting the Sustainable Ag Conference the first 2 weeks of November. This year is a hybrid conference and on farm workshops. Also hosting Farm Storm 2021, an educational series/Farm Bill 101, with NC Food Systems Advocacy Coalition. Trying to organize an event in the Triad.
 - Hannah Harrison- recently joined permanent faculty at Wake Forest University, working on ACE Fellow Program to develop community engaged pedagogy. Generating ideas- design a course for students to work on projects like marketing and social media and/or a paid internship model.

- Michael Banner- Getting acclimated to changes, building towards reparations, joined Cypress cohort and learning a lot about philanthropy and building solidarity. Working with Piedmont Environmental Alliance to build water access to urban farms and Land Loss Prevention Project on what agrarian trust looks like.
- LaShauna Austria- Slowing down a little this time of year. Community Food Strategies is deep in shared gifting right now which has been incredible and overwhelming. Seeking lack of diversity in food councils. Looking at how to be a good model.
- Stesha Warren- juggling a lot, started grad school and homeschooling kids. Working on Moss Street Elementary in Stoneville to establish school gardens to enhance curriculum with each grade level integrated into academics. Rockingham Local Food Council is struggling to find fiscal sponsor for council to apply for 501c(3) status before year-end.
- Savannah Moore- visitor and potential food council member in Stokes County.

2:35 pm Role call vote on September minutes

- No quorum, will need to approve at December meeting

2: 40 pm Council Work Group Updates

- **Partner Presentations** (Rachel, David, Kana update)
 - Presentations have been impactful and a great learning experience. Felt like Commissioners were receptive and asked questions, information was helpful to steer them more towards systems level thinking. Davidson County followed up with Local Food Council to ask for presentation and seemed interested in food hub idea. Working on scheduling presentation in Forsyth County. Gary Williams and Michael Banner are interested in this one.
- **Shared Gifting**
 - This group needs to meet to figure out how to roll this out in the next year. You can sign up for this work group at this link.

2:50 Other Business

- **Membership**
 - Group is meeting on October 26th at 12pm to plan new member orientation for December. Reach out if you want to be included.
 - PTRFC has available spots on the council in the following counties: Davie, Montgomery, Yadkin
- Next Full Council Meeting (and last of the year)- Tuesday, December 7th at 12pm
****Reminder: co-chair nominations are being accepted for 2022. Kana Miller has been nominated! In need of one more nominee. We'll vote in December.***
****There are lots of items to vote on in December: Updated bylaws (with meeting frequency and attendance); Adopt 2022 Meeting Schedule; New Members; Co-Chairs. Please plan to attend!***

3:15 Adjourn

Rachel/David