

Piedmont Triad Regional Food Council

Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

12:00pm – 1:30pm || Remote Call: Zoom

Objectives:

Today's Objectives:

- Provide check in/updates: council members + PTRC
- Approve April Meeting Minutes
- Review Next Steps

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

Annie Mills

Jan Jones

Kaitlyn Lamaster (v)

Cori Lindsay

Jane Sayner (v)

LaShauna Austria

David Allen

Jennifer Bedrosian (s)

Pearl Dowell

Eunice Calderón

Jose Abreu

Rachel Zimmer

12:00 PM Call to order

- Jennifer Bedrosian & LaShauna Austria called the meeting to order.

12:05 PM Council Check-in & PTRC updates

- Council had a brief check-in with a prompting question, “What are you doing to take care of your mind/body/soul right now?” Responses included exercise- walking, hiking; crying; pottery; gardening; enjoying pets; and making space in schedules.
- Food Systems Coordinator, Jennifer Bedrosian, provided the following updates from PTRC: 1) Jennifer participated in the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative in NYC with the City of High Point. 2) Forsyth Food Chats organized a tour last month with Growing High Point- super inspiring. 3) PTRC has upcoming available positions in Economic Development and Broadband. Reach out to Jennifer if you know someone that may be interested. 4) the North Carolina Local Food Council is organizing a Farm Tour; will update the council as this develops.

12:15 PM Council Updates

- LaShauna Austria, Alamance County- Meeting monthly with Alamance Food Collaborative.
- Annie Mills, Randolph County- recently attended a Community and Rural Development Conference which included food systems and tourism. Randolph County moving forward with Ag Center and Extension is planning to visit the High Country Food Hub in Western NC to learn. Annie recently presented the food assessment to students in NC Farm School.
- Jan Jones, Triad Rep- Second Harvest Food Bank covers 18 counties in Northwest NC. Working on strategic plan and nutrition and health programs that meet people where they are.
- Jane Sayner, Second Harvest Food Bank- they are continuing to develop box programs, in the third season of Farm Fresh, now called Farm Fresh Nourish and will focus on chronic illness.

- Kaitlyn Lamaster, Cooperative Extension Montgomery County- their farmers markets are now open. The Health Department recently compiled a [community health and wellness resource](#).
- Pearl Dowell, Surry County- working on several projects and submitted for USDA funding. Will be conducting a feasibility study to increase possibilities for farmers to assist with culturally appropriate technology.
- Eunice Calderón, Davidson County- hosting Farm Tour on June 18th from 1-5pm. Link is here: <https://www.davidsoncountyfood.com/farmtour>. Please join us!
- David Allen, Randolph County- the Ag Center, which will include a food hub, kitchen, and programming, is moving along. They have engaged an architect and will bid construction by the end of the year.

12:30PM Approve April Minutes

- Council reviews minutes
- Jose motioned to approve minutes; Jan seconded the motion.
- Roll call vote and minutes approved

12:35PM

- LaShauna and council reflected on April meeting and discussed the plan to move forward with an action plan session this summer.
- Council was asked to fill out a poll to determine best date. Jennifer will send out the poll via email with responses due by Friday, May 27th.
- Council was asked to submit meeting location suggestions. Jennifer will check on PTRC conference room availability.

12:45PM Adjourn - next meeting June 28th at 12pm on Zoom