



Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Attendees: (s) technical support staff; (v) visitor

Jose Abreu, LaShauna Austria, David Allen, Jan Jones, Dr. Hale, Lauren Agnew (v), Daniel Johnson, Adam Shull (s), Courtney Alston-Wilson, Neisha Douglas (v), Michael Banner, Savannah Meyers, Kana Miller, Jennifer Bedrosian (s)

1pm Welcome and Check in: Share your highlights from the food symposium

Council shared answers: coordination across sectors, keynote was fantastic, the event space, food, speakers, connecting with people as someone relatively new to food in triad, new connections moving forward, engage with likeminded folks in triad, happy, proud, reconnecting with folks on issues communities have in common, great conversations, figure out gaps in system, enjoyed seeing Greensboro leaders coming together, fabulous symposium to whole team, loved it at NCA&T pavilion, resources, networking, continuous conversations and action plans to move forward, refreshing, proud of leaders, more momentum of council, crucial connections, plug into big picture for upcoming partnerships and grants, people from individual county attended and moving things forward in Stokes County- from inspiring presentations, enjoyed first panel presentation and the food.

1:15pm Opportunities and Updates:

- Please let Jennifer know if you'd like to help with social media interviews
- Jennifer Bedrosian shared timeline of events for follow up after the food symposium.
 - Kana Miller, LaShauna Austria and Jennifer Bedrosian are working on a summary from the facilitated table discussions that will be shared out by November 2023.
 - Jennifer Bedrosian and Moriah Gendy have scheduled follow-up listening sessions with food hubs on 10/31 and 11/6.
 - Additional listening sessions will be scheduled for 2024, partnering with Community Food Strategies on their existing USDA, Local and Regional Food Economies Grant.
 - PTRFC will look at USDA LAMP funding or other funding in 2024 based on feedback from listening sessions.
- PTRFC is applying as lead applicant for America's Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI). Due November 3rd. Applicants will be notified in February 2024. If awarded, PTRFC will form an Advisory Committee to help guide the project.
 - Jennifer Bedrosian requested letters of support from food council members with food retail or food enterprise projects.
 - Glow House, Island CultureZ, SHARE Cooperative, Community Food Strategies, PTRFC, and Growing High Point will provide letters.

1:30pm Council Member Updates:

Savannah Meyers – Stokes County provided an update on Stokes commercial kitchen/food hub conversation. Would like to ask council members to present food assessment to county commissioners and community members in spring 2024.

Dr. Unique Hale- December 10th at 4pm. Rockingham County Food Drive, Carolling for Cans. County comes together for canned food drive and Christmas concert. Taking applications for vendors- on a Sunday. Selling something or organizations, all held inside. Room for more. PTRFC may be a vendor.

Jose Abreu- Growing High Point. The Unity Festival is on Sunday- food vendors and community engagement. Growing HP is exploring a vacant restaurant for sale in HP- located in 27260 leasing or purchase for cooked meals and value added to use in mobile market.

Jan Jones- Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest received a grant from Feeding America for Food Security Equity Impact Fund. Pass through for money to go into community: community leadership academy and develop community organizers. Bring in role models and encourage ways to advance life and tomorrow they'll take a group to Raleigh to visit elected officials. New mobile distribution vehicle upfitted that will go around 18 county service area – went first to senior clinic with produce to distribute. Reach people where they live. Reminder to all council members: early voting has started- go on state board of elections – photo ID is required to vote.

Courtney Alston-Wilson- Glow House Agriculture. They are located in Guilford County and have identified that commercial kitchen isn't working with logistics. They have identified a room in their warehouse and met with NCDA to build processing facility (wash, cut, dice, slice, and value add). Met with architects and will be doing some crowd-funding. Participated in WMBE recently. Worked with community in Greensboro to start the Black Farmers Market this last Sunday- will continue for 15 month commitment. Not too many Black farmers in Triad- please share your contacts. Neisha Douglas can connect with Courtney to give several recommendations.

- Re: black farmers market
 - Daniel Johnson- lots of entrepreneurs but only one black farmer
 - LaShauna- went to meeting, requires multiple ways of entry for smaller farmers too. ex: Michael banner and Island Culturez and collective could together have enough inventory but not enough alone to participate

David Allen- Randolph County. The Farm, Food, Family Education Center has broken ground! Received grant from Tobacco trust. Waiting to hear from Golden Leaf. Build will be 64 weeks depending on weather. Hope to move-in starting Jan. 2025

Michael Banner, Island CultureZ- Forsyth County. They have an event coming up on Nov. 12th- Campesinas -women warriors of the land to draw parallels for what Columbians are going through to form resistance. Hosting at Enterprise Center in W-S. Will share information with the council

2pm Council Business

- August Minutes Approved
- Recruiting new council members: please pass along to anyone you know who may be interested
- Council members need to review membership.

- The following members are scheduled to roll off in December but eligible to renew:
LaShauna Austria, Eunice Calderon, Kana Miller, Jose Abreu, Savannah Meyers, Pearl Dowell, Jan Jones, Michael Banner, Hannah Harrison, Rachel Zimmer, Gary Williams, Sherrie Thomas.
 - Jose Abreu, Michael Banner, Kana Miller, LaShauna Austria agreed to another term!
 - Others please let Jennifer know ASAP
- No Council Meeting in November
- December meeting is scheduled for 12/5
- Council members want to move forward with scheduling a volunteer day at Second Harvest Food Bank on Thursday, 12/7 from 2-4pm. We will need at least 10 people. Jennifer will follow up with calendar invite. Volunteers will need to fill out forms.
 - David-yes; Courtney- yes; Jennifer- yes; Kana- yes; Jan- yes; Daniel- yes

2:15 PM Adjourn

Happy Thanksgiving!