

MINUTES OF THE
NAPA COUNTY LOCAL FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING **DRAFT**
January 27, 2016

1. **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

(Reminder: Audio portion of meeting is being recorded.)

The meeting was held in the Ag/UCCE meeting room, 1710 Soscol Ave., Napa, CA 94559 and called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Chair Lizzie Moore.

Roll call was taken and the following council members were present:

Holly Dawson, Diane Dillon, Juliana Inman, Jessica Mennella, Kristin Miller, Lizzie Moore, Karen Schuppert, Leigh Sharp and Carrie Strohl

The following council members arrived after roll call was taken:

Lisa Bissell Paulson, Jeannie Kerr

The following council members were excused or absent:

Vic Nienu was excused. Kathy DeMaggio and Robin Dunbar were absent.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Diane Dillon to approve the minutes for the special meeting held November 18, 2015 as presented.

Motion seconded by KarenSchuppert .

Motion passed unanimously.

3. **REVIEW OF MEETING AGENDA**

The agenda was reviewed by Chair Lizzie Moore. Greg discussed the need that was identified to update the Board of Supervisors on the activity of the Food Council including its accomplishments, issues and challenges. He then elaborated on the presentation to the Board and the expectations of it.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Election of Council Officers

- i. Greg outlined what steps need to be taken for election of Council Officers. Lizzie and Greg helped to define what the Chairpersons' role entails.
- ii. Holly nominated Carrie Strohl for Chairperson. Jessica seconded that nomination. Diane closed nominations. Juliana seconded that. Diane made a motion to elect Carrie as Chairperson by acclamation. Julie seconded that. A vote was taken. All were in favor. No one opposed. Diane moved to close nominations. Juliana seconded that. Carrie Strohl was elected new Chairperson.
- iii. Holly made a motion for Juliana Inman to continue as Vice-Chairperson.

Karen seconded that. A vote was taken. All were in favor. No one opposed. Juliana will continue her service as Vice-Chairperson.

- iv. Greg thanked Lizzie and Juliana for their service over the past year and for Juliana's continuation of service for this year.

B. Food System Assessment for Napa County

- i. Carrie introduced Julia Van Soelen, Northbay Food Systems Advisor to the meeting. Julia reported on the costs and quality of different types of food assessments. She emphasized she is happy to help but before she can move forward the Council must decide what they want out of this assessment and what they will do with the information from it. After the Council decides this will she will be better able to determine the cost as the costs vary considerably depending on what the Council would like out of it. The cost can range from about \$10,000 all the way up to \$85,000.
- ii. Lizzie will email all to see who is interested in forming a subcommittee and exploring this topic further. She would like to meet before the next meeting. Joy will email Lizzie to see if she would like her to do it.
- iii. Greg noted he sees Julia either speaking or submitting a 1-2 page report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the food assessment. He feels Julia will bring credibility to the food assessment request.

C. Council focus for 2016

- i. Greg advised the last time the Food Council provided a report to the Board of Supervisors was August 2011. He advised the Chair and Vice Chair work with him on the things that will now be reported to the Board of Supervisors.
- ii. Carrie and Greg discussed the formation of a subcommittee to revisit the bylaws. Diane and Leigh volunteered for this subcommittee. Diane would like to meet before the next special meeting and asked anyone who has ideas about the bylaws to email them to either herself or Leigh. Joy will send out a copy of the bylaws and associated documents to all. Diane and Leigh will come up with recommendations and a list of things to potentially change in the bylaws. They will have to work with a representative from County Counsel and ultimately submit them to the Board of Supervisors.
- iii. Carrie encouraged all to attend the Farmers Guild meeting to be held Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:30 at the Grange. She felt it was important to have representation there at least for public comment in this civic engagement process.
- iv. Carrie initiated the idea of surveying each of the Council members for their top priority to include in the report to the Board of Supervisors. The purpose of this exercise was to serve as a starting point for the interim meetings to be held with the Chair, Vice-Chair, Greg, the Ag Staff, and Lizzie to ultimately present to the Board of Supervisors. The survey began with Karen who has been a member since the inception of the Food Council, 2010. She would like to know if the commitment is there for the

Food Council to be the major sponsor of Food Day. If so, she would like to see Food Day go back to some of the things it used to be including having more local food producers, local food preparations, and a food forum with panel discussions. Jessica and Kristin both mentioned Food Day as being something the Food Council could be involved with but also guard against it being the only event that it partakes in. Carrie initially mentioned this point earlier in the meeting. Kristin was happy to offer her help creatively on most projects the Council would be undertaking. Lizzie is most interested in supporting the farmers in Napa and would like to work with the recruitment of them. Holly would like the Food Council to use Food Day to engage the community more and promote the Council and in particular discussed using the food forum and panel discussions as a marketing tool. Leigh would like the Food Council to identify policy constraints and work on them to perhaps change them all for the betterment of the community. She used the Bee Keeper Ordinance as a prime example of this. She also mentioned fruit trees in front yards or pedestrian ways as an ordinance that is worth looking into. Jeannie would like to focus on gardens in schools and better food in schools. She would like to work with service groups and organizations and engage young school aged students as she feels this has the most potential to get the Food Council message out and have a lasting effect. Lisa's focus is on institutions and changing institutional food systems. Diane has been on the Food Council since its inception. She was a part of identifying every Ag policy in the jurisdiction which eventually led to the Beekeeper Ordinance change. Now she will look at the policy constraints that need to be changed. Diane also feels the Food Council should be complementing LHNC. Juliana has been a member of the Food Council since 2011. Her focus is increasing food access and food security. She is working on community gardens in the parks and feels we can increase food production within cities. Greg wrapped the discussion up saying he liked the things he heard. The direction for the Food Council is to identify a few solid things that it feels will make a difference in the community and work together to make progress on them. This is what he heard.

7. COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

8. NEXT SCHEDULED SPECIAL MEETING DATE:

The next scheduled meeting is set for March 16, 2016, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the UCCE Meeting Room.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m. by Carrie Strohl.

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CARRIE STROHL, Chairperson

ATTEST:

LINDA KELLER, Council Secretary