

MINUTES OF THE
NAPA COUNTY LOCAL FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
July 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 4:34 p.m. by Chair Carrie Strohl.

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

Lisa Bissell Paulson, Holly Dawson, Diane Dillon, Jonathan Hall, Juliana Inman, Kristin Miller, Amanda Safford, Karen Schuppert, and Carrie Strohl

The following council members arrived after roll call was taken:

Jeannie Kerr

The following council members were excused or absent:

Jessica Mennella, and Leigh Sharp were excused.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Before voting on approval of the minutes, Greg asked whether or not people can vote if they were not at the meeting and Diane advised yes they can or they can abstain.

A motion was made by Holly Dawson to approve the minutes for the special meeting held January 27, 2016 as presented. Motion seconded by Diane Dillon. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Lisa Paulson to approve the minutes for the special meeting held March 16, 2016 as presented. Motion seconded by Juliana Inman. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Holly Dawson to approve the minutes for the special meeting held May 25, 2016 as presented. Motion seconded by Juliana Inman. Karen Schuppert and Diane Dillon abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **REVIEW OF MEETING AGENDA**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carrie advised that the meeting was being audio recorded and that the minutes are posted online. She then asked the two newest members of the Council, Jonathan Hall and Amanda Safford, to introduce themselves. They proceeded to introduce themselves and briefly talked about why they decided to become members of the Council.

Carrie opened the floor to public comment. She asked that public comments be limited to 3 minutes each.

- i. Julia Van Solen introduced herself and welcomed Claire Gupta, Public Policy Specialist at UC Davis. They are working together on a statewide research project on Food Policy Councils. Napa is one of the research pieces. She invited all to be interviewed and is specifically looking at how the Food Council uses information to inform their decision making and engage in policy arena. The interviews are open to former Council Members as well.

- ii. William Goss who works at a winery as a Horticulturist grows food for a living introduced himself. He would like to see more food produced in this area and make it more accessible to the public.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Board of Supervisors Report

- i. Carrie shared a PowerPoint presentation of the Board of Supervisors Report that she, Joy and Greg prepared. The meeting has been postponed until 8/30/16. The report highlights the accomplishments, strengths, topics and challenges of the Council to date. It also includes recommendations going forward.

B. Bylaw Changes

- i. A vote on the by-law changes was to occur so Carrie asked all to look at the proposed by-law changes handout that Leigh prepared. It was noted that the Council composition was not in the by-law changes so this was discussed and decided that the proposed composition would be as follows:
 - 1 representative from the Board of Supervisors
 - 5 representatives from incorporated cities and towns
 - 3 representatives from the community at large
 - 3 representatives from public health and nutrition, education, and/or institutions
 - 3 representatives from Ag and/or marketing and/or distribution of Ag products
- ii. Lisa Bissell Paulson moved to approve the by-laws with changes as amended. Motion seconded by Holly Dawson. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Amendment Request for AB551

- i. Juliana reviewed her amendment request for AB551 in the handout provided. This amendment request is a way to increase food production and make it easier to have food production inside urban areas. She spoke with Bill Dodd and offered his help as well as his staffs help in drafting this ordinance. Joy spoke with the Assessor's Office about this and they would like to be a part of these discussions. The downside of this ordinance was discussed, that being, it will reduce property tax to the County. This ordinance would require a statewide change to legislation and must be enacted at the county and urban levels. Julia Van Solen reminded all of the neighboring counties that may be interested in becoming a part of this too. She also added that in addition to the legislative person that may carry this bill, the CA Food Policy Council can be an advocate for it. This legislation must be done at the State level and must be introduced before December.
- ii. Carrie recommended the Council make a motion to recommend this topic for an ad hoc subcommittee that will work with the Board of Supervisors to propose a change to AB551 related to the definition of urban areas for Ag use. A motion was made by Lisa Bissell Paulson to approve this recommendation.

Jonathan Hall seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Presentation from Ben Thomas

- i. Ben Thomas introduced himself. He is a procurement specialist for Community Alliance of Family Farms (CAFF) and the Regional Representative for Farm to School Network for the Bay Area that supports the USDA Farm to School activity. He spent time informing all on how the farm to school procurement works. Carrie advised that Measure H did pass. This will allow the building of kitchens in schools which will, in turn, allow more farm to school procurement opportunities. Rather than going to a full self-op scenario in the Napa School District, Carrie recommended the path of negotiating the Sodexo Contract. Specifically, if the citizens want to see change in the food that is offered in the Napa County Schools, more citizens have to voice their concerns to the School Board over :
 - 1. non-compete clause in their contract with Sodexo and
 - 2. the fact that the contract does not include a geographic preference clause

Putting this pressure on the School Board to negotiate the Sodexo Contract is in her opinion the way to succeed rather than attempting to get rid of Sodexo altogether. This pressure must come from the community. Greg's recommendation is form an Ad Hoc Committee to look at the different ways to raise this issue. The Committee could inform the community that there exists a paradigm in food distribution to schools and other entities that may need to be challenged if that is important to the community.

Ben left handouts and offered all to email or call him with any questions.

B. Food Day

- i. Karen and Holly will set the first meeting for Food Day. Carrie asked if anyone has any ideas on who should be involved with Food Day to send those names to Karen and Holly. Work has to be started now to figure out what information we want to be part of the Food Day Forum and also looking for volunteers for it.

C. Report out on assigned tasks

Carrie wants to solidify who is on each subcommittee before the September meeting and asked all to meet before it and identify members of the community they would like to include as members of their subcommittees.

Carrie will lead the Increase Consumer Access subcommittee .

- ii. Jonathan will join the subcommittee on Policy
- iii. Juliana reported that the City Council has appropriated \$40,000 to do a master plan for the Garfield Park area. This will pay for community meetings because outreach to the community is important to keep it informed and updated.

Amanda will join the subcommittee on Community/School Garden Support

Carrie asked all to report something at the next meeting on their assigned tasks.

7. **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

8. **NEXT SCHEDULED SPECIAL MEETING DATE**

The next scheduled meeting is set for September 28, 2016, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the UCCE Meeting Room. The meeting following that is November 16, 2016, starting at 4:30 p.m.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m. by Carrie Strohl.

CARRIE STROHL, Chairperson

ATTEST:

LINDA KELLER, Council Secretary