

MINUTES OF THE
NAPA COUNTY LOCAL FOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 22, 2017

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

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

The meeting was held in the Health & Human Services, Building A, Willow Room, Napa, CA 94558 and called to order at 4:08 p.m. by Chair Carrie Strohl.

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

Victoria Bartelt, Holly Dawson, Jonathan Hall, Brian Henricksen, Kristin Miller, Belia Ramos, Leigh Sharp, Elizabeth Skylar, and Carrie Strohl

The following council members arrived after roll call was taken:

Angela Baxter, Jeannie Kerr

The following council members were excused or absent:

Jessica Mennella and Elizabeth Palmer were absent. Jennifer Palmer was excused.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Holly Dawson to approve the minutes for the special meeting held March 27, 2017 as presented. Motion seconded by Leigh Sharp. Motion passed unanimously. Brian Henricksen abstained.

3. **REVIEW OF MEETING AGENDA**

Carrie reviewed the meeting agenda.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Julia Van Soelen invited all Council Members on June 8th for an all-day meeting in Petaluma with regional Food Councils.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Welcome New Council Members**

Carrie introduced the new Council Member; Brian Henricksen, Elizabeth Skylar and Angela Baxter. Both Brian and Elizabeth were present at this time so they introduced themselves.

b. **Website Update**

- i. Joy began with giving an overview of the Local Food Website for the new Council Members. She referenced the Napa Local Food handouts that she worked on with Circlepoint. Joy asked everyone to please look at the website and noted that she is open to any comments. She reminded all that she still needs profiles from those that have not submitted them to date and advised #NapaLocalFoods should be working now.

c. **Leadership Napa Valley Presentations**

Holly introduced Leadership Napa Valley (LNV) and added that she was recently appointed Executive Director. Brian explained LNV in general. Holly then introduced the Food Samaritans of Napa Valley. They are a part of LNV.

- i. Flyers that the Food Samaritans created were handed out. The Food Samaritans are primarily finding restaurants that are willing to provide dinner to needy families at the Samaritan Family Center. Currently, they are setting up one meal per month per restaurant. They are now looking for an organization to keep this program going. A video was shown. Their email address is on the back of the handout where you can email any restaurants that want to sign up or know of any organization that wants to take this over.
- ii. Holly introduced Feed the Need, a countywide food access network. A handout was passed out identifying a comprehensive list of all places presently known that help with free food for those in need (a food resource guide). She asked for any additions or changes to their list before they finalize it. An email was provided to those interested in contributing to Feed the Need in any way.

d. **Subcommittees**

- i. Food System Assessment RFP was reported on by Leigh. She advised that no chair has been appointed yet. They are trying to narrow down what they are looking for in this Food System Assessment (FSA) so that it's attractive to the Board of Supervisors. She referred to the FSA handout. A discussion ensued as to the content of the FSA and costs which can be over \$100,000 for a full assessment. It was also discussed how existing information that has already been studied must be leveraged and then the Council can complement that information in our FSA. Karen Relucio from HHS said she will have someone from HHS at the next meeting to provide data information on food access and security since they are currently working on this. Tracy will also speak with Karen more on this. Carrie said that the goal is to have the FSA ready to draft by July. Holly suggested we integrate the FSA with Food Day somehow. Joy will also search out contacts from HHS to find out in detail what already exists and what is underway regarding food access and food security. Belia feels they must look at the capacity to produce issue and the willingness to produce more.

- ii. Kristin updated everyone on increasing EBT use at the Farmer's Markets. She referred to the article/press release on CalFresh Benefits that was handed out. Kristin reported there is an opportunity to do outreach at the Napa/Vallejo Flea Market for free and Dave is now conversations with them regarding this. Julia Van Soelen suggested they have a CalFresh worker at the Flea Market when they do their outreach. The group discussed the need in Calistoga for EBT use at the Calistoga Farmer's Market but how they felt it would not work there. Kristin advised they are always looking for more committee members to participate and that she would like to start a focus group and identify where people are shopping up valley.
- iii. Holly advised the Food Day committee has not met yet so there was no update on this subcommittee.

7. **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Carrie announced that Phillips Elementary will be the site for the summer food program. Anyone 18 and younger can get a free lunch. This was also advertised in The Register.

Joy advised the new Council Members each have an information folder for them to pick up.

8. **NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING DATE**

Meeting adjourned until next regularly scheduled meeting on 7/24/17 in the UCCE Meeting Room from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. by Carrie Strohl.

CARRIE STROHL, Chairperson

ATTEST:

LINDA KELLER, Council Secretary