



## 14 January 2014 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Angela Babb  
David Parkhurst  
Michael Simmons  
Megan Hutchison  
Nikki Wooten  
Ryan Conway  
Stephanie Solomon

Absent: Stephen Hale

Guests: Andy Marrs (Bloomingfoods)  
Emily Toner (Purdue Urban Agriculture Extension Agent)  
Whitney Field (Indianapolis Food Council Program Manager)

Meeting convened at 12:00 p.m.

### **I. Call to Order 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting after Annual Meeting**

A. Jennifer Confirmed that a Quorum was Present.

B. Agenda: Election of Officers (the Agenda was APPROVED).

--Nikki Wooten was elected as BFPC Chair  
--Angela Babb was elected as BFPC Treasurer  
--Ryan Conway was elected as BFPC Secretary

C. January steering committee Minutes were accepted by the chair with One Revision:

(1) Professor Varga(s) [no s]

### **II. Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer: \$430

Bank Signatory Privileges:

(1) Michael  
(2) Ryan (Secretary)  
(3) Angela (Treasurer)

Post Office Box Key → New Treasurer

Food map (Human Food vs Animal Feed; state-by-state indicator of greatest production crop)

### **III. Chair's Report**

-Spoke with Dan Sherman (w/Stephen Hale); Andy Ruff (councilperson) suggested changes in the Food Charter...Michael alerted him to the fact that it would take a full convening of the BFPC to make such changes; so the submitted changes were dropped. Dan Sherman has drafted it in a final, proposal format.

-3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. in March or 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of April will be the time in which the Food Charter will go to the council, with openings for public comment.

-Dan Sherman did say that we could present Letters of Endorsement, from other organizations. Monroe County Environmental Quality and Sustainability Commission [Dave Parsons is Chair]. Once the County passes an Endorsement, we could take it to County Council.

BFPC will issue a Press Release and Indianapolis FPC will share more widely.

BFPC should review the Charter and be prepared to speak on part of the Charter that speaks to you.

#### **IV. Introduction of the Council and of Guests:**

Whitney (Indi Food Policy Council)

Emily Toner (Purdue Extension)

Andy Marrs (Bloomingfoods)

#### **V. Governance Chair:**

Call to Vote on new Officers

Nikki Wooten – Chair

Angela Babb – Treasurer

Ryan Conway – Secretary

#### **VI. Assessment:**

-Have been actively meeting

-Mind-map

#### **VII. Advocacy:**

-3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of March as 1<sup>st</sup> Possible Time that the Food Charter could be presented

-at March meeting, should discuss and decide what that presentation will look like.

-We are encouraged to invite people to come to speak in advocacy

Attach the Most Current Charter to Minutes submission.

#### **VII. Education:**

--Collaborate w/partners for Educational events (Ready, Set, Grow Event | w/Janice Lilly)

--Educational Panel (similar to that of Lifelong Learning Week)

--Lucky's, Bfoods, Sahara → what will the future coepetition market look like in Bloomington

--Planning for Upcoming Food Day

--Speakers Bureau to go into the community to promote the

--Spring Quarterly: thinking of having a Big Panel be part of the Summer Quarterly (big event that would need lots of planning)...so, Spring Quarterly at Growing Opportunities with access to meeting space at Stonebelt

--Spring Quarterly (April)

--Summer Quarterly (July)

--FQ (October)

--Hilltop Gardens Event: Spring Into Gardening (April)

### **VIII. Outreach:**

-As soon as we have a date for when Food Charter will be presented, she will send out promo info.

### **IX. Engaging Guests:**

--Indi FPC (originally drafted bylaws stipulate 25max Board Members; currently have active 17 Board Members; 3 Staff, 25 on the Advisory Board, 100s in the Network)

--Working Groups were open for everyone; ended up not getting a lot done; SO, transitioned into a selection of specific Task Forces, where one is asked\recruited to be a part of a functional, event\initiative\project oriented group that is task-completion specific. In order to get people to come, we learned that people will come more often and more consistently if they have something to be *engaged* in (projects, plans, "this is what we're doing").

--BPFC discussed with IFPC having some kind of state-wide Food Policy

--Not a 501c3

--Operate on a Collective Impact Model (housed at an organization; devotes % of time)

--Relatively New: just got off the ground last February; spent 2013 doing a community fact-finding initiative.

---Started at a Stakeholder level and then got into the Grassroots.

--2 Program: (1) Food Fund (small granting program for catalytic food projects in Marion County; "food system change agents"); (2) Food Fellows program; geared towards Juniors & Seniors in undergrad, pairing them with organizations in the county that are geared towards food initiatives. {Finances came from a community foundation interest in supporting food work; 2<sup>nd</sup> year, got a grant specifically to support Food Fund applications from the first year to scale the up and support them.}

--Quarterly Networking Meetings to "bring everyone to the table"

--4 Working Groups: 4 Pillars\Nodes to bring cross-sector food sector

(1) Health & Nutrition

(2) Ecology

(3) Health & Social Justice

(4) Economy & Community Development

-Not Membership Based; everyone who comes is part of the network

-Haven't done much Policy work, in order to build the network first, but have become more aware of the policy framework and are becoming more aware of policy barriers

-Food Plan: 3 Initiatives originally; but, realizing it will need

---comprehensive catalog of who's doing what in terms of food, in the city

-Plan 2020 set the framework for Food Plan.

--Dave Herschel (Indi Office of Sustainability): does the mapping stuff, grant research; otherwise Whitney and Emily are the primary staff\professional organizers.

---\*Getting National Grants and collaborative funding were guiding goals of the IFPC.

---Emily: it would be fantastic for our councils to be more networked; would love to have a line of communication: their Annual Meeting is March 20<sup>th</sup> (a Friday)

**Announcements:**

Next IU Food Summit Planned for April 17<sup>th</sup> (Angela)

---Will reveal the Sustainability Survey results

---IU Food Institute just got approved; pizza party to celebrate

---Student Assistance Initiative: wants to start a Food Pantry on campus

(Megan) LGG has been working with James Farmer (IU) research on food distribution to lower income, outside of farmer's markets; it's a survey, if you'd like to give feedback or edits, please do.

Add Andy to Steering Committee mailing List

Bloomingfoods Board Meeting, with public comment, will be the First Thursday of March.

**Housekeeping:**

Mailing lists and Secretary transition