

Food PAC Minutes
08/03/16

Welcome – Holly

- Food PAC meetings held first Wednesday of every other month
- Changing structure over time to reach out so Food PAC can be more inclusive to resident voice
- Altered meeting time and utilize voices in the room for workshops and discussion
- BFPI
 - All new maps will be update and revised for January release, working with Hopkins on analysis
 - Two-pager for BFPI and Food PAC structure and organization, when meeting with council members to explain how food fits in the picture
 - Sustainability Plan – greening goal #2 – implementing food policy task force recommendations – process has started with 102 ambassadors – data collection in the Fall and release in Winter

Alice

- 1st Wednesday of every other month – next is October 4-6 PM – hope to extend invitation to residents to attend

Updates

- Mary Colleen (MC) Buettner – DOP – INSPIRE
- Hope LaHayne – Maryland Out of School Time
 - 7th annual conference Jan 5-6 2017 Early bird registration started
- Will McCabe – Hungry Harvest
 - Sunday Aug 21 – Franklin Square Park – Free produce stand – distribute bags of produce
- Wendy Jeffries – Taste Wise Kids/Days of Taste
 - Farm to Chef paired with local farm, local beverages
 - 6 months old – strategic plan to fit into the city, continue to run days of taste programs in schools to help kids understand where food comes from
- Erin Biehl – CLF/Resilience
 - Interviewing for food system resilience
- Angela Congo – Watching Over Our Daughters and Sons
 - Attended Arlington INSPIRE meeting
 - workforce development, serve food, want to make sure its healthy food for kids, transportation
- Nancy Siegel – Towson Culinary Historian
- Susan Hendee – CulACon
 - Arcadia, foods and foods management teacher at Strafford and Morgan State
- Larry and Zhanna Hountz – City Hydro
 - vertical microgreens farms, free training for nonprofits and schools, process to grow microgreens in refined space – nutritious and profitable
- MaryCatherine Augustyn – JHU WIC

- How to improve fruit and vegetable redemption for WIC participants
 - Effect of baby friendly hospital initiative on breastfeeding
 - Finished small project on effects of incentive on WIC participants attending nutrition ed
- Jennifer Utter – Senior lecturer – visiting from University of Aukland
- Susan Gross – JHU WIC
 - Breastfeeding month
 - Breastfeeding welcome here campaign
- Kathy Shulman – St Vincent de Paul/Kidz Table
 - Working in Baltimore county at 26 new summer sites
 - After school meals in Maryland Partnership to End Childhood Hunger
 - Gone from serving 2.4 million to 3.4 million after school meals (in a year)
 - Also serve at head start
- Beth Harber – Abell Foundation
 - Funding of BFPI, emergency food assistance, production, access, culinary arts
- Alica Diehl – The Institute for Integrative Health
 - Real Food Farm Youth Works
 - Youth cooking camp for Food Day in October
- Lanise Thompson – Amerigroup Health Insurance
 - Partner with head start schools, farmers markets, WICs
- Charlotte Proctor – Civic Works Real Food Farm
 - Sales outlet – mobile market is going 4 days week, Pigtown Farmers market
 - Looking to expand to include programs in the West and Southwest
 - Looking for a big truck, have community partners and AmeriCorps volunteers
 - Hiring for all the year round AmeriCorps service members
 - Interested in food and urban ag, education around food – pay, feed, train people
- Eric Sargent – Baltimore Orchard Project – Civic Works
 - Orchard Stewards at the end of August
 - Volunteers will take 1-year workshop series to learn how to take care of orchard
 - Community potluck on 2nd Tuesday/month
 - Food, partners, volunteers
- Eli Lopatin – Reservoir Hill Improvement Council
 - Recently held a food justice conversation
- Shakurah Duffie – City Seeds
 - Catering program
 - School of Food starting in September
- Michele Levy – Maryland Farmers Market Association
 - Natl farmers market week Aug 7-13 – Special programs and events
- Carrie Burns, Caitlin Fisher – JHSPH Center For a Livable Future
 - MD food system map
 - Research assistants are surveying food stores in Baltimore
 - 800/1000 stores surveyed so far
 - Food Environment map updates
- Adamaah Grayse – Catholic Relief Services
 - Farm to Farmer program

- Partnering with local farms
- Ciana Creighton – Senior at Loyola
 - Researching food security and distribution
 - DHR intern
- Maribet Brute – University of Maryland Extension - EFNEP
 - Volunteers
 - Hiring for p/t and f/t educators
- Lauren Williams – University of Maryland Extension - FSNE
 - Nutrition ed to SNAP ed recipients in Baltimore Schools
- Cara Shipley – JHSPH Bmore Healthy Communities for Kids
 - data collection
 - transition to next
- Allison Boyd – Farm Alliance
 - Pop up farmers markets
 - Sept 11 – Windup @ Station North
 - Popup market at Lexington
- Tiffany Welch – No Boundaries Coalition/Fresh At The Avenue
 - Resident led advocacy group
 - Launch of new produce stand in West Baltimore – Fresh At The Avenue
 - Stocking items from Strength II love, Whitelock Farm
 - Fresh Produce at Low Affordable Rates
 - Partnering with Whole Foods and Whole Cities
 - Working with residents and corner stores
- Eric Jackson – Black Yield Institute

All new people – please sign in so you are on the email list

INSPIRE – MC Buettner and Sarah Buzogany

- Sarah: BFPI working closely with INSPIRE which is an opportunity to engage with areas around the school to make sure food is incorporated into those conversations
- Presenter: MC – DOP – INSPIRE
 - Inspire – Investing in Neighborhoods and Schools to Promote Improvement, Revitalization, and Excellence
- 21st Century school program
 - Baltimore City Public Schools – nearly \$1 billion to redo 23-28 schools
 - Needs have shifted in facilities – current infrastructure was to support what the population looked like in the 70s – current population is significantly smaller
 - \$30-40 million to invest into each 21st century schools
 - Some schools are closing

- INSPIRE comes in after feasibility and design to look at resources inside and outside of the school
- 21st Century partnerships – BCPS, MD Stadium Authority, City of Baltimore, Family League
- INSPIRE
 - Citywide and neighborhood specific
 - 21st Century Schools will occur over the course of 10 years
 - First create plans at every school (once feasibility is done) then do specific neighborhood planning
 - Ex: Arlington in Design process, moving ahead on planning
 - Focus of INSPIRE is not on the school itself but to leverage investment in schools into neighborhoods and bring neighborhood back into the school
 - Looking at the immediate ¼ mile radius – what public improvements can be done in this area to improve travel to school, leverage safe routes to school, housing to focus blight removal in these areas, green network plan, farms, Kaboom (playability)
 - Public and private investment – getting community feedback, vision for neighborhood, reprioritize capital investments, ABAG, school-centered neighborhood investment, philanthropic funding, plans are vetted by the community and depend on partners
 - Public improvements
 - Private investment
 - Process timeline
 - SWOT Analysis
 - Evaluate existing conditions w/community members and elected officials
 - Steering Committee for community priorities
 - Present recommendations → formal plan
 - Planning Commission
 - Most rate the neighborhood as good or very good place to raise child and want to come together for the community
 - Capitol bond -- \$5 million to try and do something extra to each school, something that makes it special and gets people involved
 - Example: Transportation (inaccessible sidewalks)
 - Preparing for School Opening Day
 - Consider population moving to new schools and the paths they need to take to get to school
 - Expand focus out to 1 mile radius
 - Example: Community Projects
 - Implementation will require
 - Partner commitments
 - Agency operations
 - Priority areas for citywide initiatives
 - Capital projects program/city wide
 - In response to INSPIRE Steering Committee

- Found Food Pantry needs – for the community and for parents and families – high needs for emergency food
 - As a result brought in BFPI for Food Access Planning
- Food Access and INSPIRE
 - INSPIRE and Food policy working together
 - What’s happening inside and outside of the schools
 - Strong neighborhoods and strong schools
 - Each INSPIRE plan will have specific recommendations around food
 - Food access – physical, economic, other access issues
 - Mapping the areas around schools with the food environment layer

Q: How does this compare with Community Schools?

MC: work w/ community schools coordinator, though some do not have coordinator. Family League is doing community schools assessment and needs assessment for each school areas. INSPIRE is looking at Physical Environment. Family League looking at needs of students. Planning looking at how to make it a community school. Separate from the school system – focusing on what happens in the surrounding community.

Workshop discussions

- **INSPIRE**
Mary Colleen Buettner
Sarah Buzogany
- **Transportation and BaltimoreLink**
Alice Huang
- **Black Yield Institute**
Eric Jackson
- **Hungry Harvest**
Will McCabe
- **Fresh at the Avenue**
Tiffany Welch