

Douglas County Food Policy Council

Monday, September 16, 2019

6:00pm to 7:30pm*



Vesecky Family Farms

1814 N 600 Rd, Baldwin City, KS 66006

***Please note time change for meeting start.**

Food For Thought for Today's Meeting:

Douglas County residents spend nearly \$300 million on food annually. [2017 Douglas County Food System Assessment](#)

- I. **Farm tour**
- II. **Action Item: Administrative Items**
 - A. Determine quorum of members, agenda approval
 - B. Approval of August meeting minutes
- III. **Public Comment**
- IV. **Discussion:** [Climate and Energy Project- Climate and Health Declaration](#)
- V. **Update:** [Growing Kansas Agriculture](#)- Strategic Action Plan for Growing Douglas County Agricultural Growth
 - A. Advancing Food System Plan Goal 1, Objective 1: Develop Local Food and Agricultural Business
- VI. **Discussion: Fall Food Forum**
 - A. **Forum purpose and scope**

Purpose: Re-engage broader community with Food Systems Plan and associated work

 - FPC member and community learning, capacity building
 - Celebrate progress over last two years
 - ID linkages, connections, network
 - Hear priorities from community in advance of 2020 FPC retreat

Theme: Community wealth, health, & resilience

Format:

 - 1 community gathering with keynote speaker, with broad community audience
 - 1 more intimate conversation/ dialogue with keynote speaker and the Food Policy Council members
 - 1 opportunity for the Food Policy Council to share their progress with the community and collect some feedback from the community to inform next steps.
 - B. **Working Group breakout**
 - i. Identify 3-5 successes in each working group you would like to share with the community. Discuss how you would like to share the information (will there be a handout? Oral presentation?)
 - ii. Develop a list of what needs to be accomplished before the Oct 21 FPC and event
 - iii. Report out to the group
- VII. **Staff Report**
 - A. Kansas Leadership Center- Leadership Transformation Grant 2019 report and 2020 plan
- VIII. **Future Agenda Items**

- A. Working Groups discuss their Food System Plan goals and health equity connections
- B. Receive KU final report / discuss actions on report findings (October)
- C. Rotating reports from working groups

IX. Key Takeaways Review

X. Member Updates

XI. Adjourn

****Next Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019 at Stull United Methodist Church 1596 E 250 Rd., Lecompton, KS 66050 at 6:30pm.**

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Food Policy Council Members and Working Groups

The working groups of the Food Policy Council are organized around the five goals of the [Douglas County Food System Plan](#).

Current Member Vacancies

Douglas County Agricultural Producer (preferably Western county, livestock or commodity crops)
Sustainable Ag / Local Foods Non-profit

Aggies

Focus Areas Thriving Regional Food Economy (Goal 1) and Conservation & Resilience (Goal 2)

William Vesecky
Scott Thellman
Marlin Bates
John Pendleton
Jason Champagne

Health Equity

Focus Areas Healthy Food Access (Goal 3) and Equitable Food System (Goal 4)

Michele Dillon (Working group co-chair)
Tamara Cash
Christina Ostmeyer
Connie Fitzpatrick (Working group co-chair)
Community members: Melissa Fisher Isaacs

Forward

Focus Area Food Waste Reduction & Diversion (Goal 5)

Sarah Hartsig
Tyler Lindquist
Elizabeth Burger
Michael Steinle (Working group chair)
Community members: Jill Elmers

Leadership

Kim Criner (FPC Chair)
Michael Steinle (FPC Vice Chair)
Jason Champagne (FPC Vice Chair)

2019 PROPOSED Food Policy Council Meeting Schedule			
Date	Time(s)	Location	Who helps coordinate / make arrangements?
Monday, January 14 th *	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	CANCELED	
Monday, February 25 th *	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Baker Wetlands 1365 North 1250 Road, Lawrence, 66046	Kim Criner
Monday, March 18 th	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	County Courthouse 1100 Massachusetts St.	Staff
Monday, April 15 th	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Tom Sloan (Kanawaka Town Hall)	Elizabeth Burger
Monday, May 13 th	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Juniper Hill Farm 1547 N 2000 Road (NE of Lawrence) 66044	Scott Thellman
Monday, June 17 th	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Haskell Cafeteria	Jason Champagne
Monday, July 15 th	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Fields & Ivy (new brewery) 23 rd St. and Haskell	Michael Steinle
Monday, August 19 th	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Lumberyard Arts Center 718 High St, Baldwin City, KS 66006	Jeanette Blackmar (staff coordinate)
Monday, September 16 th	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Vesecky's Farm	William Vesecky
Monday, October 21 st	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Stull United Methodist Church 1596 E 250 Rd., Lecompton, KS 66050	Brenna Wulfkuhle (staff coordinate)
Monday, November 18 th	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Eudora City Hall / Chamber / Library (?)	Staff
Monday, December 16 th	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Cider Gallery / Bon Bon	TBD

***February meeting date changed due to Federal Holiday on third Monday.**

Summary of Proposed Meeting Locations:

- Locations outside of Lawrence: 6
- Locations in Lawrence: 6
- Meetings on a farm: 2-3
- Meetings at food businesses: 2-4
- Meetings at public institutions: 4
- Meetings about community food programs: 2