

Douglas County Food Policy Council

Monday, August 15, 2022

6:30pm to 8:30pm

1006 New Hampshire, Lawrence
and Zoom



- I. **Administrative Items: 6:30-6:45pm**
 - Determine quorum of members, agenda approval
 - Approval of July meeting minutes
 - Leadership updates
 - i. Consider nominee for Vice Chair, Emily Lysen
 - Shout outs
- II. **Public Comment: up to 3 minutes per person, please**

Welcome to the monthly business meeting of the Food Policy Council. Please use the Public Comment period to share your food system interests, questions, and work with the Council. Due to limited meeting time, please refrain from interjecting comment or questions during the business portions of the meeting. However, Council leadership or members will be happy to continue discussion with you after the meeting: dcfpc@douglascountyks.org.
- III. **Food System Plan Dashboard Review: 6:45-7:30pm**
 - Opportunity for final feedback and adjustments before launch, with consultant Eileen Horn.
- IV. **Fall Activity Forecast: 7:30-7:45pm**
 - Review of activity survey results.
 - Determine next steps in planning and responsible parties.
- V. **Jamboard Vision Reflection - Health Equity: 7:45-8:00pm**
 - Health Equity working group shares their highlights from the vision review.
 - If energy to pursue items, identify next steps and responsible parties.
- VI. **Climate Engagement Food System Themes: 8:00-8:15pm**
 - Staff shares summary of food system themes and concerns emerging in public feedback around the Climate Action Plan.
- VII. **Member Updates: 8:15-8:30pm**
- VIII. **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: September 19, 2022 - 1006 New Hampshire, Lawrence and Zoom @ 6:30pm

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Monday, July 18, 2022

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Baker Wetlands Discovery Center

1365 N 1250 Rd., Lawrence

and Zoom



In Attendance: Maggie Bornholdt, Ryan Bowersox, Dietrich Earnhart, Cody Haynes, Ashley Hornberger, Margit Kaltenekker, Tyler Lindquist, Emily Lysen, Laura McCulloch

Absent: Tamara Cash, Sherrie Cleavinger, Elizabeth Kever

Staff: Umut Bayramoglu, Kim Criner Ritchie, Connie Fitzpatrick, Jamie Hofling

I. Administrative Items: 6:00-6:20pm

- Determine quorum of members, agenda approval
 - i. *Motion to approve by Dietrich, second by Emily. 9 in favor. Motion passes.*
- Approval of April and June meeting minutes
 - i. *Motion to approve April and June by Margit, second by Maggie. 9 in favor. Motion passes.*
- Member and leadership updates
 - i. *New At-Large County appointee, Ryan Bowersox.*
 - ii. *Elizabeth stepping down from Vice Chair; Council seeking nominee.*
 - iii. *Laura taking position with KUMC; Council seeking new public health organization liaison.*
 - 1. *Also seeking nominee for co-Internal Equity Advisor to join Cody in racial equity Community of Practice.*
- Consider action on a Letter of Support request from Kaw Valley Meats for USDA food system infrastructure grant
 - i. *Motion by Cody to submit Letter of Support, second by Ashley. 8 in favor. 2 abstain. Motion passes.*
- Consider FPC representative to Climate Action Plan community Steering Committee
- One spot remaining in approved budget for attendance at the Urban Food Systems Symposium, September 26-28 in Kansas City
- Shout outs

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III. Dinner & Storytelling Activity: 6:30-7:00pm

IV. Visioning Exercise with Equity Advisors: 7:00-7:40pm

- Review of DCFPC organizational structure
- Visioning for equity and inclusion values

V. Review Meeting Procedures document and Member Roles draft: 7:40-8:05pm

VI. Map Remaining Opportunities/Priorities for 2022: 8:05-8:45pm

- Dashboard launch, working group priorities, other

VII. Debrief: 8:45-8:55pm

VIII. Member Updates: 8:55-9:00pm

IX. Adjourn

- *Motion to adjourn by Cody, second by Ashley. 10 in favor. Motion passes.*

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Douglas County Food Policy Council Budget

As of August 2022

Expenditure Category:	Vendor / Detail:	Date:	Amount:
Food Waste Survey Insert	City of Lawrence	Up to \$600 approved 11/15/2021	\$ 672.42
Travel to Food Waste Solutions Summit	ReFED	Up to \$1717 approved 1/31	
Member Registration	ReFED - Dietrich	Statement 3/23/2022	\$ 413.39
Airfare	Delta - Ryan	Statement 3/23/2022	\$ 294.20
Hotel	Ryan Reimbursement	5/5/2022	\$ 308.20
Hotel/M meal	Dietrich Reimbursement		\$ 386.34
ISU Community Food Systems Event	Refund on Registration (purchased 2021)		\$ 80.00
KFAN Advocacy Day at the Capital	Mileage - Emily, Tyler	Up to \$100 approved 2/21	\$ 66.13
FSP Community Coordinator stipends	Robin, Connie, Betty	Up to \$1050 approved 3/21	\$ 450.00
FPC Meeting/Event Food & Rental		Up to \$500 approved 6/13	\$ 145.85
July Retreat	Baker Wetlands / Med. Market / Dillons	6/14 / 7/18 / 7/18	\$ 354.15
Urban Food Systems Symposium	KSU	Up to \$1475 approved 6/13	\$ 250.00
Registration(s)	Tyler, Emily, Ryan	6/14 / 7/15 / 8/6	\$ 1,225.00
Dashboard Narrative Photography	Aundrea Walker	Up to \$1500 approved 6/13	\$ 1,500.00
Total YTD Expended:			\$ 1,822.41
Total Deposits:			\$ 80.00
Total Allocated and Pending:			\$ 4,243.27
Total Budget Requests:			\$ -
Budgeted for 2022:			\$ 6,800.00
Current Balance:			\$ 5,057.59
Balance After Pending & Requests:			\$ 894.32

August 2022 Staff Report

Douglas County Sustainability Office:

Permanent staff roles for County Sustainability take shape as the City of Lawrence and Douglas County make official their separate offices, but continued partnership, on sustainability initiatives. County staff will include:

- Kim Criner Ritchie - Sustainability Manager. Formerly County Food Systems Planner, Kim has more than 13 years experience in institutional sustainability planning and programming. Kim will support the Douglas County Sustainability staff team broadly across priority areas of community resilience planning and food system development, and will provide team leadership in county-wide policy such as Open Space and climate planning.
- Jamie Hofling - Sustainability Impact Analyst. Jamie has worked across the state in economic development and climate action. Joining the Sustainability Office in 2021 as a grant-funded Food Waste Reduction Specialist, Jamie will continue her role on the team, taking lead on further development of the Climate Action Plan and implementing opportunities to strengthen sustainability across Douglas County internal work and operations.
- Umut Bayramoglu - Common Ground Program Manager. Umut joined the team in March 2022, through a federal grant received by the County, to bring cohesion and conservation agriculture education and implementation to the Common Ground program. Umut will continue to work in partnership with the City of Lawrence on this shared program.
- Connie Fitzpatrick - Food Systems Specialist. Formerly Sustainability Intern, Connie has been a member of the team since 2020. Before this, she was a member of the Food Policy Council and one of the original Community Coordinators that collected narratives from across the community to inform development of the Food System Plan. Connie also works part time for the National Young Farmers Coalition as Land Campaign Organizer.

Climate Action Plan

Results from the initial Fall 2021 community survey have been fully synthesized and graphed by Sustainability Office interns. This initial engagement tool, along with a collection of community narratives collected by 10 community coordinators over 4 months, will help inform additional public engagement strategies and priority populations for further development of the Climate Action Plan.

Staff Advisors from Douglas County, Lawrence, Lecompton, Eudora and Baldwin City continue to meet monthly. The Staff Advisor team will guide the remainder of plan development from a high level, ensuring the resulting plan is in alignment with existing departmental plans and priorities.

Sustainability staff are assembling a Steering Committee to advise on and assist with additional engagement strategies and audiences. This group will be convened in late August or early September.

Common Ground

Common Ground's development of a new community garden at Broken Arrow continues. The construction was delayed due to the excessive heat wave in July, but will be scheduled for late August/early September. The new garden was announced in both The Flame and the Douglas County Monthly newsletter in August. Common Ground is now taking applications for the 10

individual plots available for rent. Contact Umut Bayramoglu for more information: ubayramoglu@douglascountyks.org

Food Waste and Recovery

Gleaning: Advisory Board members can learn more about food recovery and sign up to volunteer here [Food Recovery Partnership | Douglas County Kansas \(douglascountyks.org\)](https://douglascountyks.org/food-recovery-partnership/). If anyone has a farm or a garden, or knows a farmer or gardener that would like to have gleaned, contact Jamie at JHofling@douglascountyks.org.

July and August are the months where farms begin transitioning to their fall crops. In July we gleaned lots of corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, and greens. So far this year we have gleaned 5,735 lbs of produce. All of the produce was donated to Just Food and Sunrise Project.

2022 Gleaned Produce Totals:

Grand Total Produce in lbs:	5735 (344 lbs from the farmers markets alone)
#of volunteers	47
Volunteer Hours	39
Transportation Miles	101

Compost: The compost pilot has slowed considerably since winter given that compost partner Just Food has been successfully diverting more waste from the compost stream to more valuable tiers of the EPA food waste hierarchy, including feeding animals. They are also able to ensure even more produce is consumed by people, by incorporating it into their new prepared food program. The pilot continues through September 2022 and potentially beyond.

Jamie submitted an abstract about the food waste reduction pilot to the 2022 Urban Food Systems Symposium [UFSS 2022 \(urbanfoodsystemssymposium.org\)](https://urbanfoodsystemssymposium.org/). She has been accepted as a presenter at the September event in Kansas City.

Open Space

The RFP to hire a consultant team to guide this planning process has been reissued. Receipt of bids will close on Sept 12th. More on the public engagement and planning timeline will be provided as available.

The Open Space Plan will be a policy and planning tool for Douglas County government to intentionally work with public, private, and community partners on shared priorities for the landscapes making up Open Space. Priority landscapes may include: prime farmland, native prairie, floodplains, waterway, trails, wildlife habitat, culturally-significant spaces, and more. Questions the Plan will address: What are our community values - considered from diverse cultural, historic, and ecological perspectives - around these lands? How are these lands preserved? How are these lands stewarded and by whom? How are these lands enjoyed and can they be accessed by all? The planning process is currently led by Sustainability, Heritage, Zoning & Codes, and Public Works.