

Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes, Thursday, March 11, 2010

Present: Joanna Rybak, Jen Santry, Sherie Sobke, Don Parsons, Deb Price, Jannine Walldan, Jude Mitchell, Liliana Meza, Rob Murphy & Bethany (FIRC Intern)

Updates:

- March 31 – New Food Pantry, $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of land for year-round community garden/greenhouse part of Church of Christ (Stan Johnson) in Frisco
- RISE (Renewables in the Summit Environment) – Is RISE still meeting? Jen Santry does not believe they are still meeting as a group. Don Parsons suggested a greenhouse installation with demonstrations on renewable energy. Contact Don Sather to find out more info.
- Peak 1 – Greenhouses still in the plans for Peak 1? Not much sun exposure. Jen Santry will talk to Matt Stais, an architect working on the Peak 1 project.
- CARE Council Presentation – Joanna and Jen presented to the CARE Council on March 1. We told the CARE Council about the FPC mission and plans to “champion” Basic Food Assistance Document.
- Community Food Security Coalition – Great website for info on FPC and free technical assistance to FPC groups that are just starting out. Survey/Assessment required of Summit County FPC to receive assistance. Technical Assistance is available to help with conducting a local Community Food Assessment to show food needs in Summit County. Assessment would include data and information on local food and land available for growing food. This is a comprehensive food assessment that is more detailed than the current Basic Food Assistance Document. Assessment would include gathering and collecting info about food in our community and resources for food assistance. It would also include surveying local restaurants to see if there’s an interest in buying local food; determining stakeholders; assessing schools... How can our FPC be involved with a Summit County Food Assessment? La Plata County has a great example of a Food Policy Assessment. Assessments cost a lot of money. How can Summit County FPC create a local food assessment without funding? How necessary is it? Some of the FPC members think that FPC time should be spent on action items (food recovery, work in schools...) instead of research. Don Parsons is concerned about costs of a survey/assessment. FPC to determine if current Basic Food Assistance document can be molded into a working Food Assessment. FPC group concluded that we need to start somewhere and have a 3 to 5 year plan for bigger goals – start small now.
- FPC adopted Basic Food Assistance document and agreed to become the champion group for the Basic Food Assistance document. FPC developed a task force to carry out the “first and second order priority” steps of the Basic Food Assistance Document and to

determine Food Assessment plan.

- FPC established two task forces: Food Recovery Task Force and the Basic Food Assistance Document Task Force.
- Development of FPC Mission Statement and Structure-
FPC determined the focus areas as: food security, food access, hunger, sustainable agriculture, local, healthy, and economical structure
- Mission Statement: Sustainable Food Solutions for Summit County
- Vision: FPC will support local efforts to grow and acquire healthy sustainable food to serve the hungry and educate our community.
- FPC decided to continue to meet once a month.
- FPC also determined there is currently no need for a board or steering committee.
- At the last FPC meeting, the group decided that for now the FPC will make decisions by whoever is in attendance at that meeting according to “majority rules”.

Food Recovery Task Force:

- GOAL - Spread the word about the Good Samaritan Act that relieves businesses, groups, and restaurants of liability issues when it comes to donating food to the needy
- Education about food waste – why do we have food waste when there’s hungry people
- Vail Resorts – important to contact and communicate with; the resorts have many employees visiting the food banks. Resorts should feed their employees. Talk to Dave November (Breckenridge Environmental Manager) about food waste and hunger. Resorts are very interested in the environment right now. We should make food waste and hunger an appealing issue from an environmental or “green” standpoint.
- Incentives – cost of garbage goes down when you stop wasting food
- Restaurants – contact the Restaurant Association to see how we can collaborate and get the word out about feeding the community and the Good Samaritan Act/ Food Liability
- Chipotle – model for food waste and food recovery
- Information packet for businesses/restaurants: Good Samaritan Act/Food Liability info; To Do list (how to donate food); contact sheet; pickup schedule... make it easy for the restaurant or business to donate food. We could also include a short letter from FPC about the new Food Recovery Program, a couple of statistics about food/hunger issues in Summit, goals, collection steps...
- Talk to Roxane about liability again – is it OK to tell restaurants and businesses about the Good Samaritan Act for food recovery? What are the proper liability procedures and can we make this a campaign?
- Idea – Logo, name of campaign – Feed your Community Not Your Landfill

Basic Food Assistance Document Task Force:

- One of the “first order priorities” that is outlined is to distribute information regarding food bank availability (hours of operation & locations). Rob & Bethany will work on a flier that lists all the basic food services in Summit County.
- Once the flier is created, we’ll publicize all over the County. This will be helpful for the Food Recovery Task Force to distribute to restaurant owners and with the task force plans as outlined above.

Next Meeting:

- Please do invite others that would be interested in FPC.
- **The next FPC meeting is Thursday, April 15 from 2-3:30 in the Miner’s Creek room in the Medical Office Building in Frisco.**
- **Please see the updated Summit County Food Policy Council page:**
http://www.highcountryconservation.org/sustainable_foods.htm#FPC