

**Johnson County Food Policy Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 29, 2019**  
**Johnson County Administration Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Betty Sass Conference Room**  
**913 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240**  
**6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Attending Appointed Members:** Chris Fortenbach, Craig Syrop, Dean Colony, Giselle Bruskewitz, Jill Irvin, Kristy Walker, Liz Maas, Shawn Meaney, Stephen Trefz

**Attending Ex-Officio Members:** Pat Heiden, Ilsa DeWald, Erik Gustafson

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approve June 2019 Minutes
  - a. Moved: Maas
  - b. Second: Bruskewitz
4. General Updates and discussion from Pat Heiden, Board of Supervisors and Ilsa DeWald, Local Foods Coordinator
  - a. Pat: UDO will be reviewed w/ P+Z 9:00 -4:00 HHS Building, Tuesday 30 July 2019 RM 203 B+C
    - i. Will start on page 1 and work their way thru
    - ii. Ag Exemption is early on in the 300 page document
    - iii. Will be live streamed
    - iv. Maybe a public comment portion designated by the chair @ the beginning of the session even though this is not a public hearing
  - b. Ilsa:
    - i. Boards and Commissions Appreciation Day on Thursday August 8, 4:00-5:15 PM at Johnson County Admin Bldg
    - ii. Bike Library Farm Cycle Tour Sunday September 22,2019
      1. Start @ Big Grove, Stop @ Historic Poor Farm @ 10:00ish.  
JCFPC member volunteers will be appreciated
    - iii. Update on Johnson County Farm Incubator Research
      1. Ilsa is working on a plan to develop the incubator involving a variety of stakeholders and a variety of models from throughout the country.
      2. Farm Incubator is an option for a theme for the annual forum
5. Discuss Partnership Opportunities w/ other Food Councils
  - a. Update from Linn County Food Systems Council meeting
    - i. Rep. Chuck Isenhardt attended to help expand these ideas. Good support.
    - ii. Linn County is looking to build a larger network to provide education to legislators. Will initiate work by getting leaderships together to start work
    - iii. Johns Hopkins has a good website for Food Councils
6. Discuss Unified Development Ordinance Draft
  - a. Update from Board of Supervisors Work Session on Ag Exemption draft.

- i. Discussion about feeding animals and then the language was taken out so there is no longer a limit on the animal units that can be fed on 1 acre.
    - ii. A permit needs to be applied for this which will trigger a special hearing
    - iii. Viability tests previously discussed have been included in the UDO
      - 1. Have added an education component to get Ag Exempt
    - iv. Further discussion about field days, agriculture tours, nature tours. A suggestion was made to draft a primer as to how people can initiate this process.
    - v. As well as wedding receptions which still needs a permit
    - vi. Processing, Value Added - Allows a larger space to process. Further discussion needs to be discussed. "Where can you make cheese?" Members stressed the importance to have the ability to produce value out of the farm product to make them financially viable. This is the significant comment we are moving forward.
      - 1. The application form and process can be addressed later.
    - vii. Need to add aquaculture to the discussion
    - viii. Animal Unit formula was discussed and received a positive review.
    - ix. Timeline
      - 1. BOS discussion where major changes are possible amongst the BOS
      - 2. Staff
      - 3. Public Hearing ~ September w/ three readings
  - b. Board of Supervisors and Planning and Zoning Commission Joint Meeting to review UDO draft of Tuesday
7. Discuss UDO Position Paper
8. Discuss Leadership Elections scheduled for August Meeting
  - a. Let Ilsa know if you are interested in leadership positions
9. Update from Marketing Working Group
  - a. Discussion about different marketing aspects such as buttons
  - b. Still waiting for the beautified position paper
10. Discuss opportunities for future public input of forums
  - a. Bring next meeting
  - b. Fair
    - i. Wanted to be a farmer pitch
    - ii. Collect survey next year
    - iii. Have food next time and some kid activity
    - iv. Mini crown maze
    - v. Need to plan earlier to be the best booth
  - c. Submit two organizations we could reach out to
  - d. Form a Working Group for Survey
11. Adjourn: 8:05 PM
  - a. Move: Maas
  - b. Second: Colony