

Johnson County Food Policy Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2019
Johnson County Administration Building, 1st Floor Betty Sass Conference Room
913 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City, IA 52240
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Attending Appointed Members:, Craig Syrop, Dean Colony, Eric Christianson, Giselle Bruskewitz, Jill Irvin, Kristy Walker, Liz Maas, Michael Wilson, Michelle Kenyon, Molly Schintler, Shawn Meaney

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

1. Call to Order (6:05 PM)
2. Introductions
3. Approve October 2019 Minutes
 - a. Passed unanimously.
4. General Updates
 - a. Pat Heiden, BOS
 - i. Shared P&Z recommendations on UDO concerning definition of a farm and ag exemption.
 - b. Ilsa DeWald, Local Foods Coordinator
5. Update from Food Policy Council Association Call
 - i. Currently having monthly calls. We are working to figure out what common issues we have to advocate for on a state level.
6. Discuss Johnson County Unified Development Ordinance Draft
 - a. Update from Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing
 - i. P&Z recommend removing the viability test and public. Pat shared 2 of 6 pages and directed us to the rest on the county's website for more information.
 - b. Update from UDO conversations/ listening posts
 - i. Generally good attendance. A lot of good discussion and input from the community especially farmers.
 - c. Board of Supervisors' Public Hearing, Thursday, December 5 at 9 AM
 - i. Hoping for a final vote by the end of the year. Will possibly also have a hearing on the 12th.
7. Discuss 2020 Public Forum, updates from Forum Committee (Giselle)
 - a. Good turnout to forum planning so far; working with Vanessa Fixmer-Oraiz. Working title: Land Access and Beyond. Thursday Feb 20 5:30-8:30. Location still to be determined. Hoping to be as accessible as possible. RFP is out for food. Specifically focused on farmers and those looking for land access this year. Looking for facilitators for breakout sessions.
8. Introduction to Working Groups.
 - a. Tools to address several topics at once. Do not need to be an expert to participate.
9. Breakout into Food Justice, Local Food System Infrastructure, Local Food Marketing & Education, and Soil, Water & Air Health Working Groups

- a. Develop guiding goals and target outcomes by January and May, 2020
 - b. Determine and assign items to accomplish before next meeting
- 10. Report Back Working Group Summary, Action Items, and Requests for Council Participation or Action
- 11. Snack Sign-up for Next Meeting and Location Change
 - a. We will meet at Wild Culture Kombucha with a potluck
 - i. Linn St. Next to Hamburg Inn.
- 12. Adjourn