

# Joint City/County Food System Policy Board



## **Draft Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 8, 2021  
5:30 PM

Grace Knight Conference Room  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 12 SE First Street  
County Administration Building  
Gainesville, FL 32601

**Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (Vice-Chair)**

**Commissioner Reina Saco**

**Commissioner Anna Prizzia (Chair)**

**Commissioner Mary Alford**

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 5:38 PM without a quorum. Commissioner Duncan-Walker entered the meeting at 5:50 PM and a quorum was achieved.

**ROLL CALL** - Commissioner Anna Prizzia (Chair), Commissioner Desmon Duncan-Walker (Vice-Chair), Commissioner Reina Saco, County Commissioner Alford

Other Attendees: Kathleen Pagan, Diedre Houchen, Karissa Raskin, Sean McLendon, Lee Feldman, Allison Langer, Jensen Young, Vilma Fuentes, Bruce Waite

**REVIEW OF AGENDA** - Commissioner Duncan-Walker moved approval of the agenda. Commissioner Saco seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

**APPROVAL of MINUTES** - Commissioner Saco moved approval of minutes from the August 5, 2021, Joint City/County Food System Policy Board meeting. Commissioner Duncan-Walker seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Review of Community Grocery Store Contract Terms** - The Chair provided a brief overview of the City's efforts to solicit a [community grocery store for the Eastside](#). The [terms sheet](#) was discussed. City Manager Feldman provided additional background. All documents are preliminary. The City is in a 90-day stand-down period to see if there are additional concerns to be added to the terms sheet. The stand-down period allows the developer to initiate more community conversations and make a decision on whether they would like to proceed with an agreement. The City will not proceed with additional due diligence work until they know if the developer is interested in proceeding with an agreement. The Board discussed interest from other local developers such as the Hitchcock family in the project.

The Board discussed the importance to provide feedback on the contractual terms regarding the measure, goals, and accountability. Ongoing community engagement was identified as a critical factor by the Board. Preliminary insights from a recent outreach effort were shared by Karissa Raskin, City of Gainesville. She identified the need to extend and expand the conversation. Notes from the meeting are attached. A survey of the community was discussed as a possible mechanism to get

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better insight into the community's needs. Dr. Houchen, Alachua County, stressed the need for culturally grounded conversations and informal discussions with community members in addition to formal surveys.

The Board discussed several broader questions to develop through the community conversations and terms sheet:

- The need to better define a more complete and accessible definition of Community Grocery Store.
- For the grocery store advisory committee, the Board discussed having representation from individuals qualified in nutrition.
- A feedback mechanism from this advisory committee to the City Commission
- Questioned the definition of how products are locally sourced to prevent greenwashing in procurement.
- Connect to faith-based community as liaisons to neighborhoods and stakeholders.
- The City should not depend solely on the developers outreach and community conversation efforts

Dr. Fuentes, Santa Fe College asked about the interest in ownership models and alternative locations for a community grocery store. There could be other forms of access at different scales that could address food needs.

## 2. Healthy Corner Store Presentation and Discussion

Chair Prizzia, building off Dr. Fuentes's comments introduced the Healthy Corner Store initiative. Ben Chumley, Alachua County gave an overview of land use and zoning policies related to corner stores. Kathleen Pagan, Alachua County provided related insight into supporting health elements of the County's comprehensive plan. Karissa Raskin and Brandy Stone, City of Gainesville gave an overview of other communities' definitions of healthy corner stores along with models.

Sean McLendon, Alachua County provided an overview of Dr. Houchen's outreach and communication methodology to enlist participation in an initiative and get feedback on the project scope. Staff will come back to the Board in October with a collaboration and engagement presentation prior to the Board endorsing a specific model or incentives to pursue a healthy community store.

3. **Update Foodshed Map** - Sean McLendon, Alachua County provided a brief update. UF Geoplan is close to finalizing the data architecture. The next steps after data handoff to County Staff will be to create a user interface based on the [New Hampshire Farm Product Map ArcGIS story map](#). The Chair requested that the [category listings](#) going into the map be shared with the Board.

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- 4. Update Good Food Purchasing Program** - Moved to the October meeting agenda.
- 5. Community Education: Update on the Plant of the Month** - Commissioner Alford shared that the program has rolled out to great community response. The plant of the month is collard greens. Global supply chain disruptions seem to have impacted the availability of seeds in some stores.

**MEMBERS COMMENTS** - Commissioner Saco requested that backup be included with the meeting agendas.

**ADJOURN** - The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

### **Upcoming 2021 JFSPB Workshop Meetings**

October 6, 2021

November 10, 2021

December 8, 2021

January 12, 2022

February 9, 2022