

Joint City/County Food System Policy Board



Draft Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

5:30 PM

Grace Knight Conference Room

2nd 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

(Members Pending Interlocal Adoption and Confirmation)

Dr. Vilma Fuentes, Santa Fe College

Dr. Catherine G. Campbell, UF/IFAS

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CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order in a workshop format at 5:35 PM without a quorum.

ROLL CALL - Commissioner Anna Prizzia (Chair), County Commissioner Alford

Other Attendees: Bob Swain, Nancy Darren, Catherine Cambell, Jessica Hays, Erik Finlay, Kathleen Pagan, Diedre Houchen, Karissa Raskin, Sean McLendon, Lee Feldman, Vilma Fuentes, Bruce Waite, Brandy Stone, Bobbie Griffith, Meg the Losen, Renz Torres

REVIEW OF AGENDA - The meeting was held in workshop format due to a lack of quorum.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 MINUTES - As there was no quorum, the September minutes will be reviewed and adopted at the Board's November meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF UF/IFAS APPOINTMENT Dr. Catherine G. Campbell - The confirmation will roll to the November Board meeting due to a lack of quorum.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Update Foodshed Map

Erik and Jen provided an update on the Foodshed Map. Work in progress: UFGeoPlan [draft map](#) (not a final interface). The data points used in the map were vetted through the Food System Coalition. The work at the County/GeoPlan is coordinated and data is being shared with [UF IFAS Economic Impact Analysis Programs Food Shed Mapping efforts](#).

The data from the map will be used to analyze interrelated food and demographic questions. This will assist the Board in prioritizing investments in supporting economic development infrastructure.

UF GeoPlan will transmit this framework to the County's Growth Management GIS team to develop the user interface over the next few months. Staff anticipates that a first draft of the site will be available for the public to test and refine in the first quarter of 2022. If there are additions to categories or data this can be handled at that time.

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Karissa Raskin recommended looking at data gathered by the School Board through their Good Food Purchasing analysis. Also, a UF Ph.D. student recently worked on a Food Hub Feasibility Study that might be useful for looking at farmer production questions. And she also recommended some health inequities mapping resources. Dr. Bruce Waite produced a map using the [neighborhood deprivation index](#) and might share this information as an overlay layer.

2. Healthy Corner Store Collaboration Model Presentation and Discussion

Dr. Houchen provided an overview defining a collaborative model for a healthy corner store project. A key component would require the establishment of a working group of store owners, City and County staff, and citizens. The project would require some guidance from the Joint Board to recommend areas to investigate. The working group would have a fairly quick turnaround time in soliciting feedback to bring back a pilot model for the Joint Board's approval.

Next steps include putting together a timeline for working group implementation, compensation for working group members, establishing a budget for the pilot, and later larger-scale project. Staff will reach out to the City Commission members of the Joint Board to verify that City staff are good to work with County on the working group.

A future version of this presentation will fold the City's previously shared research into the cornerstore model to take into consideration the successes and failures of other communities.

Dr. Campbell recommended using a more formal assessment using the Nutritional Environment Measures Survey for corner stores, which allows for objective comparisons of stores and would allow for pre and post evaluations to see how the nutrition environment changes as a result of the pilot. <http://nems-upenn.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Scoring-System-for-NEMS-CS.pdf> . In addition, please see <http://nems-upenn.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/NEMS-CS-Protocol-02-20-13.pdf>

Staff will investigate an urban and a rural unincorporated area pilot project location(s). Staff will check in with the County's Community Remembrance Project and Rural Advisory Committee for recommendations on rural pilot project locations.

For a future meeting, building off of the previous barriers to corner stores presentation, staff will bring back a barriers to informal healthy food sales (e.g. a farmer's vegetable stand on the front of their property).

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3. Community Grocery Update

Karissa Raskin provided an update on the Community Grocery Store. The project is still in its 90 days pause period that runs from Sept 1 - Dec 1. City staff are still waiting to hear back from the developer. The City is looking at using ARPA funding for this project.

The Chair would appreciate a robust update on the project at their November meeting along with any City decision on using ARPA resources and a developer's update on outreach effort.

4. Update Good Food Purchasing Program

The project is moving forward with the Sheriff sending a request for Aramark to assist GFPP with data collection. The Chair requested that UF provide an update on how they are folding in metrics for dining services for the December meeting. Dr. Campbell will reach out them.

5. Community Education: Update on the Plant of the Month

Commissioner Alford reported that the collard plant of the month was met with enthusiasm by the public. Next month's plant will be strawberry.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

ADJOURN - The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Upcoming 2021 JFSPB Workshop Meetings

November 10, 2021

December 8, 2021

January 12, 2022

February 9, 2022