

Santa Fe City and County, Advisory Council on Food Policy  
Thursday February 13, 2025  
9:00AM-11PM

Hybrid Zoom link:

In-Person; Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute:1607 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501

A. CALL TO ORDER 9:05am

Nate Crail - Present

Maria Sanchez-Tucker - Present

Eric Renz-Whitmore - Present

David Sundberg - Present

Susan Perry - Present

Emigdio Ballon - Excused

Tejinder Ciano - Not excused

Said Assali - Excused

Jasmine Meyer - Present

Peter Ives – Present

We have a quorem.

Staff

Helen Henry

Guests

Shauna Woodworth, Cooking with Kids

Hvtch Miller, Santa Fe County

Harrison Gibson

Coy Maienza, Santa Fe County

Segio Mata-Cisneros, The Food Depot

Joseph Scala, Santa Fe County

Introductions from guests

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –February 13, 2025

Prioritization and Agenda Order

Move to approve: Peter

Second: David

Approved

D. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES –January 9, 2025

Move to approve: David

Second: Maria

Approved

## E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Cooking with Kids is applying for a grant.

## F. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

1. Legislative Update - Hvtce Miller,  
Santa Fe County, Intergovernmental Outreach Coordinator  
Hvtce was not able to be with us.

2. Food and Agricultural and Water Initiative Priorities - NMFAPC update  
Helen shared the NM Food & Ag Policy Council's Legislative Priorities Tracking webpage and walked through the priorities.

David shared how some of the priorities that are in HB2 (budget bill) are going.

Sergio shared updates about hunger priorities and other bills. HB2 is wrapping up in the House and then will go to the Senate and that gives a chance to advocate for items that did not make it into the budget that the House approved. The Senate will be doing hearings with all of the state agencies. The food banks have 30 million in the budget, divided up by 10 million each year. This is to do capacity building, expand food distribution, cold storage and then also to purchase food to close the meal gap. Sergio mentioned a number of other bills and budget priorities that the food banks are supporting.

There was discussion around the status of several bills/priorities - Change Anti-Donation Clause and Food as Medicine.

Maria let everyone know that last night the governing body approved the city resolution of support for legislation. She suggested that we start the process earlier next year (August).

David shared the Food Initiative Priorities sheet and also said that at the end of May (May 29th to 30th or 30th and 31st) there will be a food summit at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, which will be a two-day event. They're expecting probably 350 to 400 participants.

3. Calendar of Round House events and meetings  
Friday, the 21st is Hunger Action Day at the Capitol.

4. Follow up on Legislative evening at Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute 1/29/25 and  
NM Food & Farms Day at the Capitol 1/30/25 by those who attended  
David talked about Feast NM, which is a platform for announcing different types of events from fundraisers to community gatherings (focusing mostly on Santa Fe). The SFFMI developed a new website with support from the lodgers tax called Feast NM. They used the Feast New Mexico platform to launch their first legislator's Night Out which was a big success with about

200 people attending (including legislators). There were some new faces and people who don't necessarily come to these kinds of events. They were able to demonstrate outcomes of previous years' funding as well as focusing on what we are asking for this year. David commented that legislators liked hearing real stories and engaging with real people.

Food & Farms Day (Jan 30 at the Capitol) - 24 partners were tabling, lots of information, there was an ag youth organization also there at the same time. Helen went over who received Food & Farms Day awards this year.

Lots of general discussion around composting. Marie will find out what the City has been doing around composting.

#### 5. Federal Farm Bill and other federal Updates-group round robin

Sergio said that the Farm Bill got a one-year extension. They are starting process of doing reconciliation and are looking at two reconciliation bills, one that's really focused on tax and the other one is looking at like doing a lot of cuts and that's where we've got to look out that they don't cut SNAP and some of the other things that are important to us because they could cut some of the farm bill stuff in the second reconciliation bill.

General response for everyone about how federal changes are affecting people's work:

Also, a lot of us have USDA grants. They're still waiting to confirm a USDA secretary but some USDA offices have stopped reimbursing and we're hearing in some areas they are reversing some of the federal grants. The New Mexico delegation is really interested in us keeping them apprised of anything that we are experiencing.

David: The Healthy Food Financing Initiative was paused, but went through, they are waiting on a 2501 grant that is up in the air, and another large one - uncertain where things will land on these.

Eric talked about efforts happening here around the concept of circular economy.

Shauna, Harrison, Coy, Maria: monitoring, but no information at this point

Jasmine - they have two large CDC grant, and other grants, the PFS20 grant is not renewing in Santa Fe, although it will remain in Bernalillo.

Sue: She is part of a federal grant for behavioral health, money has been encumbered, but not sure what the long term effects will be. The state is in a good position to cover these areas if necessary.

G. PRESENTATIONS:           None

## H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None

## I. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

Member check-in

## J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

1. New interim Chair, Peter Ives

2. New member update

Sue has gotten all the information so that she can submit the new member requests.

We don't need Sherry's resignation letter because the information in the minutes.

Serigo will take Sherry's position and Jasmyne is up for renewal.

When David steps off, we will submit the paperwork for Shana's to become a member.

3. Next Meeting:

March 13, 2025: (Hybrid)

4. Topics for future presentations

Possible in-person meeting at the Youth Center in April (Maria will book the date)

David suggested a presentation on composting (possibly in March)

Segio - happy to host a meeting at the Food Depot - June/July

## L. ADJOURNMENT 10:11am

Sue moved to adjourn

Jamyne seconded.

Approved

These notes were taken contemporaneously and may contain errors and omissions.

Signed by *Helen Henry* Helen Henry.

I verify that these notes have been approved by a quorum of members of the Santa Fe Food Policy Council.

Signed by Susan Perry, Co-chair or, Peter Ives, Interim Co-chair

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