

Santa Fe City and County, Advisory Council on Food Policy

Thursday September 12, 2024, 9AM-11AM

Hybrid Meeting: In-Person; Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute:1607 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, NM 87501 and on Zoom

A. CALL TO ORDER 9:05am

B. ROLL CALL

Francisca Kika Ortiz - Excused  
Nate Crail - Present  
Maria Sanchez-Tucker - Present  
Eric Renz-Whitmore - Excused  
David Sundberg - Present  
Susan Perry - Present  
Emigdio Ballon - Excused  
Tejinder Ciano - Present  
Said Assali - Present  
Jasmine Meyer - Excused  
Peter Ives – Present  
We have quorum

Staff

Pam Roy  
Helen Henry

Guests

JoDee Powers  
Sergio Mata Cisneros (Food Depot)

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA –September 12, 2024

Prioritization and Agenda Order

David Moved for J1 to be moved to after D  
Sue Seconded  
Approved

D. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – August 8, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes as presented  
Nate Seconded  
Approved

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Introduction of Sergio Mata-Cisneros who is the new Government Relations Manager, originally from Pojoaque, in a newly created position at Food Depot. He will be engaging with all elected officials and agencies and entities at the State, local and federal level, and also leading a lot of the Food Depot's advocacy efforts as well, engaging at the city, with the county, state, and federal levels.

Jo Dee is looking for a venue to host the regenerative forum.

## F. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

1. Report out from SFFPC Legislative committee
  - a. **Vote** to approve Resolution

Peter - the resolution still needs to be updated in certain places before it can be submitted. We have sponsors Counselors Romero-Wirth and Cassette, and Commissioner Bustamante at the county level.

Corrections: Spelling of Commissioner Bustamante's name (correct spelling: Camilla Bustamante)

JoDee is going to make the changes that she is aware of and then get back to Pam for verification.

David: Would be to update what we can today, read through it, make sure that the framing, the content, the ideas, the concepts are what we want. In the past, we've voted to approve the resolution that we're submitting and qualify it with the caveat that the sponsors may make adjustments to data points and such but that the language and intent are what the Council wants to put forward. This way, it comes officially approved by the Council and the councilors and commissioners may weigh in. Since we already have our sponsors and they've seen the draft version, we should just need to tweak the data points as long as the Council approves.

Nate - It'd be good to have the references if the county's legal office asks for those (at least as a backup if not in the document. (Discussion about including references and how to do that.)

JoDee is working on getting the numbers for the resolution. Hvtce gave her a reference for where to get them. She will do this by Friday.

David asked if everyone felt comfortable with JoDee and Pam working on getting the information and references for highlighted areas. In the past we've included information about very specific things; this is a little more general and more all inclusive. The language is a bit more action-focused this year. Our sponsors may suggest changes, but we need to vote on the general intent and focus of the resolution.

Peter suggested changes to the structure and language of the document. Pam also had some suggestions about the type of language to use.

David commented that he has been in meetings with ?, and has learned that some of the programs that did not get funded will be incorporated into the department's budgets (ALTSD, ECECD, etc.), so we need to be careful about how we list our request for support for these items to make sure that these are supported in this fashion.

Peter moved that we approved both the city and county resolutions with the knowledge that the details will be added in.

Sue seconded

Approved

2. Discussion and assignment to develop matrix for developing ad hoc working committees- what groups do you engage with?

- a. Ad hoc Community committees-Discuss results from activity at August meeting.

David asked if everyone would fill in the matrix (spreadsheet) by filling in the groups/committees that they are involved with and any relevant information that could help us understand how it might be relevant to the work of the Policy Council.

The idea behind this is that we're not creating new, additional work for the Council and for individual members, but rather that we're connecting to the work that already exists, so that if there's a place that's relevant, we can bring our voice or do a presentation, etc. Fill out columns R.S. and T. Peter suggested a one week deadline.

G. PRESENTATIONS: Pam Roy and Susan Wilger:

New Mexico Food Charter and Report Card

Susan Wiger could not join us. Pam gave an overview of the New Mexico Food Charter and Report Card, which is a project of the NM Food & Agriculture Policy Council.

The purpose behind the Food Charter is how do we create consistency over time in the sense of resources and the work that we're all doing together with the state agencies, the executive branch, the legislative branch, and those of us who are working in community? The NM Food Charter and the Report Card are about laying out our overarching goals and creating a baseline to track changes. So the Report Card goes hand in hand with the Food Charter. The Report Card is a way of doing assessment of the programs that we advocate for in terms of how they are progressing around funding, development, etc.

There are three areas of emphasis: Nutrition and Food Security, Environment, Conservation and Climate Change, and Government Support and Infrastructure.

The legislative approach this year from the Office of the Governor will involve consolidating initiatives and pairing things with other initiatives such as Medicaid. We're also paying attention to things like rule making for legislative initiatives that have been approved but where the details still need to be worked out in the agencies' oversight structure (example: the Healthy Universal School Meals Act). A big part of this effort is the NM Grown program. Issues around water for agricultural production are also very important. Tracking these changes over time will inform our legislative strategy.

Pam went over a number of things that are being measured and what changes have occurred since the previous legislative session.

Peter suggested that in our resolution, we include the Food Charter and Report Card as a reference. Pam said that we can also include this in our presentations to the City and County. We are also planning site visits with state legislators, but can include City and County representatives as well. We also want to include examples of how these programs are working locally.

Peter inquired about the nature of the farms that are broken out in the statistics of farms. He said that some of the larger operations could have the effect of skewing the data (farms producing animal feed and not produce for human consumption). Pam suggested that we find out more about this, but the Dept of Ag reports does not break this out.

The issue of water rights is key to protecting the interests of small farmers.

David mentioned that we do not have good statistics about small farms because USDA does not have a focus on this, and then this affects funding. He also mentioned the drop in the healthy soils program applications, probably due to a new technical requirement by the program.

#### H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### I. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL

##### Member check-in

David asked Maria if the architect for the new senior Center. Maria said yes. They have also recently been designated as an AARP age-friendly community. The first part of this process will involve community input - how can we be more age-friendly? The food policy part of the work that we are doing can inform this.

Oct 2 - Quality of Life presentation, need presentation done by Sept 25. There is also a separate presentation for the Economic Development Department. Maria will get more details about what they want us to emphasize. Maria will send an email about upcoming meetings and deadlines.

Nate: Nate will be running the Berlin marathon in a few weeks.

David noted that the upcoming COG meeting has been canceled, and that Peter is on top of all these things that are involved with this. Peter anticipated that Nov/Dec is the timeframe for public comment

Peter noted that he was recently appointed as the Government Affairs person for the SF homebuilders. He is also on the IAIA Foundation Board.

Said: Nothing to report.

Sue is looking at the cross connections between all of the things that intersect around food security.

Sue will be in Hawaii October 3-9.

Tejinder: They were able to provide the Food Depot with a lot of food this year. They are trying to figure out how to put more education into to their farm components and their regenerative agricultural components and their composting. So they're trying to align these programs with their values as much as possible in order to be able to provide the greatest benefit to the community. They are working with a number of USDA grants this year.

David mentioned that this year is likely to start up with the Medicaid referral programs.

David: A few weeks ago they started a mobile market program, sourcing the food from the the producers here at Santa Fe Farmers market. We have a refrigerated trailer for basically markets that exist in Mexico. This is a responsive program that is able to meet people where their needs are.

K. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Membership update

J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

1. Next Meeting: In -Person at Tesuque Pueblo  
October 10, 2024:

Peter moved to host the next meeting (and tour of the farm) on Oct 10 at Tesuque Pueblo, pending approval by the Pueblo (Council member and staff names have been submitted for approval). We'll need to put out a notice that new people have to let us know within a certain period of time, because we have to get permission for visitors to Pueblo. If the meeting is not approved by the Pueblo, then we will continue with our current hybrid format (SFFMI and Zoom)  
Seconded - Maria  
Approved

Maria said that we need to use the prime Gov portal for all of our documents and communications that are being sent out. We need to work with Maria to make sure that we're using that and sending that link out.

Legislative Committee meeting confirmed for Sept 17 at 9:00am

2. Topics for future presentations

L. ADJOURNMENT 10:47am

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 David Sundberg, Co-chair or Susan Perry, Co-chair

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