

Food Policy Task Force Meeting Minutes

July 16th, 2014

Call to Order and Welcoming Remarks

Meeting called to order by Kelly Dudeck at 10:07 am and welcomed taskforce members to today's meeting.

Alison Hastings

Ms. Dudeck introduced Alison Hastings, Manager of Strategic Partnerships at Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. She is a Member of the Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council, Co-Chair of the Philadelphia Food Funders of Delaware Valley Grantmakers, Board member of Pennsylvania Hunger Action Center, and Steering Committee Member of Emerging Professionals in Philanthropy, Philadelphia Chapter. She has a Masters in City Planning from University of Pennsylvania and a BS in City and Regional Planning from Cornell University. Ms. Hastings gave a brief presentation and answered questions on the formation of the Philadelphia Food Policy Advisory Council, including best practices and potential problems for Howard County's task force.

Lindsay Smith

Ms. Dudeck introduced Lindsay Smith from DC area Grant Makers. Lindsay has practiced planning in Maryland, consulted on land conservation, and served as a coordinator for a local food council. She currently works with philanthropy on building a more equitable food system in the Greater Washington region. More about her current work with Washington Regional Food Funders can be found [here](#). She is the Board Secretary of ECO City Farms, an urban farm near Hyattsville. Lindsay is a member of Future Harvest CASA and the Virginia Association of Biological Farming. She is also a community gardener in northwest DC with sad tomato plants. Lindsay holds master's degrees in urban planning and in environmental policy from the University of Michigan. Ms. Smith discussed her experience with local food policy councils and planning for sustainable agricultural practices.

Hailey Stern

Ms. Dudeck introduced Hailey Stern, who is a Food System Planning Intern at Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and a Masters of Urban Planning Candidate at SUNY Buffalo. She is currently doing research on government-related food policy advisory committees. She has a BA in Political Science and Geography, and a minor in Community and International Development from the University of Vermont

Alice Huang

Ms. Dudeck introduced Alice, Baltimore City's Healthy Food Coordinator. Alice works very closely with Holly Freishtat (who was unable to attend). Holly is the First Food Policy Director

for the City of Baltimore. In this role, she created the Baltimore Food Policy Initiative, an inter-governmental collaboration that aims to increase access to healthy affordable food in food deserts in Baltimore City. Using a multi-sector perspective, Freishtat addresses policy barriers, facilitates new partnerships, and leverages funding to implement innovative solutions to address food access issues in Baltimore. She is a key advocate at the city, state, and federal level for policies to enhance availability of healthy affordable food in Baltimore's food deserts. Freishtat has a Masters of Science from Tufts University in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition and was a Food and Society Policy Fellow in 2007.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned into work groups at 11:31 am.