

Santa Fe Food Policy Council Notes
April 13, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Present: David Sundberg, Sue Perry, Nate Crail, Eric Renz-Witmore,, Sherry Hopper, Joanna Nelson, Maria Sanchez-Tucker

Excused: Tejinder Ciano, Carrie Theilen, Emigdio Ballon

No quorum

Absent:, Kika Ortiz

Staff: Pam Roy, Helen Henry

Guest: Hvtce Miller

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - NA

D. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - NA

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

F. PRESENTATIONS: Pam Roy

1. Summary of NM Legislative session

- a. Introduction of Hvtce Miller, Santa Fe County Intergovernmental Director;
And his role with Legislative activities for SF County

Pam introduced Hvtce Miller who is the Intergovernmental Coordinator for Santa Fe County. Hvtce works with the legislative priorities at the county level. He works on the resolutions for the county and interfaces with various entities (including tribal entities) around issues with the county and how they can work together to achieve solutions. He wanted to get to know us better and figure out what we need to do to work together and stay on top of information sharing. He mentioned the funding for Universal Healthy School meals and the opportunity for local purchasing of produce, and how we can all work to make this happen in the best way possible. Food security, housing and transportation are important priorities that we can work together to create policy/legislative solutions, looking through a broad lens in recognizing the ways that many things affect food security. So we can explore the ways that we can work together to create effective policy. They need to have a sense of the broad policy issues that we're working with so that they can have these on their list of priorities so that they can advocate for them.

Pam mentioned that the Council has a framework for our work that can serve as a starting place. She used the Pollinator Memorial that was introduced during the last legislative session as an example as something that outlines values and direction, rather than being about a specific legislative outcome.

Hvtce mentioned that starting with Tesuque Pueblo (where he is from and where Emigdio is the farm director) as a way to introduce the idea of using the food grown on the pueblo (and other

local foods) in their schools and senior centers. Pam said that Aging and Long Term Services provided a mini-loan to Tesuque Pueblo, and she'll follow up with Emigdio.

David talked about how we might want to approach working on this question with the pueblos and tribal communities and Hvtce was interested in working on this.

David recommended that we could suggest to Sen. Pirtle to create a task force to work on the bill (Food Accessibility Act) that he brings every year. Pam talked about some solutions to this and how we can be proactive.

Next steps:

Get together with Hvtce and figure out how to get the county resolution together a little sooner (work with Nate, Kika and Emigdio on this).

We can also do a presentation to the County Board of Commissioners.

2. update on NM Grown

Maria said that they are working an application for NM Grown to Aging and Long Term Services in anticipation of bringing on a director for senior services. This would be for a pilot project.

Pam went over some of the details of what the Food Initiative budget break out looks like for FY24. Pam went over a few other things from the legislative session such as the Land of Enchantment Legacy Fund (\$100M) which helps to leverage federal funding and the Meat Processing Act (which did not pass - we are not sure why). It may be on the Governor's call for the next session.

Priorities planning meeting with the county

Sherry, David, Eric, Pam and Hvtce

Date: Friday, May 12 9:00 - 10:00am virtual (Pam will send a Zoom)

Maria will check to see if we need to post the meeting/agenda on the website.

3. Federal Farm Bill Priorities

Pam gave a short update on the Farm Bill. Pam will be sending information out to everyone.

G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS 5 minutes

Helen: Input for content for website update

(update contact info for members, update photo)

Helen would like to have some help updating the SFFPC website content - taking off outdated material, helping to identify resources and updating existing information. It would be nice to get some new group photos when we meet in person again. Eric volunteered to help on this.

H. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL: 5 minutes

Food Depot Update: New commercial kitchen

Sherry reported that they had toured some facilities, but they were not optimal. She is also working with Patricia Bois at the county. and there are some options available. They need a

kitchen that is available every day. Their deadline is the end of May. Finding a building with space that they could put equipment in is also a possibility.

Sherry shared that the Food Depot will be planning an event for the anniversary of their press release of their report to the Mayor, probably in June, reporting on the progress of what has happened with this information.

I. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS 25 minutes

1. Santa Fe Food Policy Council Members Update and Discussion
 - a. New City of Santa Fe Senior Services Director (if hired)
 - b. City of Santa Fe-SFFPC appointments progress
2. Process for 2023 Priorities (deferred to next in-person meeting)
 - b. City of Santa Fe-SFFPC appointments progress

We went over the grid for Council membership status and what we still need to work on.

Lorenzo Dominguez is still a strong candidate

David suggested JP with Youthworks for the city position but he may have a conflict of interest.

Sue mentioned that the owner of Jambo Cafe might be a good person to reach out to.

2. Process for 2023 Priorities

J. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Reminder: 2023 new dates for the SFFPC meetings
In person or virtual- list with Zoom invite sent for 2023

2. Request Member for any needed paperwork
Eric will follow up on the status of his paperwork.

3. Next Meeting: May 11, 2023 (in person and location)

There is a preference for an in person meeting in May. We will need to find a place to meet - suggestions: the library or possibly Tejinder's place, Sherry also mentioned another place.

K. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

L. ADJOURNMENT

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