

DUBUQUE COUNTY FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 14, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

HYBRID Meeting:

In-Person: 1225 Seippel Road, Dubuque, Iowa 52001 (Dubuque County's West Campus)

Zoom recording - to come

MEETING MINUTES

Council members present: Rich Henderson, Michaela Freiburger, Paul Schultz, Kathy Hutton, Samantha Kloft, Catherine Caitlin, Whitney Sanger, Sunil Malapati, Andy Spaniol, Octavius Evan

Council members not present: Gwen Hall-Driscoll, Cindy Hilken, Lynn Sutton

Non-council members present: Candace Eudaley, Danielle Stowell, Ray Kruse (ISU Extension), Ann McDonough (county supervisor), Harley Pothoff (county supervisor), Lori Scovel (Limestone Bluffs RC&D), Tim Greenwood, Stephen Silker, Diane Pape-Freiburger

Call to order: 4:02 pm

Approval of minutes:

-Danielle: Typo found in previous meeting month minute approval. Kathy motioned to approve December meeting minutes, not November

Whitney: motion to approve January minutes with the above correction

Rich: 2nd

Minutes Approved

Public comments:

-County Supervisors welcomed Steve Silker & Tim Greenwood for joining as important voices for rural food producer/retailer perspectives.

Council Elections:

-Samantha Kloft - update on county appointment process

-County posted 3 vacancies online which would bring DCFPC up to the maximum number of members. Note that the DCFPC is not required to reach this maximum, but must maintain the required minimum number of members..

-HR will reach out to current members one month before their term expires to gauge interest in renewed council seat or to declare the intent to step down.

-Officer nominations: If a position is contested, the bylaws state that a blind ballot vote will take place. Text votes to 563-581-9688 OR private message to Danielle in the Zoom chat

-Chair

-Currently Michaela Freiburger

-New nomination: Catherine Caitlin nominates Whitney Sanger, Whitney accepts

-Sunil 2nd and proposes that everyone votes by acclimation vs. secret ballot, because the nomination is not contested

-Votes: Michaela abstained, all other present members vote aye.

- Vice Chair
 - Currently Rich Henderson
 - New nominations: none, Rich accepts the nomination**
 - Kathy 2nd**
 - Votes: all aye**

- Secretary: Limestone Bluffs RC&D Representative unless otherwise contested, already voted on at the January DCFPC meeting

Local Food Planner Updates:

- Survey results open for questions - all council members have access via Google Drive link previously sent
 - Sunil: excel is a difficult to synthesize the information, requests for the next meeting we try to summarize again because the results take so much time to read individually. Candace suggests putting together graphs of responses for a visual may help data interpretation.
- Winter Market grant project update:
 - Next Food For Thought presentation will feature DCFPC Lynn Sutton and Gisella Aitken-Shadle to speak on the topic of Culturally Appropriate Foods from the black and latin community perspectives.
- Farm To Table Dinner update: awaiting grant results for funding, 3 grant requests submitted so far, 1 more planned so that we can get funding ahead of time to keep ticket prices low.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Strategic plan: all DCFPC members are invited to attend the next subcommittee meeting to provide input on identified priorities.
 - Impact/effort grid will be used to identify priorities out of 100+ potential activities/efforts that have been identified. Not everything will make it into the plan, but higher priorities will be identified.
 - Draft and zoom link will be sent in advance of the meeting by Catherine.
- Grants:
 - Quarterly reports have been sent to DCFPC and Board of Health
 - Process seems to be going smoothly, and receipts can be turned in to be paid now
 - For FY23 grantees will need to apply through the Purchase of Services process through the county supervisors going forward.
 - Rich: has concerns that the public will be too intimidated to apply through this new Purchase of Services process vs. a grant application process through the council. How will the public be notified and have access to the funding?
 - Sam is happy to serve as point person to help facilitate and work with county finance department to make it easier on the applicants.

Council updates:

- Board of Supervisor Communications: DCFPC Structure and funding updates
 - Michaela challenged all council members to reach out and create personal connection with the County Board of Supervisors, and make sure to share stories of local foods successes.
- Paul: Bev Wagner is too over extended so she has decided not to join the DCFPC at this time, but may reconsider in the future.
- Rich: Went to a two-day food equity training through ISU Extension with Michaela & Paul, was very eye opening.
 - Paul: realized that sometimes working in the food system puts people in a bubble without being aware and respectful of other perspectives
- Michaela: invitation has gone out for the food systems focus group facilitated by Lynn & Michaela:

- 6:00-7:00PM on Monday, February 21, 2022 at Third Corner (210 W. 1st Street downtown Dubuque)
- Being very intentional about reaching out to immigrant populations and people of color, and consider this focus group just a start for a more in-depth program that can be put together in the next year
- \$200 has been provided to provide food and non-alcoholic beverages
- Currently some members from the Marshallese and Black communities have registered to attend
- Catherine has a concern about how the intended audiences are being reached? For example, nobody has approached the Guatemalan population she works with.
- A stipend will be provided for attendees
- Attendees are asked to register online: <https://forms.gle/3PPLXQKKy9hW3BgK7>
- Suggested that if there are concerns about the money or county budgeting process, Michaela and Lynn can move forward as individuals without the DCFPC being attached to the event.
- Sunil does not see the harm in lending the DCFPC name to promote the event so council can get the information that would eventually be going back to the State from the focus group.

Community Updates:

-None

Motion to adjourn: 5:03pm

Rich motions to adjourn

Michaela 2nd

All approved

Next meeting:

4:00pm - Monday, March 14, 2022