

Food & Farm Council of Riley County & City of Manhattan

May 19, 2021, 11:30 am-1:00 pm ZOOM Meeting

In Attendance: Carol Barta, Andrea DeJesus, Megan Dougherty, John Green, Sharolyn Jackson, Jacquie Mack, Maureen Olewnik, Adrian Self, Stephanie Smith, Kirsten Spear, Michael Wilson, Vickie James (FFC Coordinator), Shanika Rose.

Unable to Attend: Josh Brewer, Jaden Castinado, Jennifer Morris, David Proctor, Elias Martinson

Guests: Millicent Okyere, Gretchen Lewis (Common Table), Kristen Bischoff, Caitlin Jindrich, Lee Crouch

Meeting Recording:

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1. Updates on CATS in general
 - a. Partner MOUs/engagement/meeting attendance
 - i. Current process for community action teams is working. Does anyone have input on this?
 1. Maureen – The Food Waste CAT started out slowly, but things are happening now.
 2. Sharolyn – There has been good participation and progress in the Food Education CAT.
 3. Megan – has noticed more involvement and participation in the Food Education CAT.
 4. Vickie – connectivity is improving – most recently with Harvesters in the latest Food Education CAT.
 - b. Partner Roster updates
 - i. Sharolyn has shared rosters in the chat feature on Zoom. This can also be found in our FFC Google Drive. If you have not signed the MOU for the CAT you are in, please do so this month.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oyWnY-qvEM6NpCaBUKVDURE7-CJI0f27/view?usp=sharing> **Waste CAT**
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CRsfwz_ssm19GISDmuhAk1NQZStL7VS6/view?usp=sharing **Food Insecurity CAT**
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JjwES9FIHt1AI5xR9Po1fzx2NEtrWxE3/view?usp=sharing> **Education CAT**
 - ii. We have updated our partner MOU for each CAT. This is good to have for multiple reasons, including for use in grant writing, for reference in our work moving forward, and to show connectivity and progress to our local government.
2. Education CAT
 - a. **Farmers Market – Power of Produce.**

- i. This is our POP program for children that will be held 9am –11am each Saturday at the Farmers Market starting June 5th. There will be nutrition education activities, and the children will receive a tote bag and a coupon for \$3 in produce. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1KnixqZcLGQ7evyN3mlv-mTStlqSJnH0r/view?usp=sharing>
 - ii. Donations – we are still looking for donations to make this as successful as possible. Please share the donation flyer among your groups and contacts! <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WR0xeaUJ9zAFsZ6W4YyvCISdtPajE9fF/view?usp=sharing>
 - iii. Volunteers – We need 5-7 volunteers each weekend. If you can volunteer for any of these weekends, please sign up using the calendar document which can be found in our FFC Google Drive. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sJdrPUeLok1leMgXlcNNofrOsVSljvD9/view?usp=sharing>
- 3. Waste CAT
 - a. Restaurant Champion Program
 - i. They had a meeting about this last Friday, and are getting ready to send it out to restaurants. This is a program to help support local restaurants. There are 25 criteria focusing on nutrition, recycling, food recovery, and healthy menu design – if restaurants meet a certain number of criteria, they can be “restaurant champions.” There will be a window cling for them to display. Stay tuned for information on how to support this program.
 - b. Eisenhower MS initiative
 - i. “Compost Lasagna (do not eat)” <https://nourishtogether.org/compost-lasagna-do-not-eat/>
 - 1. Blog post written by the Eisenhower middle school group on composting. Megan has posted it to our website. The group plans to continue next year as 8th graders, and to teach other school groups how to get involved.
- 4. Food Insecurity CAT
 - a. Konza Student Table
 - i. Summer volunteer needs - we will be serving less meals, but will have less volunteers to do so. Please drop a line to Vickie if you would be able to help out.
 - b. Resource packets provided with Harvesters mobile distributions
- 5. Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Grant (CDRR)
 - a. Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (KSFMNP)
 - i. We have 7 people who have signed up and completed the training program online. We are all set to go, and are just waiting on the documents to arrive from the state.
 - ii. Locations to “meet” the Seniors?
 - 1. Vickie to Gretchen at common table – will be contacting you to discuss ideas for this.
- 6. ATA Bus update

- a. Michael is working on getting a farmers market bus stop. There are going to be community resource maps in English and Spanish on each bus.
- 7. Partnership with Fort Riley for their gardening program.
 - a. They harvested 1200 lbs. of food last year
 - b. The group needed more compost this year, but needed a liaison to ask for it from the county. Vickie did that this morning (5/17). The commissioners voted unanimously to donate 1 ton of compost.
 - c. Our contact at Fort Riley is going to start attending our meetings.
- 8. Food Security Scholars
 - a. Maureen – has not had any contact with them since the round table at leadership studies.
 - b. Adrian – is not sure if there is any summer activity happening. Would guess that it will be closer to fall semester.
- 9. Curbside Consulting Report
 - a. Adrian – We learned that in addition to food deserts, there are also food swamps.
 - b. Maureen – it was an interesting discussion, and was glad to have the opportunity to talk with them again.
 - c. Vickie – Mark Winnie and team are experts on supporting FFC around the country. It's always good to have the opportunity to talk with them.
- 10. HiAP Training and Customized Sessions
 - a. Two groups have reached out to Deb Nuss with interest for customized training sessions. We have trainers ready to go work with these groups, and trainings will start in June.
- 11. Food and Farm Council – Meet our intern, Caitlin!
 - a. Caitlin will be working with our council for the next few months to help Vickie and help with the Master Food Plan. She will start working with us once she has finished school in about a week and a half.
- 12. Master Food Plan
 - a. Support letters from both City/County Commissions
 - i. We needed written support letters to move forward, which they have now provided.
 - b. Consultant – New Venture – Eileen Horn
 - i. Eileen will be able to attend the next meeting of the master food plan committee.
 - c. Addition of Commissioners to the team
 - i. They will be a part of this process from the get go, which will be helpful in making this plan as successful as possible.
 - d. Community engagement “Take it to the People” (Places/spaces/contact leadership and what groups you want to help engage?)
 - i. We’ve been discussing at our CAT groups the places and spaces to engage the community for this work.
 - ii. Please think of key audiences you have contacts with. We have a diverse group on our council and with our partners and guests to our meetings. We are all

taking a minute to add our contacts and ideas to the chat in Zoom. Below are the comments from the council and guests:

1. From jacquie mack to Everyone:
2. I have contact information for senior independent living apartments
3. From Carol Barta to Everyone:
4. Everyone counts in August
5. From Andrea to Everyone:
6. Events that are being held around town such as Everybody Counts, Farmers Markets
7. From Shanika Rose to Everyone:
8. Juneteeth will be a good one
9. From jacquie mack to Everyone:
10. Juneteenth Everybody Counts - August
11. From Shanika Rose to Everyone:
12. Juneteenth
13. From Andrea to Everyone:
14. Not sure if they are having it but would Purple Power Play on Poyntz be one?
15. From Maureen Olewnik... to Everyone:
16. Juneteenth, farmers market, contacts in leadership studies.
17. From Kirsten Spear to Everyone:
18. Arts in the park is happening again this year, and I remember from past years there have been booths set up beforehand. The animal shelter was there doing education once.
19. From Carol Barta to Everyone:
20. Buy Nothing Facebook groups
21. From Andrea to Everyone:
22. Third Thursdays (Downtown Manhattan)
23. From Mike Wilson - M... to Everyone:
24. Everybody Counts in August
25. From Maureen Olewnik... to Everyone:
26. The working poor
27. From Sharolyn Flamin... to Everyone:
28. Common Table meals
29. From Mike Wilson - M... to Everyone:
30. Veterans
31. From Millicent Okyer... to Everyone:
32. Undergraduate and graduate students,
33. From Andrea to Everyone:
34. Could we put something at blessing boxes?
35. From jacquie mack to Everyone:
36. The senior will have a couple of events as well
37. From Kirsten Spear to Everyone:
38. Library community board
39. From Shanika Rose to Everyone:
40. Typically Black Student Union at KState does a welcome back BBQ each year the weekend after school starts in August
41. From Maureen Olewnik... to Everyone:
42. indigenous populatino
43. From Kristen Bischof... to Everyone:
44. Families with special needs children
45. From jacquie mack to Everyone:
46. senior center*
47. From Millicent Okyer... to Everyone:
48. Bodegas near here, farm workers.
49. From Mike Wilson - M... to Everyone:
50. International Student Resource Fair

- 51. From Sharolyn Flamin... to Everyone:
- 52. Working through faith-based group contacts
- 53. From Shanika Rose to Everyone:
- 54. Black Entrepreneurs of the Flint Hills
- 55. From Sharolyn Flamin... to Everyone:
- 56. Emergency Shelter clients
- 57. From Carol Barta to Everyone:
- 58. There will be events in Riley, Leonardville and Randolph but I don't know what right now

iii. If you have any other contacts, email Vickie this information in the coming weeks.

- 13. Planning for community engagement with surveys, focus groups Goals/survey questions
 - a. This is how we will be spending our time in the coming months. Vickie is considering having us not meet in July. She will be asking us to help with the surveys and community engagement instead. We will then be back in August for our final meeting of the year.
- 14. Food and Farm Council appointments (2 county appointments open)
 - a. Jayden will be leaving at the end of the term and will be joining the peace corps.
 - b. Jennifer will need to leave due to work commitments.
 - c. We will have two county appointments open. One is a university student position. If you know of anyone who is interested in the position, please do reach out. Vickie plans to reach out to the Food Security scholars.
- 15. Food distribution with Harvesters at farmers Market update:
 - a. If anyone is connected with a group that would want to be the sponsor, please let Vickie know ASAP. We so far do not have a group to sponsor, and cannot take on the program without this. In the future, we will need to work on this sooner to get it off the ground – we just didn't have the information early enough this time.
 - i. It would take place at the market and would be specifically for children 1-18
 - ii. 2-3 volunteers would be needed for each Saturday in the summer. There is a 2-hour volunteer training.
- 16. Until We Meet Again
 - a. ZOOM Next FFC meeting date/location Monday, June 21st, 2021, 11:30am
 - b. Master Food Plan Leadership Team May 18th, 1-2pm
 - c. FFC Adm. Council Monday, June 7th, 10:30
 - d. Food Insecurity CAT, Monday, June 14th 10am
 - e. Waste CAT, Friday, June 11th, 8:30am
 - f. Education CAT, Monday, May 24th, 4pm and June 28th 4pm



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