Humboldt Food Policy Council  
February 25, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ann Anderson, Portia Bramble, Erin Derden-Little, Anne Holcomb, Edie Jessup, Joseph Ormond, Debbie Perticara, Lara Weiss, Martha Shanahan, Laura McEwen, Jen Maguire, Xandra Manns, Deborah Giraud, May Patino

Welcome
Barbara introduced herself and welcomed the group at 3:35 PM. Introductions were made around the table. The group decided to resume with the 3:00 PM start time for the next scheduled business meeting. Voting cards were passed around the room.

Business
- **Quorum was established**
- **Consensus vote: All three items passed**
  1. To approve the HFPC January Meeting Minutes as written
  2. To approve Michael Kraft as a voting member
  3. Welcomed additional nominations to the Steering Committee. Debbie Perticara was nominated for Food Policy Representative. To approve Debbie Perticara as Food Policy Representative.

Member Announcements
- Debbie Perticara and Edie Jessup reported on the California Food Policy Council (CAFPC) meeting the attended. The meeting took place in Sacramento on February 9-10, 2015. They reported that there will be another meeting in mid-May. It was stated that anyone interested in going should let them know. CAFPC voted to support the Nutrition Incentive Act - the federal Market Match program and updated their operating guidelines. The need for a representative from Humboldt FPC in order to retain voting rights at the CAFPC meetings was brought up. Connie Stewart was mentioned as a potential candidate. Barbara Browning agreed to let her know about it. The meeting’s that require a designated representative will start in March. Discussion then ensued about the legislative attendees and their support for Telephonic Signatures and Market Match. This led to a lengthy discussion about getting fresh produce to low-income communities.
  - A handout on webinar providing information to help small stores improve their retail environment was passed around.
  - There will be an educational gathering on land use and agriculture with cannabis cultivation – the date and time are still to be determined.
  - Ann Anderson announced that this is the 6th year that Food For People will be providing farmers with funds for providing food and they are in need of funding. $15k is the target. Currently at $7,800. Locally Delicious is helping to support this effort.
  - Locally Delicious funds small grants for community organizations to improve food access, etc. Information can be found on their website and usually range from $150-$300.
• The State Funds for Food Banks is asking for $5 million in funding this year. Food For People’s stake in this would be $10k.

• A Community Nutrition Action Partnership meeting will be held. Anyone that is interested can come to the meeting. Email lmcewen@co.humboldt.ca.us if interested.

• CAFF has been setting up CSA farms to receive EBT on site and at the farms. Currently EBT is now available at Redwood Roots, Organic Matters, Deep Seeded Farm and Hoopa. P.R. for this program is part of the future plan.

• The Arcata Saturday Market will start its full season on the 1st Saturday of April.

• HSU food security and social justice has been expanding services, trying to find ways to match current needs of the student body. 60% of the student body fits the profile. Wednesday “Cooking on a Budget” classes have been very successful.

• Food For People is opening a second Arcata location at Trinity Baptist Church. It will open in April.

• “Let’s Get Healthy Humboldt” meeting is March 19th.

• A non-profit native plant nursery has been put in at Redwood Acres. Anyone interested is welcome to come and see it.

• A UC Berkeley Food Security Grant is allowing UC Berkeley to conduct a large-scale food assessment of our area.

Breakout Groups
Breakout groups did not occur, as group opted for a lengthier announcements session.

Discussion of Food Summit 2016
Current resources from the Co-op include $2,500 and Melanie’s time. Connie Stewart is in the process of trying to secure additional funding sources. General consensus of the group was to form a Food Summit Committee. A working group sign up sheet was then passed around. Key factors to determine are the purpose and audience as well as resources and time. A FPC representative could attend the “Let’s Get Healthy Humboldt” meeting in March to recruit participants in the Food Summit. General consensus of the group was that the summit is lacking structure and direction and could benefit from a lead organization or lead person. For the 1st Food Summit meeting the goals of the Co-op and the FPC need to be defined their alignment should be evaluated. A survey of the group on what type event they would like it to be and a discussion of how to improve access to local area food was also requested. A lengthy discussion then ensued about what types of things could be discussed at the meeting. A sign up sheet for meeting attendance was passed around. Barbara volunteered to send out a message to schedule the first meeting.
**Review of Cross Pollination Survey**
Debbie presented the results. There were 26 respondents to the survey, 10 of which were voting members. The survey covered membership diversity, policy activities, and goals of the group. Areas the survey determined are in greatest need of attention included waste and recycling and diversity. More analysis is still needed. Policy work and related goals is an area that could use more in depth exploration. Key data was distributed to the group on a handout. More concise summary data will be presented at a future date.

**Closing Comments**
Next month’s FPC meeting will be educational and will include a CAFF presentation by Erin Derden-Little and a presentation from Susan Ornelas about the cows that were purchased as part of the 2013 CalFresh grant. **It will be held on March 25th, from 5:30-7:00 PM at the Humboldt Area Foundation – Emerson Room.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM