Humboldt Food Policy Council  
April 29, 2015  
Meeting Minutes

Attendees  
Ann Anderson, Melanie Bettenhausen, Anne Holcomb, Edie Jessup, Amie McClellan, Joseph Ormand, Debbie Perticara, Michael Kraft, Martha Shanahan, Lara Weiss, Laura McEwen, Suzanne Simpson, Babette Bach, Kate Boose, May Patino and Barbara Browning

Welcome  
Barbara introduced herself and welcomed the group at 3:00 PM. Introductions were made around the table. Voting cards were passed around the room.

Business  
- Quorum was established  
- Consensus vote: The item passed  
  1. To approve the HFPC February Business Meeting Minutes as written (with current corrections)

Discussion and sticky note voting on ideas for educational meetings  
Barbara used the survey from December to create main categories for potential future educational meeting topics. Potential topics were written on the white board and each member got four votes. Selections were made by placing a dot on the board next to the topic(s) each member most wanted to have as featured meeting topic.

Top votes included:  
- Healthy Food in Schools  
- Access to Healthy Food/Food Deserts

Followed by:  
- Processing  
- Distribution (specific request was made for a CAFF report)  
- Rural Issues

The Steering Committee will hold a special meeting to come up with specifics that fall under the broadly chosen categories and will determine the next educational meeting speaker.

Food Summit Discussion/Update  
Barbara presented a summary of the Food Summit meeting minutes. All main meeting minute points were covered. Highlights included that a date for the event has been selected. It will take place on February 22, 2016. The most promising venue is the Adorni Center. The potential schedule for the event is 9am-3pm. At the next Food Summit meeting the schedule will be discussed in more detail, along with the potential keynote speaker(s).

Concerns about the Food Summit that were brought up today included:  
- Are the break out sessions too short? If the summit is held at the Adorni Center the number of break out sessions will be limited to three. Having the poster sessions cover other areas of focus not included was discussed.
There are possibly too many goals. It was requested that the goals get prioritized at the next meeting.

The next Food Summit meeting will be held on May 6th at the General Hospital, in the Burre Room.

**FPC Commitment Discussion**
Laura McEwen and Laura Weiss led the discussion. Background on the 2014 Community Health Assessment for Humboldt County was covered. The community health improvement plan has six focus areas aimed at improving community health and decreasing early mortality. At a recent meeting, attended by Barbara O’Neal, specific goals within this were discussed. Printed copies of these goals were passed around the room. Goal 1, *Increasing access to affordable, nutritious foods* was an area that HFPC involvement was requested.

The main question(s) are what level of involvement does HFPC feel comfortable with and what is realistic in terms of timelines and goals for any HFPC involvement? Also, does the HFPC want to be listed in the improvement plan as responsible for this area? Creating an ad-hoc sub committee to address this was suggested. It was specifically requested that this committee meet and discuss how food deserts are defined- specifically in our rural area/experience (as opposed to urban food deserts), in addition to discussing the aforementioned topics. Everyone that was interested in participating in the food desert ad-hoc sub committee gave a show of hands. Barbara recorded these. It was then voted and passed that Laura would lead the ad-hoc sub committee to address this.

**Member Announcements**
- Joan Levy of Humboldt CAN is looking for people interested in writing monthly articles for the Times Standard food page column. A sign-up sheet was passed around the room.
- The Co-op is starting to plan for the annual Pumpkin Patch event at Warren Creek Farms in October. They may need a new coordinator for this event, and are always in need of more volunteers.
- The Food for People seasonal produce markets have been funded by St. Joseph’s and will be starting up in May.

**Closing Comments**
Next month’s FPC educational meeting will be held on **May 27, 2015 from 5:30-7pm at the Unitarian Fellowship.**

The specific topic and speaker is TBA and will be decided on by the Steering Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35PM.