

**11 June 2024**

**Chair:** Dani and Bryce

**Notes:** Mari

**Time:** Bryce

**Present:** charles, rubi, fane, samantha, art, harrison, ben , Danni, bridget, natalie, sierra, cecilia, lashonda

## **1. Orientation**

- a. Reminder of acronym meanings, Indy Food Access Commission (IFAC) vs. Community Food Access Coalition (CFAC), and why we formed the coalition. Work together but commission is supposed to work based on the coalition's input.
- b. Moving from Bylaws and Structure to Accountability and Administration
  - i. Milele Kennedy- DCNFP director and IndyFAC co-chair resigned, unknown who will replace her- appointed by Mayor
  - ii. Other co-chair Sibeko stepped down and two other community members stepped down– we were asked to choose three commissioners to sit on the Commission.
- c. Commission Culture has not been transparent with the previous community appointees so this can be a chance to hold them accountable and ask the questions we have all been asking for a while.
- d. Art volunteers to chair with support from Dani and Bryce
- e. **ACTION NEEDED:** We have been asked to provide 3 people to be appointed to the commission, who do we want to place in that room? Decided by July 15.

## **2. Proposal for Meeting June 25 at Flanner Farms**

- a. Would be community style and listening session for coalition-
- b. Discussion includes event ideas (potluck, inviting local farmers and food activists, doing outreach to homeless/unhoused community, partner with existing organizations; introduce new people; good community outreach opportunity; Hope Packages can help out. Need to promote and publicize.
- c. Motion to move forward passed.

## **3. Purpose and Mission Statement Document**

- a. Discussion on progress
  - i. Volunteers assigned for June 18.
    1. LaShadnoa, Ben, Hannah, Art, Harrison, and Dani, Charles
    2. Deadline: June 18.

## **4. Legal entity options for structure-**

- a. Fiscal sponsorship is the best visible option; it would just be a matter of finding which non-profit we would want to fall under. We may want to come up with an extensive list of options and do pros/cons to each.

- b. Advisors to consult: Indiana Cooperative Development Center: we still need to decide on an entity structure (please see handout); Deb Trocha; Purdue extension center
  - c. Discussion on research findings
    - i. Criteria for sponsorship
      - 1. Need to be food related or be a nonprofit around food justice
      - 2. In existence for 3 years or more
      - 3. Need to be a 501c3 nonprofit
      - 4. Be in good standing with community
    - ii. Question about preparation for voting, decision to allow discussion and vote next week, motion to vote on fiscal sponsorship v agency passed unanimously.
5. Permanent committees to be established after 90 day interim period -Sierra 2 min
- a. Current “committees” will now be called “working groups” because they are not permanent after the 90 day interim period
    - i. Bylaws, mission statement, membership committee, solidarity statement
  - b. Committees will be permanent, guidelines
  - c. Budget, membership, communications, advisory, and executive committee
    - i. These are permanent after the 90 days.
6. Membership working group
- a. Reminder- 1 more week to have structure for membership
  - b. Creating the application that has demographics and questions around skills and 4 open ended questions around why, conflicts, and what other work in the community they do. What is people's preferred celebration for their work?
  - c. Think of us as a puzzle, what/ who are we missing?
  - d. What steps are we going to take that the membership is continuous?
  - e. 6 strategies to consider: Training, virtual options, copies of documents and work plans, like a presentation or handouts.
7. CFAC Statement of Solidarity
- a. Bryce: Gives a history of CFAC and our broad mission and vision, and then calls the people for support. Art had the idea of doing a one-page statement on the website and then a shorter form that goes out to the community, and a QR code.
8. Next Steps
- a. Next meeting 18th 6pm at Flanner Farms
  - b. Volunteer role reminders