



16 July 2024

1. Updates

- a. Press Conference was a success. Two pieces of coverage - one from WISH and one from WRTV
- b. Sierra officially submitted commission appointees and received confirmation email.

2. Fiscal Sponsorship updates and discussion

a. Flanner House

- i. Met with CFO & Director. Seem very willing to help.

b. Earth Charter

- i. State agency, also very willing to be our fiscal sponsor. Tatjana was there, she is also a member of the commission. There is about \$150k - \$300k available in food fund which commission and JumpIn procured on behalf of the coalition. Tatjana shared six items which the commission uses to shape their operation

c. Discussion

- i. Discussion around fees (depends on level of work; e.g., filing taxes); discussion of both entities. Think about what we need and want them to do. Do each have the capacity to fulfill that as we need it. Sounds like Earth Charter may not have the capacity.
- ii. What do we need? What kind of funding has been taken out in the coalition's name? LFPA grant, applied for with Food Access Coalition as "holder" of funds. Grant funds held by city much easier, much more lax than federal government funds, which are much more involved regarding reporting. Different kinds of grants require much more
- iii. Tatjana shared commission priorities:
 1. They will enroll all eligible people in SNAP, WIC, and other federal food programs. Ensure other programs leveraging federal programs
 2. Develop and sustain a physical food hub, aggregation, distribution, and storage for local farmers and selling to local retailers.
 3. Develop and sustain urban farms and gardens
 4. Create and maintain food equity plan
 5. Food waste reduction through policy and program funding
- iv. Need to have sponsor ready to go so we can actually handle what is coming. Still a month left of ninety-day interim period. Don't want to get

bogged down in things that we will be continuing to work out in our meetings. Not even really a fiscal sponsor until we have money. But it does indicate which people we will be working with once we do actually procure some funding.

- v. Question about Sherdexia. With her on the commission, how does that affect her ability to work with coalition w.r.t. writing grants? There is no conflict of interest for a commissioner to work with us in any capacity, per lawyer. So we may continue working with her. Commission is advisory, they are meant to advise us, in part. Tatjana expressed being open to frequent communication

d. Vote (1 min)

- i. **Flanner House takes the vote by majority.**

3. Jump IN meeting

a. Context

- i. Scheduled at United Way at 7 pm, led by Julie Burns. Been discussions between Julie and Tatjana about who was leading the meeting. Julie has vacillated on decision to allow Tatjana to lead. Asked five questions to provide ahead of time which we have already answered, but must write out and provide ahead of time.

b. Discussion

- i. History of how the group came into being: May 16, 2024, invited to a communications meeting put together by Julie Burns. Burns did not attend and instead sent Engaging Solutions. The original intent was for the communications team, put together by Burns, to tell her how to best communicate with the coalition. But this was nonsensical, as there was no coalition. So the community spontaneously and collaboratively determined that we would then form the coalition. Immediately following that, 30-40 people came together and decided to either continue with the body that was formed at the meeting or to vote them out. We decided to go on with a 90 day interim period with the executive committee. Since that initial meeting, continue to meet and develop bylaws, vision, mission, etc.
- ii. Structure. How did the group create its policies and structure?
 - 1. Open, democratic meetings which were advertised and which people were encouraged to attend.
 - 2. Community input, collective, people always given chance to speak up
 - 3. Structure of meetings and coalition also encourages people to enter in and grow and develop and to participate in our collective mission.
- iii. What are the voting processes for leadership?

1. See: bylaws
 2. Every single decision, including leadership, has resulted from a vote.
- iv. How does the group plan on doing community engagement?
1. Already had first successful potluck. Open to using different locations in community for meetings to reach people
 2. Membership application is another way to engage community. Ensuring our membership is representative.
 3. Once fully formed, reaching out to any and all organizations involved in food system
 4. Diversity of outreach. Social media, person to person outreach, email, website, etc.
 5. Addressing equity concerns. Ensuring outreach to diverse communities, via methods such as membership application being used to ensure representation from numerous zip codes, neighborhoods, etc.
- v. How do we want to approach the meeting? Very collaborative, ready to work with everyone and are very open minded to help and advice from numerous sources. Could print out bylaws and solidarity statement. As well as mission, vision, other documents. Bylaws and other documents were monumental work of collaboration and provide tangible evidence of commitment and competence. Approach with excitement, discuss next steps, because the coalition is already here. Would definitely still address history. Request agenda for meeting ahead of time.

4. Membership Application (Noah)

- a. Presentation: Page one gets info on where a person lives; Page two discusses further demo info as well as whether or not you want to do this as an individual or an organization. Additional optional questions that allow us to get more info. This exists as a google form online. Clarify that this is for the 21 voting members (yes). How will we answer questions regarding voting process for membership? Same way, democratic, open, general meeting, the largest body of the coalition. Charles suggested introductory framing.
- b. Vote
 - i. Application is adopted with Charles' suggestion that we include an introductory framing.