



**November 26, 2024**  
**CFAC meeting**

Chair: Chrissy Smith

Mandy - Healthy Food Retail/ Fresh bucks, Antjuan, Art, Kiara, Mari, Xavia, Fane, Sierra, Chrissy, Jasper

#### Concerns

- People aren't deserving until they are down and out
- Culture of "Earning your keep"
- Lack of resources
- Cost
- Lack of policies addressing this, and lack of accountability
- Lack of connectivity
- Connecting people outside of the usual low poverty areas
- Disconnecting between food and nutrition
- Disconnection between people and their food
- Lack of resources - education, funding, labor
- Systemic issue with the commoditization of basic human needs
- Issues with systems that gatekeeper and attempt to keep the status quo
- What we need as a community is to bring back ancestral wisdom

Introductions: What do you see as the #1 problem to address when it comes to increasing access to fresh, nutrient rich, culturally appropriate food for the community? 1 minute each

#### Updates: 5 minutes

- Harrison has resigned as the Vice president. At this time we need to complete the executive board. Positions open: Treasurer, and VP are vacant.
- A planning committee is being created with the executive board and the committee chairs. This will ensure that meetings and agendas are scheduled and created in a more timely manner. Will also improve communication within the organization. We will schedule a meeting the week before the next meeting for this.
  - The commission reps will also be on this committee

#### Art - 10 minutes Updates on Commission

- Lashonda and Shardicia -
- Co- Chair on commission board is vacant - The next chair will be chosen by the commission itself

#### Chrissy - 5 minutes

Community & Organizational engagement and outreach best practices.

- Outreach efforts should be discussed ahead of time with the outreach committee and/or the executive committee.
  - Reasoning: As an organization we need to ensure that we are connecting with other organizations that are like minded, and any historical organizational information needs to be shared.
- There should be every attempt made to have at least 2 CFAC members present at any meeting.
  - Reasoning: This will ensure that there is double coverage and that information isn't misunderstood.
- Clear purpose for the meeting stated on an agenda or description for the purpose and what you are hoping to accomplish and discuss.
  - Reasoning: This ensures that we are keeping true to our mission, values, and strategic plan. Also ensures that we are not having meetings just to have meetings.
- Budget, promises, funding, assistance etc. Should never be discussed unless it has been discussed and approved by all necessary committees.
  - Reasoning: This ensures that we are keeping true to our mission values and strategic plan. Ensures that we are not making promises or discussing things that may not be possible or are outside of our scope and organizational plans.
- A detailed report out should be completed and passed on or posted after each individual outreach effort.
  - Reasoning: This ensures that information is clearly reported and passed on so that actions can be taken and follow up made.

Sierra: Indy CFAC Mission and values statement. 5 minutes

- \* Shorten up the mission statement.
- [Draft here](#)

15 minutes - As an organization CFAC has identified the local food hub and spoke model for increasing food access.

- Brief overview of Faith's Kitchen Hub and what food hubs are.
  - [Faith's kitchen - Indy's Culinary & Farmer Hub](#)
  - Value added product manufacturing in USDA kitchen
  - Storefront with local produce and value added products
  - Incubator for products
  - Shared kitchen space
- Why have we identified this is something to replicate?
  - Localized farm to table system
  - Gives power to local producers
  - Gives power to local consumers
  - Starting point - for a localized system
  - Local to communities

1 hour - Discussion of food hubs: Strengths, weaknesses, opportunity, and threat to this model. Break up into small groups for this if needed. Report out from groups. ([link to food hub](#))

- Strengths -

- Existing model, comprehensive for education, mission and vision align, Good use of funding
  - Is a comprehensive localized system that is replicable
  - Provides multiple lines of local connectivity
  - Allows retail value added products to be produced
  - Outside organizations are taking notice of this model
  - Indy
- Weaknesses -
    - ROI for the city, cost vs impact
    - Will she be agreeable to the collaboration
    - Cost to producers - Margins for farmers is low
    - Sole Entrepreneur - needs additional people to run this
    - Able to scale
- Opportunity -
    - Provides connectivity for any and all aspects of the food system and community work
    - Allows for policy needs to be identified
    - Can allow us as an organization to guide and be more strategic in our movements
- Threats -
    - City has sunk money into the fresh Hub - has stated that that this is in competition with their idea
    - Budget, logistics
    - We are the threat to the system and city's BS
    - Sinking time and money into an idea that won't work
  - How are we going to galvanize interest for people in the hub model
  - Quicker wins?
  - Whatever we do to support and expand faith's kitchen will fulfill many of the other aspects of CFAC.
    - Sierra - Setting up meeting with Faith & Planning Committee
    - [Link to Topic Request](#)

Anna's House: January 15, 5:30 pm