

Attendees: Pepper Bowen, Culinaria; Alyse Bagley, Healthy School Food Collaborative; Lauren Darnell and Morgan Dugas, MiNO Foundation; Nicole Washington; Kristine Creveling, Propeller; Pamela Broom, New Corp; Emily Shinn, Recirculating Farms Coalition; Lisa Paterson, Tulane University; Nashawn Johnson, Greater New Orleans, Inc; Caroline Meehan, Volunteers of America; Maggie Kaiser, Too Tall Farms, Greater New Orleans Growers Alliance, National Young Farmers Coalition; Emily Van Eck, Intuit Nutrition; Taiyiana Robinson and Sarah Fleming, SPROUT NOLA; Catherine Hudson, HIVE AND UMC Urban Farm Project; Daniel Mintz, Louisiana Budget Project; Keelia O'Malley, Tulane Dept of Nutrition; Antonio Alonzo, Dig Easy, Fund 17; Tyler Sangermano, Fund 17 and Roux Carre; Shani Christopher, RePurpose Foods; Angelina Harrison, Market Umbrella.

Working Group Updates:

- Food Access- been working on organizational updates and identifying alignment among partners and opportunities for further collaborations in order to influence policy.
- Food Production- working on land access and specific urban ag policies. Co-Chairs accompanied Elisa to meeting with Councilwoman Nguyen to discuss land use opportunities and current barriers.
- Food Business- Compiling a database of funding for small and disadvantaged businesses. If anyone knows of such an organization or lender, please reach out to Elisa or Danny Mintz. Group also identifying strategies to influence policy with FPAC's new position with the City Council.

FPAC Business:

City Council resolution

- Announcement of City Council resolution recognizing FPAC as an advisory body to the Council. This will require quarterly reports to the council and appropriate committees in November, February, May and July. These reports will include updates on progress on current FPAC recommendations and any new policy recommendations. Goal is to meet with at least 2 council members before each of these reports to discuss food policy in their area of interest or district. July will be a final report on all the progress made and final recommendations as well as a discussion of the relationship moving forward.
- Elisa will be bringing FPAC members to Council member meetings in order to assure subject area experts are represented. Working Groups will focus on the recommendations that fall in their priority areas. Working Group chairs will meet with Elisa on a regular basis to discuss policy implications, national best practices, and strategy.
- Discussion of possible legislative committee or more frequent meetings. Tentative decision made to add a meeting in October and see how the future meetings fall in regards to quarterly reports and decide if another meeting is added.

Other business:

- Group shared many subject areas and trainings for advocacy and policy learning opportunities. These included school food, how to write policy such as resolutions, network and power mapping, the intersection of water and food, institutional food and community food programs. Steering Committee, working group leaders and Director will discuss the best way to provide these opportunities (webinars, Courageous Conversations series, subject specific gatherings).

Announcements:

[Farm to School Conference October 9-10.](#)

Dig Easy Garden Workday & Seed Swap with GNOGA

9/29 Saturday 8-11AM | 1001 N Dupre

<https://www.facebook.com/events/730722473939156>

FPAC Courageous Conversation, October 11 focused on food policy and implications

<https://www.facebook.com/events/244653789501906/>

Crescent City Farmers Market Backyard BBQ - annual fundraiser, a family friendly version of the Moonlight Market - kids are only \$5 for all inclusive tickets! See more details on fb event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1401926279951752/>