



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Food Council

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Wednesday, September 18, 2024  
4:00 PM

Regular

Department of Public  
Health and Human  
Services  
Training Room 1  
1005 W. Worley St.  
Columbia, MO 65203

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Saunders called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Anna Meyer, Katie Molitor, Adam Saunders, Shannon Stokes, Kyra Barnard and Corrina Smith

**Excused:** 3 - Gabriela Weir Vera, Tish Johnson and Donald Jackson

#### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Meyer moved to approve the agenda. Molitor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Molitor moved to approve the minutes for August 21st, 2024. Stokes seconded and the motion passed unanimously

Attachments: Draft Meeting Minutes 8.21.24

#### IV. REPORTS

##### A. Food Assessment/MFH

1. Schley provided a comprehensive update on the community food system assessment, detailing upcoming initiatives such as tabling at the Hootenanny event, the launch of an ambassador program, and the finalization of a consumer survey. The discussion included feedback on additional surveys and the outreach strategy, with a focus on avoiding overlap between different surveys targeting consumers, retailers, and producers. The council members were encouraged to contribute their expertise to enhance the outreach efforts, particularly in relation to the ambassador cohort's influence on the strategy.

2. The conversation shifted to the survey strategy, emphasizing the inclusion of diverse populations and producers in Boone County and surrounding areas. Concerns were raised about adequately representing smaller communities, with suggestions for focus groups to gain a deeper understanding of local needs. The group aimed to identify weaknesses in the food system and potential policy changes through the assessment. Insights from a call with food hub representatives highlighted challenges in food distribution across the state, underscoring the need for targeted interventions.

**B. Other Agency Reports**

1. Molitor reminded the Council about the upcoming CCUA Hootenanny, scheduled for September 21, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Define Scope of Council**

1. The meeting also covered the council's responsibilities, including advising the city council on equitable food systems and promoting food policies. Transparency and conflict of interest disclosures were discussed, along with the potential for the council to establish its own branding identity. The group explored achievable recommendations for the City Council, focusing on urban agriculture and land use, while also considering the impact of existing policies on low-income gardeners. The meeting concluded with discussions on policy recommendations

**B. Set Vision for Council**

- Discussion focused on branding and the development of a clear vision and mission statement.
- Review of successful food councils in other regions and their positive impact on their communities.
- Consideration of coordinating future food council meetings.
- Molitor provided insights on discussions related to forming an informal group in collaboration with the Community Services Department, as well as a policy audit. Barnard mentioned the possibility of inviting visitors to future meetings and conducting an audit of business licenses.
- It was decided to pause the finalization of the mission and vision statement to incorporate cultural elements

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

None

**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 16, 2024 @ 4 p.m.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

A. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.