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San Francisco Food Security Task Force (FSTF) Minutes


June 2, 2021

Members present: Ave Lambert; Raegan Sales (Children’s Council); Paula Jones (DPH Food Security); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theatre); Cissie Bonini (EatSF/UCSF); Emma Steinberg (Kaiser Permanente; Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Kim Madsen (Project Open Hand); Jeimil Belamide (HSA/CalFresh); Tiffany Kearney (DAS); Michelle Kim (DCYF); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD); Emily Cohen (HSH); Priti Rane (DPH-MCAH)

Also present: Lea Troeh (EatSF/UCSF); Jalal Alabsi (TNDC); Meredith Terrell (Meals on Wheels SF); Michael Pon (UCSF), Veronica Shepard (SFDPH; Marchon Tatmon (SF Marin Food Bank); Emily Leys; John McCormick (TNDC); Kallisto Khan (TNDC); Tommy McClain (HSA/Covid Food Group); Jaime Stark (Farming Hope); Lauren Small (Leah’s Pantry); Vinny Eng (SF New Deal); Tuyen Tran; Carolyn Lasar; Jim Garza; Geoffrea Morris (Supervisor Safai’s office); Susie Smith (HSA); Cindy Lin (HSA/Covid Food Coordination Group); Jim Oswald (MOWSF); Anthony Macaulay (MOWSF); Fiona McBride (HSA/Covid Food Coordination Group); Liza Murawski; Naomi Maisel (La Cocina); Jalal Alabsi (TNDC); Holly Calhoun; David Elliot; Sarah Tseng.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
1. Call to order	Cissie called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm	None
2. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Cissie Bonini (Chair)	Cissie welcomed everyone and called member roll. Members of the public introduced themselves in the chat.	None
3. Approval of minutes from May 5, 2021	One change was noted. Michelle Kim made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes, Raegan Sales seconded the motion. The motion was approved.	Post approved meeting minutes to the website.
4. General Public Comment	There was no general public comment.	None
5. Biennial Food Security and Equity Report and Community	Geoffrea Morris, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Safai, presented legislation Supervisor Safai is sponsoring in support of reimagining food security - Food Security & Equity Report and Food Empowerment Markets. They have met with multiple community groups to develop legislation to advance food equity. The Food Empowerment Market Legislation was created from the model of the Mission Food Hub and other community efforts during Covid 19 to	None

<p>Food Empowerment Markets</p>	<p>provide culturally appropriate food and a commercial kitchen. Initially, there are four districts named in the legislation – D10, D11, D6 and D9. This is an inaugural set of districts. Each market has a community advisory group community advisory board. At the May 18th meeting of the full Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Safai asked Mayor Breed to speak about re-imagining food security. Mayor Breed reflected on her own personal experiences as a child getting food for her grandmother, and standing in lines for free food and indicated she would like to provide more resources that allow individuals in need to select their own food and create environments that eliminate the stigma and judgement. Mayor Breed pledged her support for re-imagining food security. She put over \$40 million into the FY 21-22 budget. The Food Empowerment Markets are to build community capacity to address their own food needs.</p> <p>Ms. Morris was asked whether there is a timeline. She said that the legislation creates a fund that will have specific criteria. This fund will be managed by Human Service Agency. The legislation should be heard in committee at the end of June or early July. Ms. Morris was also asked if there is a finite amount of time for these markets. She said that there is not a specific amount of time and they are similar to cultural districts which are ongoing. She also said that the initial markets will be launched in 4 areas, but other districts will follow.</p>	
<p>6. Tenderloin food security group presentation</p>	<p>John McCormick and Kallisto Khan presented for the Tenderloin Food Security Collective. This collective started at the beginning of the pandemic and the community has been at the center of their work. They asked the community what was needed and the community needed: 1. Meals delivered to homes, 2. Focus on families, and 3. Pop up pantry. They asked for an addback to support the community’s priorities. They were able to get a pop up pantry in the Tenderloin which is serving 450 each Monday. The issue of food edibility came up including the quality, nutrition content and labeling. They would like SRO food liaisons to review food before it’s served. SRO residents should receive quality food, not second hand or food waste.</p> <p>Public comment: There are over 300 pantries in San Francisco now.</p>	<p>Post presentation to website</p>
<p>7. Office of Racial Equity Check In</p>	<p>Shakirah Simley, Director of the Office of Racial Equity led a discussion with the task force. She said that food work must keep communities centered and we must lead with race.</p> <p>How can we take a broader systems lens to envision food sovereignty in SF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact assessment and gaps analysis for COVID-19 food recovery investments and any food funds • Support and resources for food and hospitality workers and industry pipelines • Enacting food quality guidelines and good food purchasing policies • Dignity, respect and reducing stigma • Food and ag land and infrastructure strategies <p>How can we build on the Food Security Task Force to envision food sovereignty in SF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What actions should be prioritized? • What people, organizations, and sectors should be included 	<p>None</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What departments and agencies should be included? • What convening format and frequency would be effective (e.g., task force, advisory committee, etc.)? • Where do you see potential? <p>Ms. Simley recommended that city agencies, including the Office of Racial Equity shouldn't hold membership seats in the task force, but they should be required to staff the task force and to attend meetings. She also recommended that the focus should be broadened to a food system perspective and membership should include more voices like food retail, labor, etc. She suggested that the details could be hammered out relatively quickly. Ms. Simley advised that a food advisory group should move from a task force format to an advisory body that has more teeth. She said that the is supportive of stipends (ex. Reparations committee), and we need to look at it from a resource lens.</p> <p>Task force members commented that it was great to see soil and farmers included; we need to maximize purchasing power of SFUSD, DCYF and other city dollars to improve quality of food and expand the Good Food Purchasing Program. Other members asked where the city was with a food sovereignty focus, and funds for implementation, and what is the pathway? Ms Simley emphasized that this is a cross racial, solidarity across neighborhoods.</p> <p>Public comment: It is important to center on people and the community. We need to discuss and educate about the definition of food sovereignty and doesn't want the term co-opted. Speaker would like to have a working meeting to advance food sovereignty.</p>	
8. Feedback from Food Security Hearing and update on city budget process	<p>Paula Jones let the group know that she had presented on behalf of the Food Security Task Force at the Board of Supervisor Hearing on Food Security. She shared the data and slides that the task force has been presenting at Supervisor visits.</p> 	None.
9. Covid Food Coordination Group update	<p>Cindy Lin updated the task force about the Covid Food Coordination Group. The staff of the group is housed in DAS which has a new Executive Director, Kelly Dearman. The Covid Food Coordination Group has hired a nutritionist to be apart of the team. In the Mayor's budget, the received \$41.1 million in the next fiscal year for the food budget. Some of the funds will support ongoing efforts. The team is now determining what the funds will support. Some will be RFP'd out. They area crafting a plan for community engagement for the RFP. Susie Smith, the Deputy Director of Human Service Agency let the task force know that as the Covid Command Center is in the process of reorganizing, Human Service Agency supports continuing the role of the Covid Food Coordination Group.</p>	None

	<p>Task force member stressed the importance of community partners and city agencies to share information and resources as funding will reduce. We need to be strategic.</p> <p>Public Comment: Which RFP are you seeking community input on, and are there specific populations to target. Also, they encouraged that the Covid Food Coordination Unit do an RFQ and not RFP since an RFQ is more equitable. Ms. Lin let the group know that they don't know yet. They will bring a data lens to the issue.</p>	
<p>10. Food Security Task Force Reauthorization</p>	<p>Paula Jones let the group know that the task force will continue and that Supervisor Safai will sponsor the reauthorization along with the legislation requiring a new Food Security and Equity Report. She will send out notices once the ordinances are scheduled at the Board of Supervisors</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>11. Food Security Task Force member updates</p>	<p>Jeimil Belamide updated the group with the following updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Caseload Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. April 2021 – 62, 937 b. March 2021 – 63,345 c. April 2020 – 55,515 2. Emergency Allotment Supplement is approved for June benefits <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will give CalFresh recipients up to the maximum allotment for their household size. b. Will be issued in mid-July. 3. CF Administrative Waiver Extension <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Interview requirement waiver for applications and recertification is extended through 12/31/21 4. EDD Online Portal <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will include a link to GetCalfresh.org for UIB applicants and recipients. b. CDSS will keep track of this data 5. P-EBT 2.0 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. P-EBT cards will begin going to eligible children in the child care/age 0-5 group. b. CDSS is still working on identifying which school aged children will receive P-EBT. <p>Raegan Sales let the group know that Children's Council secured funds for extending their pilot food program. They raised the grocery allowance and they are also implementing the two item screen for food security. She also let the group know that the Shape Up Coalition will be holding a Food Security Forum on June 9th. Raegan will share the meeting information.</p> <p>Jennifer LeBarre let the group know that starting next week, Grab & Go meals will be open on Thursdays serving 7 days of meals. Open 2-3:30pm for all children 18 & younger. Grab & Go bags will have 7 days of meals including breakfast, lunch, fresh fruit and vegetables, and milk is available. Starting June 17, Grab & Go meals will be available for Summer 2021 at 15 locations. Also in the State and Assembly allocated \$650 million to make universal school</p>	<p>None</p>

	<p>meals possible in California. Federally, Sen. Sanders, Rep. Omar, Sen. Gillibrand, and Rep. Moore introduced the Universal School Meals Program Act of 2021 which would permanently provide free breakfast, lunch, dinner, and a snack to all school children regardless of income, eliminate school meal debt, and strengthen local economies by incentivizing local food procurement.</p> <p>Michelle Kim let the group know that DCYF will be providing meals for Summer Together. Also, the Sugary Drink Distributor Tax Advisory Committee will meet on June 19th.</p>	
12. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:41pm	