

All IN Eats Working Group 5/20/2021

Intro: Maryruth Belsey-Priebe (BOS 3)

Welcomed attendees to meeting. Acknowledged there were a few snafus with meeting invitations, thanked everyone for persevering with all the invitation troubles and gave attendees extra time to log-on. Asked attendees to add a number to their names to indicate which breakout room they wanted to be put in.

Went over community norms and values. Maryruth asked if any changes were needed or were they okay as is. No changes are made.

Gave brief overview on what team is doing.

Dave Brown (BOS 3)

Provided an update on the Executive Team meetings.

Informed attendees Executive Team meets twice a month and great conversations were had.

New meeting structure forthcoming. Not all time will be spent having small breakout groups but rather having larger group discussions. Said there was too much overlap and wants to make sure groups are all coordinated.

Reaffirmed the two-way partnership with ALL IN Eats, expand the role of partners.

Talked about food recovery and food hubs; coordinate with neighborhood strategies; make sure we are strategic with economic recovery. If interested in participating, to let Maryruth know.

Executive Team meeting dates will be posted on the ALL IN Eats website.

Community Share:

Evan Hazelett (Research and Advocacy Manager at Berkeley Food Network)

*informed group that he was in his final two weeks at Berkeley Food Network; currently hiring for his role-will see new face at next meeting but hopes to still collaborate with group.

Goal at Berkeley Food Network: for every distribution to be client choice.

Issue priorities: Food systems - Quality and Choice in Food Assistance, Regenerative Agriculture, Food and Land Justice, Food Waste and Food as Medicine.

Socioeconomic Systems: Housing, Labor Power and Racial Justice.
Part of growing chorus of antihunger organizations.

Structural injustices; tackle in silos; speak out about food systems.

Their warehouse - to be Food as Medicine site.

Farm investment program: invest on small-scale farms, organic-regenerative/ecological, prioritizing BIPOC famers and other historically marginalized growers.

Biggest partner: Alba – farmworker turned farmers.

Rural land advocacy and reform.

Fighting against industrial agriculture.

Redirecting political grounds can be transformational.

Yeyi organics – access to markets; connects small farmers with markets; similar model to Dig-Deep Food Hub scale.

More collaborative purchasing.

Emphasize an idea – five buckets are huge.

At county level, to have a coordinator at each bucket.

Maryruth said she loved their model and combined efforts.

Group Purpose:

For those who are new to ALL IN Eats Full circle economy, brief overview was given.

Help each other, see ourselves working together in this circular food economy.

Purpose of Meeting: Celebrate, Support, and See.

Celebrate - all the cool stuff we are doing.

Support - challenges

See - reconnect ourselves with the bigger group.

Maryruth asked for a brief highlight on what was discussed in breakout groups.

****Breakout group reports back.***

#1: Produce

****Troy reported back for the group.***

Updates: in contact with a lot of famers - concern about land access; in contact with base organizations that have land; looking at faith-based organizations; Rob provided links to UC videos on urban farming/agriculture; new folks in group; can we collaborate to build direct consumer list; being able to supply big anchor institutions; new farmers direct to consumers; start working on documentation plugged to circular food economy; get human assets to other resources.

#2 Aggregate/Process

****Jasmine reported back for the group.***

Talking about closing gap and connecting food entrepreneurs to DDF; complete cycle of circular food economy; also educating community about local food resources; connect vendors with DDF; follow-up.

#3 Distribute

****Caetie reported back for the group.***

Focused on (new members) horizon on what it will look like this year; influx of funding; how can we continue as pandemic changes (with money); issue of workforce in distribution (food delivery drivers); members making connections on staff resources; downstream health impacts (food and nutrition); hard to make it happen upstream; close to discuss on model of Meals on Wheels (ask for donation each month) interesting value of this transaction; charity model in food distribution.

#4 Recover

****Annalisa Belliss reported back for the group.***

Talked about KUMU – physical mapping that organizes data on online map; community mapping tool; what can we use this map on; continue to populate; how do we pair down; make the map useful for other groups (farmers are grove; food distribution, etc.); still exploratory; what are the needs.

#4 Recover

****Emily reported back for the group.***

Talk about need for rapid response network; do more research from other groups on what the policy needs are; starting to build a list of state policies building its way through legislature; bills are in looking areas (Njeri McGee-Tyner) reach out when bill is in suspense to give public comments; how we can track these bills and give a rapid response.

#6 Full Circle – Workforce

****Hilary reported back for the group.***

Interest in better understanding roles of unions; full pathway from education to certification; what are the role of unions in this process; what are their labor standards; points back to policy; better understand how money flows down; articulate and ROI.

Paddy Iyer (Daily Bowl)

Opened forum to provide updates on community.

Hilary provided update on Ardenwood; this acquisition gives Dig-Deep Farms the opportunity to further development this model of regenerative agriculture (approximately 54-90 acres); to farm/grown produce deemed medical; being able to bring new farmers into this work and for them become their own farming enterprise (Food as Medicine and contracts).

Dave informed attendees that he and staff are going on Food Hub Tours. Looking for cold storage, commercial kitchens, having a place for food to go and food to be cooked. Goal is to put a major food hub in each of the different counties.

Paddy informed attendees there is resource link for tenants in Fremont who are having issues paying rent. Also asked attendees if there were any further updates or relevant information to be included in newsletter, to let Maryruth know.

Annalisa extended an invitation to group to attend the Bay Area Green Tours Virtual Short Film Premiere and Community Panel on Thursday, May 27th at 6:00pm.

Sara Lamnin closed meeting, informing attendees that great work is underway, she is deeply appreciative of everyone, to continue to keep talking/collaborating on how we move forward together.

Next meeting: June 24, 2021