



Food & Nutrition Coalition Meeting Minutes June 13, 2018 8:30am – 10:00am

Attendees:

Amber Hubbell, Austin Roelofs, Belisa Melton, Carola Carrasa, Colene Johnson, Colleen Kuehl, Connie Bellows, Deanna Howland, DeDe Esque, Eleanor Moreno, Emily Schichtel, Erin Skidmore, Erin Webley, Gordie Moeller, Jenny Kinne, Jim Holkeboer, Julie VanGessel, Kate Vanderwal, Kelly Hagmeyer, Stact Start, Linda Jones, Mark Luberts, Michelle Meulendyk, Nicole Karl, Shay Krick, Wende Randall, Chelsea Totten, Kamara Svelberry, Claire Guisfredi, Catherine Landers, Emma Burke, Cait Melamed, Sherrie Gillespie

I. Introductions: Emily Schichtel

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Motion to approve: Mark

Seconded: Michelle

Motion Passed, Amendment: Add Linda, Jim, Mark Lubberts

II. City of Grand Rapids Neighborhood Match Fund

Contracts between \$200 and \$2,500 awarded for collaborative community projects. There is a 1:1 contribution for the contract amount. It can be volunteer hours (\$20/hr), in kind donations, and cash. It is hoping to change the conversation, thicken networks, lift up leadership. Examples of past projects are murals with social justice themes, community gardens with a twist. The projects have to incorporate social justice or racial equity. The project lead must be a GR citizen living in the specific area. The pitch can be written or through a video. Support requested for project support, free fiduciaries, continued funding of project. Lindsey hopes to increase the fund over the future to best serve these projects and populations.

III. 2018 Ballot Information

The gerrymandering ballot proposal would take the power of redistricting from the politicians to an independent citizen's redistricting commission. The commissions would be made up of democrats, republicans, and independent. The districts would have to be contiguous and diverse. The proposal is meeting resistance by the state supreme court. The next proposal is a sick leave proposal. It would require small business to accrue 40 hours of leave per leave. Larger business would require 70 hours per year for sick leave. Next is the Promote the Vote initiative. It would amend the constitution. It would protect the right for a secret vote, military members to get a ballot on time, and have a straight ballot ticket. It would also make it citizens automatically registered to vote at the Sec. of State with an option to opt-out and absentee voting for everyone with no requirements or barriers. There is also a minimum wage ballot. It would increase the wage to \$12 by 2022. Tipped workers would see a 10% increase in wages then it would be %100 of minimum wage by 2022. The last would legalize marijuana for adults 21



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years and over. Gordy asked if the minimum wage would keep up with inflation. The league will be disseminating one-pagers.

IV. Policy Update

Food policy Council will identify who they want to invite seated members. They are also getting involved with events in the community to gauge interest in events. There will be an event July 12 at New City Farm to get information out on the Food Council. The Farm Bill- the senate version of the bill passed and now both house and senate to come to a bipartisan compromise. It is not too late to advocate. The Food Policy Council is trying to gather data to see what people want in food.

V. Table Work

VI. Announcements

New members will be added to Trello. From 1-7 p.m. EFAP will be distributing goods July 12. If anyone wants to tell a story about their neighborhood- North Kent Connect. Carolla Caressa- Fitkids 360 will be running two 5k's and need volunteers in August.

VII. Next Meeting/Adjourn

Wednesday, August 8, 8:30-10:30

Kent County Health Department

Superior Room 700 Fuller Ave NE