

BANPAC/BARNN Mtg 12/7/06
Food Policy Council

Intro

- Attendees: Tiffany Sutter, Park Guthrie, Darlene Fujii, Debra Israel, Mary Foley, Janet Leader
- Facilitators: Heather Wooten, Willow Rosenthal

Small group work

- Opted to discuss as one group: What would need to be changed to reduce/solve food insecurity in your county? How would the food system structure need to change?

Report back

- Examples: policy/zoning support urban gardening
- Federal school lunch program
 - Can change at school district level
 - No federal guidelines for sugar, but there can be state/local guidelines
 - Need community involvement in pushing school district
 - Connect to health body @ government officials
 - Public entities
- Liquor stores/corner store conversions
 - To carry full market basket stores need technical assistance
 - Requires lots of \$/training, demand infrastructure, education
 - Food literacy
- Transit to stores
- Opening grocery stores
 - Neighborhood assessments of current conditions, shuttles/transit
- Overlapping issues (economy, gov't jurisdictions, issues)

Intro to FPC's & FSA's

- What is a food policy council?
 - Crosses government agencies, issues, across systems with a coherent integrated strategy
 - People are not aware what others do, not aware processes can be integrated (except exclusive franchise, exempt)
- Need to distinguish between policy vs. programs, but paying attention to both
- What is a food systems assessment?
 - Looks at policy that affects five areas: production/agriculture, distribution & processing, consumption, retail, food scrap/recycling management using acceptable methodology assessment for food systems
- Example in Oakland
 - Wanted to increase local food consumption and develop a food policy council that would look directly at city policy
 - Transportation, land use planning, interviewed, also did market research, used different data sources, built up interest
 - Went to City Council, accepted with positive reception, going back with proposal for food policy council, crafted budget, workgroup

- Assessment free (student labor)
 - Built upon San Francisco policy
 - Decided to take on advisory role and integrate into City planning (can take a more programmatic role and be run by outside entity)
 - 30 FPC's around country
 - FPC can be result of FPA or other way around
 - There are state level FPCs that are formed around food security, buying local
 - Structure/members; staff city liaisons, CBOs, faith-based, other government agencies, schools, involve people of the region; need way to connect food policy, farmer, decision-making body, general body, workgroups
 - Older FPCs tend to be integrated into city, newer ones tend to focus more on programs
 - Keep focused on policy or program
 - Can collaborate and accomplish with one large voice
 - Have to define mission; make sure do it at level policy is made
 - Who shows up determines what happens
- Examples of policies that have passed
 - EBT cards at farmer's markets
 - Inventory of city-owned land can use for gardens
 - Policy for correctional facilities to use local food sources
 - Buy local
 - Farm to school, cafeteria
 - 2010 gardens by 2010
 - bus route transit system, add new route
 - supermarket survey of prices
 - changes in bidding processes
 - sustainable procurement
 - ban trans fat
 - limit soda
 - irradiated foods barred from schools

Closing/resources

- www.oaklandfoodsystem.pbwiki.com (Oakland food policy assessment)
- handouts