



*Empowering community,
Moving Rainier Beach Forward*

10-28-16 FID Partners Meeting #4 Notes

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees: Jen Hughes, Elena Perez, Robert Rosenberger, Robert Scully, Lance Randall, Paris Yates, Ariel Bangs, Wanjiku Kamau, Zion Thomas, Naj Ali, Christy Cusik, Colin Pierce, David Sauvion.

2. Asset Mapping

Participants took turns placing dots on a map to locate all known food network sources (Green for Growing Food and Composting, Blue for Food Production and Training, Red for Produce/Food Sale and Food Banks, and Yellow for Restaurants). The following list completes the inventory:

- Land by Mapes Creek Walkway (Telecom tower)
- South Shore Learning Garden
- Thistle Pea Patch
- SPU Utility Corridor (Chief Sealth Trail)
- Auburn Red Barn (Tilth program)
- Farms in Pierce/South King County
- Central City Farm Trust (Ray Williams)
- Atlantic Street Family Center
- Marra Farm
- Sferra Farm
- Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands
- Lake Washington Apartments
- South Park Farm
- Green Plate Special (Middle School Farm to Table, Market + CSA)
- Mt Baker Housing Garden Patch
- Food Sovereignty Farm
- Community Arts Create (behind Hillman City Collaboratory)
- Seattle Parks & Rec Natural Area
- Good Food Gardens
- Rainier Beach High School



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3. Programming

A further list was established for existing and proposed programming:

- Farm Coop has tools to process food gleaned around the area (Coop mission statement encourages people to produce a portion of their own food – need to stay accountable)
- Strategies to coordinate efficient use of all available food/how we discard it
- App to find out where food is available
- Stipened “Garbage Monitor” at High schools
- Need for model districts and case studies

4. Who/What’s missing? – Other examples

Both issues and resources came out of this group discussion, from Food Systems to schools’ Food, to Foundations organizing around Food Advocacy and policy change, as follows:

- Local story telling around Food Systems in South Park (Elena will share link)
- Hip Hop is green (various organizations across the US)
- Newsletter to announce access to food (partnership with South Seattle Emerald, Seattle Globalist and Real Change)
- Access to “real food” for schools (most students go to Dollar tree or Safeway (students spend money instead of eating the free lunches!))
- Students eating mostly at fast foods outlets, not at home or in school
- Students get sick from school lunches
- Kitchen are for re-heating only
- How do we appeal to the cafeteria staff unions?
- How do we figure out how to bring chefs into schools? (Chef Ann Foundation, Jaimie Oliver’s Food Revolution, FEEST)
- Get the PTA behind this campaign
- Need for model districts and case studies and broader policies
- Sustainable Food Systems (Safeway is not sustainable, going back to a Farm to Table, one’s backyard/distance from house?/no need for dollars)
- Deconstruct the model/Disrupt the system
- Cutting out the middle man
- The “safe’ food is not perfect
- Providing education + access for youth to food available and drive cultural change
- Green corps
- Investors



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- Home businesses
- Professional training/classes
- Volunteers
- Engaged restaurant owners
- Community colleges
- Fiscal sponsorship for Food/Garden growth
- Philanthropy
- Wholesalers

5. Rainier Beach Food Network

Finally, a number of local groups and coalitions were identified to play a key role in supporting a Rainier Beach Food Network:

- Got Green – Food & Climate Justice, Young Leaders
- Rainier Beach Food & Farm Hub (Seattle Farm Coop, Seattle Tilth, Wow Chocolates, Free for all, Farmers (Yakima) One WA, Juice Box)
- FEEST (Food Empowerment, Equity and Sustainability Taskforce)
- Grocery stores Good Samaritan Law
- ROC - Seattle (Training: Fine Dining Server, Bartending, Know Your Rights (free), RAISE (Owners' Network))
- Healthy Creations/Taste International/Community Arts Create (Healing through Food, donuts, fooducation)