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## **12-01-16 FID Partners Meeting #5 Notes**

### **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**Attendees:** Vic Roberson, Cheryl Markham, Rachel Theriot, David Reyes, Sue Gibbs, Robert Scully, Lance Matteson, Jordan Lowe, Christy Cusik, Gregory Davis, David Sauvion.

### **2. Summary and opportunities**

This evening meeting brought different stakeholders around the table and an opportunity to look back and review topics from past meetings (see previous meetings' notes attached).

The following opportunities were also identified:

- RB Urban Farm
  - Ongoing work parties
  - Farm re-opening in Spring 2017
- Pursue opportunities to recover imperfect produce, "ugly" vegetables.
- Look into real estate strategic investments
- Codes allow food to be sold from people's yard
- Pop-up stands

### **3. Priorities**

In terms of strategies, engaging the community in research came as a priority.

- Current effort led in Pierce County, as part of a watershed initiative, to train residents and engage them through surveys, focus groups and tabling. Importance to acknowledge cultural relevance and skill set.
- Check with Waste Management to get data on wasted food
- Develop a Participatory Research project checking in with the community on several issues, for example:
  - How does the Food Innovation District effort resonate with you?
  - What are the questions that you want to see answered?
  - Is there a lack of web presence/computer?



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#### **4. 2017 Action Plan**

The group agreed on the following draft vision and goals:

Vision: "To grow a thriving cultural community with equitable access to economic opportunity and affordable healthy food."

Goals:

- Preserve Rich Culture/Diversity
- Develop Economic Opportunity
- Increase Health

The next steps involve a common community engagement from the partners on a participatory research, the baseline of which has yet to be defined, building on the success of the RB Urban Farm and the Food and Farm Hub and in alignment with the City of Seattle Equitable Development Initiative.

RBAC will host a Town Hall in February 2017 with Resource Fair tabling set up with intent to provide insight in training opportunities and potential careers:

The fair could include 6-10 participants among the following as well as others:

- Friends of RBUF&W, Farming, growing food
- Seattle Tilth, Aggregating produce, co-packing
- Seattle Parks & Recreation, Good Food Bags
- Ventures Food Truck training/incubation
- ROAR, Market Pop-up
- Josephine, Home Cook (Stacy Spark)
- WSU Bread Lab, Milling/Baking/Brewing

A break out session will then open a discussion with 3 topics to be determined.

January's meeting, scheduled for Thursday 1/26 between 6.30-8.30pm, will focus on preparing the Town Hall.