

Food & Farm Council of Riley County & City of Manhattan

May 16, 2022, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, Family and Child Resource Center, 2101 Claflin Rd.

In Attendance:

Carol Barta, Joshua Brewer Andrea DeJesus, Megan Dougherty, Sharolyn Jackson, John Green, Kate LaRosh, Jacquie Mack, Maureen Olewnik, David Procter, Adrian Self, Stephanie Smith, Kirsten Spear, Michael Wilson, Vickie James (FFC Coordinator), Elias Martinson, City Liaison, Julie Gibbs, County Liaison

Unable to Attend: Mary Mertz, Shanika Rose

Guests: Carol Shanklin, Paige Lewis, Teresa Sanborn, Lizz Daniels, Amanda Webb, Sharon Davis, Shelly Williams, Connie Satzler

1. Welcome to our May meeting – council members and guests.
2. Our lunch today was provided by Piccalilli Farm and A & H Farm. Thank you!
3. Upcoming events:
 - a. Thursday, May 19th at 4pm
 - i. 30-minute presentation of the Master Food Plan to the City/County/County Commissioners meeting
 - ii. Location: City Commissioners chambers, City Hall
 - iii. We are asking all council members, CAT members, and city/county liaisons to come and show support.
 - b. Thursday, June 9th at 11:20
 - i. Location: County Commissioners chambers, 115th North 4th Street
 - c. Tuesday, June 21st Meeting begins at 7pm, but we do not yet know our time slot.
 - i. Location: City Commissioners chambers, City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Ave.
4. Upcoming appointment changes:
 - a. Carol, Josh, and Jackie are rotating off the council and Kirsten is moving out of state this summer. We are currently seeking nominees for our open positions. We need two “at large” members, one who works with at risk populations, and one who works in food retail or waste.
 - b. Michael Wilson and Kate LaRosh will be requesting reappointment to second terms.
5. Flint Hills Food Recovery update:
 - a. A good deal of work has been put into this project, and it’s almost ready to launch.
 - b. We are very close to having training documents for our volunteer base.
 - c. The cooler has been installed and just needs shelving built.
 - d. We’re hiring a web developer to link our Nourish Together homepage to the Chow Match website and app to be used for connecting food donations, recipient groups and volunteers to transport the food.

6. Riley County Community Health Improvement Planning Meeting, in conjunction with the Riley County Health Department
 - a. Riley County is hosting several public meetings about health and healthcare in the community. Residents have the opportunity to share their perspectives on healthcare, health education, financial resources, neighborhood environments, and social context. These discussions will help identify the top health priorities in Riley County for the next three to five years, as outlined in the Community Needs Assessment. Connie Satzler with EnVisage Consulting will be facilitating this meeting.
 - b. “The 2020 Community Needs Assessment gave us a good idea of the needs in Riley County,” said RCHD Health Educator Shanika Rose. “Now we’re asking residents to help decide on priorities, so we can address what’s most important to them.”
 - c. Find the 2020 and 2015 Riley County Community Needs Assessment Interactive Report at <http://www.rileycountycommunityneedsassessment.org/>
 - d. Council members and Guests took part in the planning meeting and gave our feedback and perspectives on the current needs in our community. A summary of our discussion today will be provided by EnVisage Consulting and added to these minutes when received.
7. Next FFC meeting date/location - Monday, June 20th, 11:30-1:00 pm, Family and Child Resource Center and a Zoom Option



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