

HEALTHY FOOD FOR ALL COALITION DECEMBER MEETING NOTES

DECEMBER 20, 2016 | FRUITRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

OVERVIEW

The Healthy Food for All Coalition met on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at the Fruitridge Community Collaborative. A full list of participants can be found at the end of this document. The goals and objectives for the meeting included:

- **Uplift** community-based projects that partners are currently working on;
- **Utilize** Coalition space to dig deeper into discussing, planning, and collaborating around these projects;
- **Celebrate** 2016 highlights and **share** stories that inspire and inform the work the Coalition does everyday.

ACTION ITEM REVIEW

As part of the Coalition meeting structure, each meeting begins with a review of the previous month's action items. Please see below for the ongoing Action Item list and the status of each item as of December 20th.

Action Item Matrix

Description	Owner	Date Assigned/Due Date	Status
Existing/Ongoing Items			
Mapping Tool Development ¹	Shawn + Team	April 21/ Fall 2015	In Progress/Ongoing (<i>see below</i>)
Share opening date (once it exists) for Maple Elementary ²	Rangineh	Sept 15/ TBA	In Progress
Follow up with Erik @ SFBFS re fruit distribution in the community ³	Shawn	Dec 15/Jan 19	In Progress
Discuss how Coalition members might inform the SFBFS's distribution process	Shawn & Mike (loop in Rosie & Davida)	TBA	In Progress
Action Items			

¹ Mapping Tool Development

No update at this moment.

² Maple Elementary Opening

The official grand opening for the rest of the site will likely take place in September 2016/October 2016.

³ Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (SFBFS) Fruit Distribution

There is a new mobile vehicle, which the Food Bank will be utilizing at some of the school sites. The conversation has been happening, and this has been implemented in the next grant. This mechanism will be matched more specifically with the more active school sites, if not other Community sites. With this, the hope is to integrate 6 more sites in the mix with the intent of expanding distribution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, RESOURCES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

Prior to commencing the content portion of the meeting, the Coalition members provided the following announcements, resources, and opportunities for collaboration:

Announcements

- **2017 School Food Forum** (*Gerine Williams*): The Sac Food Policy Council is currently planning for a 2017 School Food Forum, which is scheduled to take place all day on Tuesday, April 25th at SCUS. The group is still looking for speakers so those who are interested in speaking or getting involved should please contact Gerine Williams at lukeymom@gmail.com.
- **“Seed” Film Showing** (*Chanowk Yisrael*): The film “Seed” will be shown at the Guild Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 19th at 5 PM. In order for the showing to be guaranteed, a certain amount of tickets must be sold so partners are encouraged to buy tickets ahead of time. For more information, please contact Chanowk Yisrael at email chanowk@yisraelfamilyfarm.net.
- **Sacramento Urban Ag Coalition** (*Katie Valenzuela Garcia*): The Sacramento County’s Planning Commission recently voted to move the Urban Ag Ordinance to the County Board of Supervisors (yay!). The Ordinance will be on the agenda on Tuesday, January 24th. The meeting starts at 9:30 AM and those who are able to attend are encouraged to do so to ensure a solid turnout of support. More details to come as the date gets closer. To for more information, please contact Katie Valenzuela Garcia at Katie@vgconsulting.com.
- **School Garden Symposium** (*Shannon Hardwicke*): The School Garden Symposium will be held February 25-26, 2017 at Luther Burbank. Registration is now open and the class schedule will go up at beginning of January. The symposium already includes 40 workshops and an amazing speakers series. For more information, please contact Shannon Hardwicke at sacgardenchica@gmail.com.
- **Citrus Season** (*Dominic Allamano*): Citrus season events are coming up quickly starting with a kick-off event on January 7th at Colonial Heights Library followed by a big MLK weekend event at Sac High School. Dominic will share info about the events via the FaceBook group and via Rangineh. For more information, please contact Dominic Allamano at dallamano@soilborn.org.
- **Alchemist CDC is Hiring** (*Davida Douglas*): Alchemist CDC is currently looking to hire an Executive Director and is still accepting applications. They are also looking to fill a Board position for a community resident. Info about both the job and board opening can be found on the website: www.alchemistcdc.org.
- **Presentation Subcommittee** (*Rangineh Azimzadeh Tosang*): Imprenta Communication Group has provided an outline and timeline for how they propose moving forward with creating a storytelling platform for the Coalition. Rangineh noted that she will share the outline with the Presentation Subcommittee, which will then report back to the Coalition when there is an update.
- **Coalition Work Plan** (*Rangineh Azimzadeh Tosang*): The Coalition’s Work Plan is almost complete and will be shared with the group as soon as it is done. The purpose of the work plan is to ensure all of the Coalition members are aware of the work that each person is doing, as well as outline the resources available to residents and other community stakeholders with whom partners are working.

Resources

- **Meeting Rooms Resources** (*Meeting space for Coalition partners has been offered at the following locations*):
 - Fruitridge Collaborative Meeting and Conference Rooms– To reserve space please contact Shakeya Bell at bhc@asianresources.org.
 - Colonial Heights Library Conference Room (*Available free for non-commercial, non-profit, open to the public events, capacity of room is 90 people, but may increase or decrease after renovation*) – To reserve space please contact Alicia Doktor at adoktor@saclibrary.org.

COLLAB CAFE: PROJECT IDENTIFICATION, DISCUSSION, AND COLLABORATION

During the Collab Café, partners were asked to identify projects they are working on that they would like to discuss, plan, and collaborate with in conjunction with fellow Coalition members. Those who did not list a project were asked to self-select into one of the groups and think through the project with the project lead. The option to change groups was also available. A list of guiding questions was also made available to each group to help start the conversation, but only if needed. The roster included the following projects:

Project	Person	Focus Area	Location/Neighborhood
Citrus Season/NeighborWoods	Dominic Allamano	N/A	BHC
\$7K Grant: Possible Kitchen Tool Lending Library	Alicia Doktor	N/A	Colonial Heights + Other possible BHC Neighborhoods
Creating a Document/Guideline for Food-Access Activities	Todd McPherson	N/A	BHC + Potentially Beyond
Feasibility Study for Creating a CSA	Joany Titherington	N/A	

Group Report Backs

Each group was given 30-40 minutes to discuss their projects in small groups and at the end of the time, each group was asked to provide a brief project overview/summary. The groups came up with the following notes and shared the following summaries as part of their report backs:

1.) **Citrus Season/NeighborWoods** (Dominic Allamano)

- **Group Notes**
 - N/A
- **Report Back Summary**
 - Big events happening in neighborhoods
 - There will be lots of opportunities for volunteers and organizations, for fruit to be distributed directly to residents, trees to be planted directly in residents' homes, and to be involved in meals that Harvest Sac and Slow Food will be alternating leading

2.) **\$7K Grant: Possible Kitchen Lending Library** (Alicia Doktor)

- **Group Notes**
 - Soil Born Kits/Co-op
 - Cottage Food Supplies
 - Canning pots/jars
 - Thermometers
 - Steamer pot for tamales
 - Blender/food processor
 - Hand mixer
 - Commercial juicer/juicer that screws into jars
 - Croc pot
 - Pressure cooker
 - Dehydrator
 - Big trays/serving bowls
 - Vacuum cleaner
 - Rice cooker

- Heat/Cooling Items
 - Rolling coolers
 - Ice packs
 - Hot transport/thermal
 - Induction burner + pots
 - Wok
- Every Day Items
 - Cutting boards
 - Measuring
 - Wooden spoons
 - Tongs
 - Can openers
 - Rolling cart
- Possible partners: Soil Born, Sac Food Bank and Family Services, Yisrael Family Farm, Food Literacy Center
- Donations: Ikea/Sac Food Bank
- Culturally competent
- USDA Grants: Improving access in South Sac → Pastor Karen
- ~\$500 – Soil Born: Kits for cooking classes
- Containers
- Themed kits (example: tamales)
- Equip Kitchen: Reusable plates/silverware
- **Report Back Summary**
 - Got a lot of ideas for different types of ways we can serve – some ideas re cottage food supplies as well as themed kits (e.g. tamale making)
 - Hoping to grow the idea

3.) Creating a Document/Guidelines for Food-Access Activities (Todd McPherson)

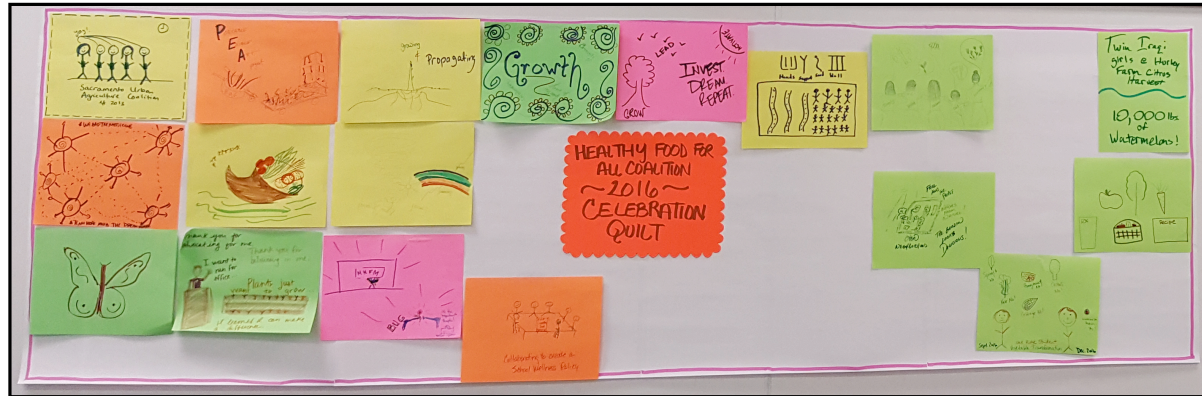
- **Group Notes**
 - Discussion only
- **Report Back Summary**
 - Discussed putting together some sort of guideline for doing community food-access related events (markets, stands, CSA) – would include what we wish we knew in terms of challenges around assessing community buy-in and/or readiness
 - Gathering input and putting our heads together to create a guide (beyond just nuts and bolts of “how to put together a stand”) over the next few years – a tool for community to analyze where they are and the steps to take to move their idea forward
 - Everyone in this group was interested and will move forward at a timeline that is yet to be determined

4.) Feasibility Study for Creating a CSA (Joany Titherinton)

- **Group Notes:**
 - Discussion only
- **Report Back Summary:**
 - Shared nuggets from both successes and challenges of creating a CSA
 - Looked at different models that fit the community → Take away is that more info is needed
 - Will be meeting as a small group for lunch and discussion (invite Alicia Doktor and Karen Strach)

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION AND STORY EXCHANGE

Given that this was the last meeting of the year, Coalition members were asked to take a few minutes to reflect on the year and come up with a word or image that captures a major highlight (or point of inspiration) from their work. The participants then posted their images/words to create a “Celebration Quilt” that commemorated their collective reflections. Please see below for a picture of the quilt.



CLOSING REMARKS & REMINDERS

The next Coalition meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 17, 2017 from 10 AM – 12 PM at Fruitridge Collaborative (4625 44th Street), Room 11.**

Happy New Year!

PARTICIPANTS

	Name	Affiliation/Organization
1.	Rangineh Azimzadeh Tosang	Solh Resolutions International
2.	Shakeya Bell	Sac BHC Hub
3.	Tiffany Wilson	LPC Consulting
4.	Shawn Harrison	Soil Born Farms
5.	Katie Valenzuela Garcia	Sacramento Urban Ag Coalition/Sacramento Food Policy Council
6.	Davida Douglas	Alchemist CDC
7.	Dave Chappell	Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services
8.	Karen Abrego	Senator Dr. Richard Pan's Office/Ebenezer Christian Center
9.	Christine Tien	The California Endowment
10.	Todd McPherson	SCCSC
11.	Joany Titherington	North Oak Park Farmers Market
12.	Shaina Meiners	Alchemist CDC
13.	Dominic Allamano	Soil Born Farms
14.	Rubie Simonsen	WayUp
15.	Shannon Hardwicke	Soil Born Farms
16.	Susan Vitulli	Food Literacy Center
17.	Chanowk Yisrael	Yisrael Family Farm
18.	Glenn Destatte	STVS/SVS
19.	Isaac Gonzalez	Access Sacramento
20.	Karen Strach	Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services
21.	Gerine Williams	NeighborWorks Sacramento
22.	Alicia Doktor	Colonial Heights Library
23.	Robyn Krock	Valley Vision