

Poverty on the Palouse General Meeting

Thursday, December 20, 2018 Agenda/Notes 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers 206 E. Third St.

Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Jessica Brierly, chair
Michelle Mason, vice chair
Susan Roberts
Cynthia Mika
Norman Fowler
Linda Nickels
Johana Doyle

Also in Attendance:

Joe Astorino, Community Action Center
DJ Scallorn, City of Moscow
Char Stevens
Henri Sivula, Food Not Bombs of the Palouse
Kim Sutherbud

Steering Committee Updates

The Poverty on the Palouse Facebook page has been created and is now live. Please like the page so it can reach a broader audience. The page will focus on a number of posts, including tips, recipes, connecting the community with ways to give, nutrition classes, events, and more.

A call for a Poverty on the Palouse logo is being developed and should be going out soon. When developed, this logo will appear on the Facebook page.

The Palouse-Clearwater Food Coalition's Food Summit will be at the Latah County Fairgrounds and Events Center (1021 Harold Street) on Friday, January 25, 2019. Registrations will fill up quickly and scholarships are available for those who need assistance. The theme this year is resilience and regeneration in our local food system. Brierly will give an Ignite Speech at the event about Poverty on the Palouse.

Support Groups

A list of groups is being compiled for posting on the Poverty on the Palouse Facebook. A list of Community Resources is already available on the City of Moscow's website.

Presentation by Palouse Tables Project

The Palouse Tables Project studied food security on the Palouse from 2017 – 2018 by asking residents of Whitman and Latah Counties to “discover, dream, and design” solutions to the food issues they face. In late 2018, as the Palouse Tables Project wrapped up, the project's

steering committee developed the following project, based on the extensive community input process, to align systems and better address the food needs of rural Palouse communities. The report will be available soon online at: <http://www.cacwhitman.org/palousetablesproject>

Astorino presented a graphic developed to show the Projects plan on how to assist communities. The graphic is a wheel with the inner parts being the community and the outer how to assist. The community aspect of the wheel includes Food System Education, Community Engagement & Leadership, Heritage Appreciation & Community Identity, Inclusion & Connection, and Communication & Coordination.

The question is how to share information across partnerships and reach those in need. A mobile stand that sells and shares food offers a solution to reaching those in need in locations with the most need. The question is what needs to be part of the mobile food system project and what community partners are needed to help make this happen? The recently passed Farm Bill includes grant opportunities and Palouse Tables will be applying for funds to assist with the development and implementation of the Project. The grant request can be for up to \$400,000 paid over 4 years. Every dollar in the grant can be matched with time, food donations, or cash.

Discussion ensued regarding what features to include in the mobile food system (vehicle), offering assistance in the summer when school is out of session and there are no lunch programs for kids, distribution suggestions (food banks, community supporters) and how to partner without competing, Idaho food preparation regulations, how to meet the needs of those without transportation (car pool or bussing system), seeing what communities do/need and how to meet those unique needs, how to design the program (where to go, how long to stay, daily/weekly/monthly), how to utilize social media to connect and share information across communities, how to reach the university campuses, ways to connect farmers with farmland, and what food to provide.

Agency Updates – Edible Forest

The Edible Forest is a new park planned for Moscow. Public input is being gathered and the next meeting is January 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the HIRC. A survey is being developed and will be available on the City of Moscow's website.

Future Meetings

- Steering Committee Meeting Friday, January 11, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall (206 E. Third)
- General Meeting Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall (206 E. Third)
- REDIRECTED Steering Committee Meeting Friday, January 25th so members and the public can attend the Palouse-Clearwater Food Coalition's Food Summit at the Latah County Fairgrounds and Events Center (1021 Harold Street), Friday, January 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The theme is resilience and regeneration in our local food system.

Where could REGENERATION improve our community food security?

