



# Food System Committee

Thursday, December 15, 2022

3-4:30PM

Zoom and in-person

## Minutes

### **Members Present:**

Name	Sector	Present
Margaret Gerard	Local Sales Farming	X
Nikki Oleson	Processing/Distribution	X
Riley Sweeney	Food Access	X
Amber Noskoff	Nutrition/ Public Health	X
Sean Hopps	Labor	X
Krista Rome	Natural Resources	X
Rhys-Thorvald Hansen	Whatcom Food Network	X
Paul Burrill	Fishing	
	Export Sales Farming	

**Others Present:** Ali Jensen, WCHD and FSC staff; Eileen Horn, New Venture Advisors; Eloi Roshon, WCHD; Cheryl Thornton, Public.

**Call to order:** Riley started the meeting at 3:06 pm.

### **Land Acknowledgement**

### **Determination of Quorum**

Quorum.

### **Approval of minutes**

Amber motioned, Krista seconded. All approved.

### **Public Comment**

none

### **Sections ready for draft approval**

The group voted on each goal for 80% draft approval, which is ready to share in public draft for community feedback.

Goal 2: the committee approved this.

Goal 5: changed title of the goal and changed language in 5.4.3. Group approved with those changes.

### **Review Food System Plan Outline**

Food system plan is coming along. NVA and Ali are drafting the narrative around the actions.

### **Review of Timeline**

The group reviewed the timeline, with a goal of getting a plan to council at the end of March.

### **Community Engagement**

Sean, Councilmember Martens, and Ali are hosting a follow up restaurant worker focus group January 24. They will share the relevant actions with the restaurant workers and ask if they are correct and for any refinement that may need to happen. An added goal is to find champions in this group to come to a council meeting on behalf of the plan.

WFN will host a virtual event in mid-January, which will serve as a time to workshop the plan. There will be specific groups targeted for participation.

FSC (Ali) will host an open house in mid February at the pioneer pavilion.

Ali had made a survey for feedback for the 80% draft, both of which will be shared widely. Ali will work on a press release and post the 80% draft on the food system committee page. Ali will also send a distribution list.

The group discussed expectations for collecting and incorporating feedback. At this point, constructive and specific feedback will be brought to the committee for review.

### **Next Steps**

The group will meet after the community engagement events in late January. Ali will send a when2meet.

Three committee positions will be up at the end of January: Local Sales Farming, Natural Resources and the Environment, and Nutrition/ Public Health. The Export Sales Farming Position is still open.

**Next meeting:** TBD late January.

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm.