

## Pajaro Valley Food, Farming, and Health Policy Council Meeting

Date: March 10, 202

Locations: 85 Nielson Street Watsonville, CA 95076

### **Attendees:**

Ana Melgoza, Lindsey Marks, Francisco Estrada, DeAndre James, Lisa McGrath, Sarah Marschall, Melanie Wong (zoom), Maria Cadenas (zoom), Hester Parker (zoom), Patricia Carillo (zoom), Nancy Faulstich (zoom), Kathleen Kilpatrick (zoom), Hector Calderon (zoom), Krystal Caballero (zoom)

### **Welcome:**

Sarah Marschall states that this month's learning experience will be rescheduled for next month.

### **Policy Updates:**

Mr. Estrada shared that the city council meetings will be around expanding cannabis related business in Watsonville.

Kathleen asked about more information around measure L - Mr. Estrada will send an update around measure L.

Ms. Marschall will share the avenue to provide public comments for the evening's city council meeting.

Mr. Estrada shared that the first meeting about the city of Watsonville adopting Health in all policies was successful and that. The city of Watsonville successfully passed a resolution approving health in all policies.

Ms. Wong asks for our support from this group and from our organizations to support the Organic School Food Budget Letter.

Ms. Wong asks for us to support for Cal Fresh initiative by the 3/14 from this group and affiliated organizations.

Any objections of the proposed letters of support should be sent to Gustavo prior to 3/12 otherwise FFHPC will proceed to support these initiatives.

If members can have their organizations agree to support this initiative, please send these letters to Gustavo before deadlines.

### **Action Updates:**

**Drive Thru Restrictions** - Estrada shared that the new drive thru developments were passed by city council 4-3. Council members passed the developments as not to increase risk of a potential lawsuit.

Ms. Wong asked on the status of a moratorium for the future around Drive Thrus – Mr. Estrada advised the council to present a new health focused argument that does put so much pressure on the council to make a rushed uninformed decision.

**California Food Policy Council (CAFPC) Meeting** – CAFPC was very pleased by the structure of how PVFFPC hosted the event and felt that it was a success. Ms. Wong states that the meeting was great as an example of a diverse group of people working towards the aligned goals of the CAFPC.

Ms. Marschall shared the results from the survey that was collected from the CAFPC meeting and will share these results with the larger group online, the chart shares what the people from the meeting are working towards in 2020.

**Community Water Center** – Ms. Kilpatrick states that the district has decided to install reverse osmosis water filling stations for the two school being affected by the Chromium-6 contaminants.

**Famer's Market** – Mr. Indarose read the proposed healthy eating guidelines to the council. Council advises to remove the requirement of a nutritional label, more effort to offer incentives to vendors who are presenting healthy options.

Ms. Kilpatrick asked about how can we get farmers who typically do not sell their produce locally to offer their produce at local markets.

Ms. Cadenas asked to what level have we collected community members feedback, is there a need for this market and will it be accessible/ affordable for the community?

### **Calendaring, Announcements, and Closing Remarks**

Ms. Cadenas shared that the Santacruzseeds.org website is live. Please share with networks.

Ms. Faulstich shared that the Pajaro Valley High School hosts a program called Sustainability Now that meets Thursday afternoons.

Film Festival will feature a farmworker presentation if the event does not get cancelled.

MVG – Mesa Verde Gardens is exploring the possibility of becoming a program of the Trust. PVCHT will be acting as the interim manager of the organization.

SASS – Manufacturer of a dangerous pesticide supplier affecting our safe ag production is being shut down.

SCCPH – Go 4 Health Meeting will probably keep their date or consider meeting virtually

Sarah Marschall – We will be ready to begin talking about governance structures at our next meeting.