DENVER SFPC 2015



Open Council Meetings:

Day: Third Wednesday of every Month

Time: 10am-Noon

Location: 1031 33rd Street, Suite 100

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The Denver Sustainable Food Policy Council is a City of Denver Board and Commission.

MISSION STATEMENT AND PURPOSE

The mission of Denver's Sustainable Food Policy Council is to influence policy that fosters food security for all community members, and promotes a healthy, equitable, and sustainable local food system, with consideration for economic viability and environmental impact.

Educate, Raise Awareness & Build Coalitions:

- Foster nutritious food & healthy eating habits.
- Promote the skills to grow, process & cook nutritious food.
- Build strong networks to promote efficiency & economic viability throughout the food system.

Advise on Laws & Policies:

- Support laws & policies that enhance local food production.
- Advocate for laws & policies to protect natural resources.

• Support innovation and positive change within the food system.

Promote Food Security:

- · Raise awareness about food safety.
- Increase local food production by encouraging year-round, seasonal eating from our region.
- Promote affordable access to nutritious food.

Foster a Sustainable Food System:

- Identify ways to make the food system innovative, just and resilient.
- Improve economic viability of urban ag and foster sustainable business models for food entrepreneurs.
- Advocate for food system infrastructure (storage/processing/distribution).
- · Promote resource conservation.

Proposed Policy Changes

Policy 1:

Identify City Land for Local Food Production.

Goal: Research the feasibility and potential impact of allowing food production on vacant and/or underutilized City-owned land, and identify approaches that could be implemented in Denver, as well as the locations for potential pilot projects throughout the City.

Policy 2:

Procure Local Food in the City of Denver.

Goal: Enact a city-wide policy, adhered to by all City and County of Denver governmental entities and associated vendors, to prioritize and purchase at least 10% of their food products from local farms and ranches.

Policy 3:

Increase SNAP Redemption Opportunities at Farmers' Markets.

Goal: Seek new and/or allocate existing funds, support and resources to ensure that all farmers' markets have the means to accept SNAP benefits, and the outreach to make the recipients aware of it.

Policy 4:

Encourage Healthy Food Access and Sourcing.

Goal: Support current and future expansion of fresh food access in Denver.

Council Members:

Shannon Spurlock - Denver Urban Gardens Dana Miller - Grow Local Colorado Eric Kornacki - Re:Vision Krista Roberts - Slow Food Denver Jessica George - Waste Farmers Wade Shelton - Trust for Public Land Adam Brock - GrowHaus Chris Parr - Denver Housing Authority Ceyl Prinster - Colorado Enterprise Fund Cindy Everett - Urban Land Conservancy Ryan Galanaugh - Metro CareRing Megan Bradley - Share Our Strength Mickki Langston - Mile High Business Alliance Erin Bravo - City of Lakewood Jessica Chance - Chance Multimedia Patti Iwasaki - Taking Neighborhood H2H Mya Bea - Liberation Sequence Gardens Jody Norman - JNN Enterprises

Ex-Officio:

Jerry Tinianow - Mayor's Office of Sustainability Sarah Showalter - Dept. of Community Planning & Dev Michael Miera - Office of Economic Development Stacey McConlogue - Dept. of Environmental Health Jennifer Moreland - Denver Public Health Rusty Collins - CSU Extension