

# Douglas County Food Policy Council

Monday, August 19, 2019

6:30pm to 8:30pm



Lumberyard Arts Center  
718 High St, Baldwin City, KS 66006

**\*6:00 Pre-meeting Presentation to be determined**

## ***Food For Thought for Today's Meeting:***

Of 945 farms in Douglas County, 86 sell products directly to area consumers. [2017 Douglas County Food System Assessment](#)

- I. Action Item: Administrative Items**
  - A. Determine quorum of members, agenda approval
  - B. Approval of July meeting minutes
- II. Public Comment**
- III. Presentation:** KU Center for Community Health & Development preliminary findings for Kansas Alliance for Wellness Policy Implementation grant with Health Equity working group.
  - A. Advancing Food System Plan Goal 4, Objective 1: Apply Equity Principles to Local Government Food System Efforts
- IV. Presentation and Discussion:** [Growing Kansas Agriculture](#): Strategic Action Plan for Growing Douglas County Agricultural Growth
  - A. Advancing Food System Plan Goal 1, Objective 1: Develop Local Food and Agricultural Business
- V. Staff Report**
  - A. City Commission direction regarding plastic and paper bag fee
  - B. Sustainability Office staffing changes: Sustainability and Food System Analyst hiring in-process
  - C. Call for application: [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) Local Foods, Local Places program](#). Grant application deadline September 30, 2019. Communities with projects located in federal designated Opportunity Zones will receive special consideration.
- VI. Future Agenda Items**
  - A. Working Groups discuss their Food System Plan goals and health equity connections
  - B. Receive KU final report / discuss actions on report findings (September)
- VII. Key Takeaways Review**
- VIII. Member Updates**
- IX. Adjourn**

**\*\*Next Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019 at Vesecky's Farm, 1814 N 600 Rd, Baldwin City, KS 66006 at 6:30pm.**

## **Food Policy Council Members and Working Groups**

The working groups of the Food Policy Council are organized around the five goals of the [Douglas County Food System Plan](#).

### **Current Member Vacancies**

Douglas County Agricultural Producer (preferably Western county, livestock or commodity crops)  
Sustainable Ag / Local Foods Non-profit

### **Aggies**

**Focus Areas Thriving Regional Food Economy (Goal 1) and Conservation & Resilience (Goal 2)**

William Vesecky  
Scott Thellman  
Marlin Bates  
John Pendleton  
Jason Champagne

### **Health Equity**

**Focus Areas Healthy Food Access (Goal 3) and Equitable Food System (Goal 4)**

Michele Dillon (Working group co-chair)  
Tamara Cash  
Christina Ostmeyer  
Connie Fitzpatrick (Working group co-chair)  
*Community members: Melissa Fisher Isaacs*

### **Forward**

**Focus Area Food Waste Reduction & Diversion (Goal 5)**

Sarah Hartsig  
Tyler Lindquist  
Elizabeth Burger  
Michael Steinle (Working group chair)  
*Community members: Jill Elmers*

### **Leadership**

Kim Criner (FPC Chair)  
Michael Steinle (FPC Vice Chair)  
Jason Champagne (FPC Vice Chair)

2019 PROPOSED Food Policy Council Meeting Schedule			
Date	Time(s)	Location	Who helps coordinate / make arrangements?
Monday, January 14 <sup>th</sup> *	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	CANCELED	
Monday, February 25 <sup>th</sup> *	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Baker Wetlands 1365 North 1250 Road, Lawrence, 66046	Kim Criner
Monday, March 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	County Courthouse 1100 Massachusetts St.	Staff
Monday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Tom Sloan (Kanawaka Town Hall)	Elizabeth Burger
Monday, May 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Juniper Hill Farm 1547 N 2000 Road (NE of Lawrence) 66044	Scott Thellman
Monday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Haskell Cafeteria	Jason Champagne
Monday, July 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Fields & Ivy (new brewery) 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. and Haskell	Michael Steinle
Monday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Lumberyard Arts Center 718 High St, Baldwin City, KS 66006	Jeanette Blackmar (staff coordinate)
Monday, September 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Vesecky's Farm	William Vesecky
Monday, October 21 <sup>st</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Stull United Methodist Church 1596 E 250 Rd., Lecompton, KS 66050	Brenna Wulfkuhle (staff coordinate)
Monday, November 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Eudora City Hall / Chamber / Library (?)	Staff
Monday, December 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Cider Gallery / Bon Bon	TBD

\*February meeting date changed due to Federal Holiday on third Monday.

**Summary of Proposed Meeting Locations:**

- Locations outside of Lawrence: 6
- Locations in Lawrence: 6
- Meetings on a farm: 2-3
- Meetings at food businesses: 2-4
- Meetings at public institutions: 4
- Meetings about community food programs: 2