

# Goof Food Central Florida Meeting Notes

## Thursday, May 21, 2015

**Date:** May 21, 2015

**Time:** 2:30 pm to 4:00pm

**Place:** IFAS- 6021 S Conway Rd, Orlando, FL 32812

*Attendees: Caitlyn Glatting, IFAS, Jared Varnum, Orange County; Chris Castro, City of Orlando; Alex Stringfellow, Orange County; John Rife and Morgan Gilley, EEM; Lucas Lopes and Mark Cassidy, City of Orlando Interns; Abby Gulden, City of Winter Park; Maria Ali Conley, SHFB; Richard Tyson, IFAS; Joseph England, USF; Caitlyn Glatting, UF/IFAS; Jane Gregory, OCEPD; Esther Haugbrooks, DOH; Lisa Portelli, WPHF; Yarissa Matos-Soto; FDOH-Lake County-Facilitator; Holly Baker, Farmworker Assoc.; and Mary-Stewart Droege, City of Orlando.*

Ms. Mary-Stewart Droege, facilitator, welcomed everyone, asked for attendees to get ready for a tour of the garden. For the first part of the meeting Dr. Tyson provided a guided tour of the IFAS gardens and answered questions along the way. At the end, the council viewed the IFAS kitchen training room, where various classes are held including “cooking for one” for seniors.

After return to the meeting room, Yarissa Matos-Soto, facilitator, officially opened the meeting and asked for updates. John Rife, Production Committee, addressed the upcoming small farms conference in Osceola County (see handout). He also noted that there will be another food summit in northern Florida, details will follow. Discussion shifted to past and present food activities particularly as it concerns the urban farm proposal in the City of Orlando, the Community Food Assessment in Apopka (Holly Baker provided details) and the interest in opening up opportunities for farmworkers to own and manage their own farms. Further discussion ensued about food policy council activities Florida- wide (Pasco County) and food related research performed by local entities (UCF Dr. Jim Wright). Jane Gregory, Food Waste Sub-Committee Chair, brought up a Recycle Florida Workshop and the evolving interest in composting in Orange County. Caitlyn Glatting and Yarissa Matos discussed ongoing activities in the Community Outreach and Education Subcommittee, in particular the development of an educational pamphlet and target organizations (faith based institutions), farm to school activities and the need to update certain data bases (community gardens). Processing and Distribution committee noted that it was reorganizing and revisiting goals and strategies as part of this process. Ms. Portelli briefly discussed her ongoing efforts with the Food Trust. Jane Gregory and others offered resources and ideas. Dave Krephco was out of town and so while no report on the Critical Resources subcommittee was provided an update will follow.

The latter part of the meeting focused on a presentation by Chris Castro, the City of Orlando’s Sustainability Manager who presented an overview on Energy Audits and the similarities to a Food Policy Audits. Joe England and the City Interns discussed the Food Policy Audit and the nature and extent of research and related questions. While at the end of the meeting, MS Droege distributed the draft Bylaws for review.

The meeting closed at 4 pm.

