

Good Food Central Florida (GFCF) July Council Meeting Re-Cap

Thursday, July 15, 2021

2:30 pm to 4 pm

TEAMS

Facilitated by Maeven Rogers, City of Orlando Sustainability Project Coordinator

Recap and Reference Share-Drive by Emma Roehrig, City Office of Sustainability Summer Associate

Just as a reminder, please visit the evolving Good Food Central Florida web-site at: [Good Food Central Florida – Food Policy Council \(goodfoodcfl.org\)](http://goodfoodcfl.org) Many thanks to Emma for making this happen! If you have photos, on food related activities, please provide them to Emma at: emma.roehrig@cityoforlando.net by July 23, 2021 and be sure to cc: Maeven Rogers (maeven.rogers@cityoforlando.net) and Mary-Stewart Droege (mary-stewart.droege@cityoforlando.net).

RECAP

The Good Food Central Florida meeting was opened by Maeven Rogers, meeting facilitator. She asked for introductions around the TEAMS screen. In total, 23 people from a variety of government, non-governmental agencies as well as agricultural and waste practitioners were present.

Ms. Rogers then shifted the meeting to the first of three presentations. Brittany McPeak, City of Orlando Sustainability Project Manager, gave a comprehensive and informative presentation about food waste in Orlando and the various best practices being used to manage waste. For additional information, please go to our new Good Food Central Florida, easy to access share drive, at: https://1drv.ms/u/s!AhLwlcUpe6Etag_Mq32S3rJuw5Y?e=YH1hpG

Following Ms. McPeak's presentation, Andrea Stevens, AmeriCorp Sustainability Summer Associate for the City of Orlando, presented an outstanding history on gleaning. Of importance was the upcoming "Gleaning Event", which will be occur on October 16th in partnership with the St. Andrews Society. Ms. Stevens asked that we sign up to volunteer by using the following link: <https://endhunger.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=46852&application>

During the latter part of the meeting, Ms. Lori Forsman, Sustainability Programs Manager, LEED Green Associate, and Mr. Jeff Benevides, Chief Sustainability and Resilience Officer, from the Orange County Sustainability Office, presented their proposed "Backyard Chicken Ordinance" PPT. As part of the presentation, various GFCF attendees, including the City of Orlando, ECFRPC and the City of Winter Park, provided feedback on other ordinances, best practices and presentation approaches. Lori asked that if any communities had key data to share on chickens, that they would sent this information to her, particularly as it concerned noise, setbacks and violations. *Lori's email is: lori.forsman@ocfl.org*

Lori and Jeff also shared that on **August 10th at 2 pm**, public comment will begin for the Backyard Chicken Ordinance adoption hearing, where the Orange County Board of County Commissioners will be voting on whether to adopt the ordinance.

If you want to speak, as a **resident, engaged group** or an **interested individual**, (as a governmental populated entity GFCF cannot lobby) during the public comment period, please to BCC Chambers located at 201 South Rosalind Ave., Orlando Florida (32810) and make your voice heard on Backyard Chickens! You can also email District1@ocfl.net, if you have any questions related to this information. Also please check out the Facebook event here: <https://fb.me/e/2kz3C9tdz>.

If you are an active Good Food Central Florida council attendee (more than 3 meetings in the past 18 months), and would like to be featured on the "Our Council" tab on our website, please e-mail emma.roehrig37@cityoforlando.net

Next month's meeting will be held on August 19th from 2:30-4:00 p.m. on Microsoft Teams, so look out for the calendar invite! Brittany McPeak and Jessica Wright will both be presenting about food waste in Central Florida.