FPC Member Attendance:

Government members:

- DC Office of Planning: Ona Balkus; Tariq Sheriff; Ashley Stephens
- DSLBD: Caroline Howe
- OSSE: Lindsey Palmer
- DOEE: Kate Lee
- DC Health: Sara Beckwith
- DC Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning & Economic Development: Katie Littman
- DHS: Bridgette Acklin

Public Members:

- DC Greens: Winnie Huston
- DC Hunger Solutions: Beverly Wheeler
- Unity Health Care: James Huang
- Hungry Harvest: Dalila Boclin
- Good Food Markets: Philip Sambol
- YMCA of Metropolitan Washington: Kristy McCarron
- DOL: Christopher Bradshaw
- Green Scheme: Ronnie Webb
- LEDC: Emi Reyes

Working Group Updates:

- Urban Agriculture
  - Did not meet in December
  - Update: Mayor Bowser signed on to the Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration: [https://www.glasgowdeclaration.org/](https://www.glasgowdeclaration.org/)

- Food Access and Equity
  - Had robust conversation about 2022 priorities
    - Ideas on how priorities can be fulfilled and opps to work with other working groups
    - Discussed the No Senior Hungry legislation: [https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B24-0419](https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B24-0419)
Check out this article: https://washingtoncitypaper.com/article/540721/d-c-has-the-highest-percentage-of-senior-hunger-in-the-nation-can-new-legislation-help/

Looking forward to 2022 to more collaborative efforts

Sustainable Supply Chain
- Co-chairs met to review 2022 priorities and create more structure on working group for 2022
- Glasgow Declaration will be discussed in future meetings
- Conversations with Tariq and Ona on 2021 priorities and set 2022 agenda

Nutrition & Health
- Discussed Priorities for 2022
- Working group thought to make goals more comprehensive
- Conducted meeting with working group chairs to hash out goals in a more comprehensive way

Entrepreneurship & Food Jobs
- Popped into other working groups to collab more with other groups
- How can small business lift up food access
- Addressing licensing issues around shared kitchens

Presentation on new report: 2021 Food Access and Food Security Update: Ona Balkus, Director DC Food Policy Council

- Although the overall 2021 food insecurity rate for the District (11%) will nearly return to the pre-COVID rate (down from 21.1% in 2020), this data hides continued high need for some groups, including:
  - Black and Latinx households
  - Households with children
  - Seniors

- Progress and Highlights
  - Work began in 2019 and has progressed throughout the past three years
  - Extending and Expanding Emergency Feeding Programs
  - Expanding Federal Nutrition Programs
  - Pandemic-EBT Program for Families with Children
  - Emergency Allotments for SNAP Clients
  - Enhancing Benefits and Access to WIC
  - New Budget Investments: Food Access Fund and Nourish DC Collaborative
  - Developing the DC Federal Nutrition Program Toolkit
  - Providing Urban Agriculture Infrastructure Grants
  - Releasing the Centralized Kitchen Study

DMPED Food Access Fund:
Tim White, Executive Director, Equitable Development at DMPED
Amanda Stephenson, Fresh Food Factory Market & Grantee

- Awarded over 9 million in grants to various businesses around the city

- Fresh Food Factory Market
  - Opening Market in Ward 7 off of Kenilworth Ave
- Employ people in the neighborhood but, also allows for business opps within kitchens in space
- Market with have eateries attached
- Working with DHS to ensure Ward 7&8 residents have job training
- [https://www.thefreshfoodfactory.com/about](https://www.thefreshfoodfactory.com/about)
- Looking to expand with CBE partners

- The first round of Food Access Fund recipients include:
  - **DCity Smokehouse**, a Black-owned business serving smokehouse BBQ since 2013 on Florida & North Capitol St, will open a new location in Anacostia in Ward 8.
  - **Fresh Food Factory**, a grocery store that sells affordably priced fresh and healthy food, will open a new location in Kenilworth in Ward 7.
  - **HalfSmoke**, a restaurant serving unique and complex foodservice design, combining elements of a quick-service restaurant, café, and gastro pub, will open two new locations at Skyland Town Center and Downtown Minnesota Ave in Ward 7.
  - **Highland Café**, a local hangout, a place where friends, family and neighbors can fellowship and enjoy coffee and delicious meals, will open a new location in the Penn Branch neighborhood of Ward 7.
  - **MLK Deli**, a restaurant serving traditional classic sandwiches with a unique twist will open a new location in Deanwood in Ward 7.
  - **Roots 657 Café**, an eat-in and take-out café and market, will open a new location at Skyland in Ward 7.
  - **Sala Thai**, a restaurant serving Thai food, will open a location in the Hill East neighborhood of Ward 7.
  - **Sweet Tooth**, a restaurant serving gourmet specialty cakes and pastries for over 25 years, will open a location in Anacostia in Ward 8.

- Available funding for the first round of FY22 – Up to $7 million
  - Eligibility changes:
    1. New concepts now eligible and
    2. Construction must begin with 18 months
  - Application Period – On a rolling basis, the applications will be reviewed per the following schedule:
    1. RFA Round 1 Opens 12/6/2021
    2. RFA Round 1 Closes 1/7/2022
    3. RFA Round 2 Opens 1/18/2022
    4. RFA Round 2 Closes 3/23/2022
    5. RFA Round 3 Opens 4/4/2022
    6. RFA Round 3 Closes 6/28/2022
- Visit the Food Access Fund Grant website at [dmped.dc.gov/page/food-access-fund](http://dmped.dc.gov/page/food-access-fund).
- Food Access Fund Awards Contact: Tim White- timothye.white@dc.gov, 202-279-1920

**Good Food Market Opening:** Philip Sambol, Executive Director, Oasis Community Partners

- Good Food Markets (GFM) is a social enterprise of Oasis Community Partners’ (Oasis), and share a mission to **improve food access and community health**. Together, GFM and Oasis are creating small stores with **grocery and café**, living wage **jobs**, and health **education** in neighborhoods that have been written-off by the supermarket and restaurant chains.
  - First piloted store in Ward 5
• Recent location opened in Ward 8
  ▪ P3 partnership funding $2.3M to build and operate neighborhood grocery and café with adjoining government offices and public community space:
    ▪ Program Related Investment from the Bainum Family Foundation,
    ▪ DMPED Neighborhood Prosperity Fund grant,
    ▪ DSLBD Healthy Food Retail grant, and
    ▪ DISB BizCAP program loan
  ▪ Serving the Bellevue neighborhood of Ward 8, near public library, ground floor retail beneath 190 units of affordable and supportive housing.
• For more information
  ▪ www.goodfoodmarkets.com
  ▪ www.oasiscommunitypartners.org
  ▪ T: @goodfooddc
  ▪ IG: @goodfoodmarket
  ▪ FB: @goodfoodmarketsdc
  ▪ Philip Sambol, Executive Director, philip@oasiscommunitypartners.org

2022 Food Waste Innovation Grant: Caroline Howe, DSLBD

  ▪ RFA will be released in next two weeks: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sign-up-for-food-waste-innovation-grant-updates-tickets-214193657997
  ▪ Email any questions to Inno.ed@dc.gov
  ▪ Learn about Sustainable DC 2.0’s plans on reducing food waste here: https://sustainable.dc.gov/page/waste
  ▪ DC a part of Regional Food Matters Collaboration

  ▪ Sign up to get alerts when the Food Waste Innovation Grants open to support food and beverage businesses in reducing their food waste! --> https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sign-up-for-food-waste-innovation-grant-updates-tickets-214193657997

○ Announcements:
  • Friday 12/3: Return of Food Policy Office Hours. If you would like to attend future office hours (always the first Friday of the month), email dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov

  • Wednesday, February 2, 2022: Next FPC Public Meeting
  • Coming soon! Survey on Draft 2022 Food Policy Council Priorities
  • FPC Call for New Members: https://dcfoodpolicy.org/membership/
  • To join a Working Group listserv, email the WG chairs or dcfoodpolicy@dc.gov
  • Add other announcements to chat and/or unmute yourself.