

## Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council Meeting Minutes

Date & Location: Wednesday, February 15, 2023; United Way of Greater Knoxville

Type of Meeting: Educational

Recorder: Brett Foster

Attending Appointed (Voting) Members	Bruce Crabtree Bailey Foster Brett Foster Laura Deubler Ross Jones Sara Keel Marisa Moazen Jen Russomanno Rylan Thompson Donna Wright
Attending Associated (Non-voting) Members	Beth Brown Adam Caraco Nicole Gross Travis Henderson Marissa McKeague Judith Pelot Charlotte Rodina Caesar Stair Vivian Williams
Other Attendees	Madelyn Howe—KCHD Kimberly Pettigrew—United Way Greater Knoxville Jessie Hillman—Knoxville-Knox County Planning Kasey Krouse—City of Knoxville Charles Al-Zai—Muslim Community of Knoxville Andreas Bastias—Three Rivers Market Chris Battle-Battlefield Farm Margo Beck—Nourish Knoxville/AmeriCorps Kat Bike—Nourish Knoxville Liliana Burbano—UTMC CJ Butcher—United Way Greater Knoxville Tyrone Fritz—Muslim Community of Knoxville Mary Clay Kline—Second Harvest Hailey Lewis Courtney Liles—Second Harvest Kendra Lindsay—SHFB Laila Malik—Rooted East Kat McLeana—Battlefield Farm Devalle Muhammad—Muslim Community of Knoxville Kelly Sauskojus—KBGA Lillie Sutton—KCDC/AmeriCorps

	Charlotte Tolley—Nourish Knoxville Blake Weiss—UTK-Student Life Tiara-Lady Wilson—Rooted East Jackie Yenerall—UT Ag/Econ
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1.	<p><b>Welcome: Jen Russomanno and Kimberly Pettigrew</b>          Opportunity for everyone in room to introduce themselves and their organization; overview for guests of Food Policy Council; introduction of speakers</p>
2.	<p><b>Presentation of City of Knoxville Food Systems Zoning, Codes, and More!: Jessie Hillman, Knoxville-Knox County Planning</b>          Defined zoning as a tool in planning—regulatory tool to help in planning (what can be built and where). Land Use Classifications are used to connect zoning to community plans. City Code includes a Use Matrix—food pantries are only allowed as “special use” in C-G and C-H. “Special use” means an individual, group, etc. must go before planning commission to propose concept and use prior to approval. Community, market, and personal gardens are permitted in all zones in some form. Jessie created a guide that she will email out after this meeting.</p>
3.	<p><b>Feedback Session for Urban Forest Master Plan: Kasey Krouse, City of Knoxville</b>          KnoxvilleTreePlan.org; Knoxville Plan—non-profit Trees Knoxville is leading project; sponsors are University of TN-Knoxville, City of Knoxville, TN Dept. of Ag, KUB, Keep Knoxville Beautiful; Urban Canopy Works—consultant from OH leading the process. Environmental, social, and economic benefits are considered in this plan. The goal is to not lose amenities that we receive from trees in our community.          Tree canopy assessment was conducted in 2020 for a mapping of tree coverage across the city of Knoxville (tree cover, other green space, impervious surfaces, bare ground, water are all included in the mapping). Changes in tree cover from 2008 to 2018 were also considered. Trends for tree coverage by where minorities reside were part of the findings. Goal today is to receive input via provided survey. Public open house is scheduled for April 20, 2023. Kasey offered that if other organizations would like to have this presented at an event to let him know.</p>
4.	<p><b>March Meeting Date Discussion: Kimberly Pettigrew</b>          Presented two different dates for consideration—March 16 (spring break) or March 22. Meeting has been moved to March 22; 8:30-10:00 AM</p>
5.	<p><b>Organizational Updates and Announcements:</b>  <u>CAC</u>-March for Meals, March 13 at 10 AM; reopening kitchen renovation—Congressman Burchett will be in attendance.</p>

	<p><b><u>Knox County Schools Nutrition</u></b>-discussed HB 0255 and SB 0208 at state level for support of no cost meals in state of TN; provided overview of School Nutrition Program Charges policy and procedure.</p> <p><b><u>American Heart Association</u></b>—Heart Health month; offering Heart Health presentation to organizations, hand only CPR training offered as well; (4) CPR Anytime Kits are available here as well. Cold storage placement expansion is occurring, specifically for Second Harvest sites.</p> <p><b><u>KCDC</u></b>—AmeriCorps position for gardening is vacant. Working diligently on Western Heights—have everything they need from HUD. If not involved in the transformation of Western Heights and would like to be, let Marisa know.</p>
6.	<b>Meeting Adjourned.</b>