



FULL COUNCIL RETREAT 2024

Monday, February 19, 2024

6:00pm to 9:00pm

Baker Wetlands Discovery Center

1365 N. 1250 Road, Lawrence KS 66046

I. Welcome, Introduction, and Dinner 6:00-6:30pm

- Approve December 2023 meeting minutes
- Welcome new members:
 - i. Lee Meisel - City of Lawrence
 - ii. Quinlan Carttar - City of Lawrence
 - iii. Casey Cordts - City of Lawrence
- Welcome Intern:
 - i. Jazmine Johnson, Food Systems Intern with Douglas County
 - 1. Haskell Indian Nations University School of Business

II. DCFPC Introduction 6:30-6:50pm

- About the DCFPC, Connie (5 slides 5 minutes)
- Working Group Introductions and 2023 Work Overview led by Emily (2 minutes each)
 - i. Food & Farm: Building the local food economy and ensuring we maintain needed natural resources for continued local agricultural production.
 - ii. Forward: Eliminating food waste through reduction, recovery, and diversion (including composting).
 - iii. Economic Development: Building an equitable entrepreneurial ecosystem.
 - iv. Indigenous Food System Study and Action Plan: 2024-2025 planning working group.
 - v. Douglas County Health Plan – Food Security: Partner liaison working group with the Douglas County Health Department focused on developing the Food Security section for the 2024 Douglas County Health Plan (CHP).
 - vi. Water: Building equitable water policies to support our local food system.

III. John Hopkins Center for a livable Future & Mississippi Food Justice Collaborative: Community of Learning Practice 6:50-7:10pm

- Presentation by Cody Haynes, Community of Learning Practice Fellow

IV. DCFPC Leadership Restructure 7:10-7:40pm

- Consider the rotational leadership structure (attached Model A)
 - i. Co-Chair structure in a six month serving cycle led by one City of Lawrence appointee and one Douglas County appointee. V.Chair would rotate monthly using a sign-up model.

V. Agenda/structure of running meetings procedure 7:40-7:50pm

- DCFPC does not have to follow Robert's Rules. The board has an obligation to the public to inform them of big topics ahead of time. Agendas to be public a week before the date of the meeting.
- Hybrid Meetings - on Teams: The chat feature will only be used for accessibility purposes. (ex: low internet connectivity, unable to speak due to a loud background noise, etc.) This will allow for one DCFPC member to have the floor at a time. A DCFPC Co-Chair will monitor the Teams chat.

VI. 2024 Planning 7:50-8:20pm

- Blue Cross Blue Shield - Pathways Grant
 - i. The Douglas County Food Policy Council received a \$10,000 grant funded by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas as part of LiveWell Douglas County and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Initiative. The

DCFPC will use the funds to help compensate historically underserved community members for their participation in the Council's work by sharing their perspectives, knowledge and skills.

- March 7th KFAN Advocacy Day at the Capitol
 - i. A convening of a food policy council from across the state of Kansas advocating for equitable food systems. V.Chair Cody Haynes and Food Systems Staff Connie Fiorella Fitzpatrick will represent DCFPC.
- Urban Food Systems Symposium
 - i. The 2024 Urban Food Systems Symposium will be held June 11-13, 2024, in Columbus, OH
 - ii. [UFSS 2024 \(urbanfoodsystemssymposium.org\)](https://urbanfoodsystemssymposium.org)
- ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit
 - i. 2024 ReFED Food Waste Solutions Summit will be held June 11-13, 2024 | Baltimore, MD Baltimore Convention Center
 - ii. [ReFED 2024 Food Waste Solutions Summit](#)
- Kansas Leadership Center training
 - i. Available for DCFPC membership and working group members. Contact staff for more information.
 - ii. [Home Page | Kansas Leadership Center](#)
- November Douglas County Legislative Priorities draft due the first week of November 2024.
- Full Council Tabling events (Oct-Nov)
 - i. Kaw Valley Farm Tour
 - ii. Farmers Markets
 - iii. Baldwin City Friday Market
 - iv. Eudora Days
- Working Group 2024 projects focus on advancing the Food System Plan:
 - i. Food & Farm
 - 1. Commercial kitchen access
 - ii. Eco Devo
 - 1. Food truck regulations
 - iii. FORWARD
 - 1. Food waste reduction
 - iv. Indigenous Food System Study
 - 1. Data collection, community engagement, applying for grants to hire experts.
 - v. Douglas County Health Plan - Food Security
 - 1. Bring the work from Douglas County Health Department to DCFPC. DCFPC Involvement in the shaping and implementation of the Douglas County Health Plan.
 - vi. Water
 - 1. In process, TBD

VII. Douglas County Health Plan - Food Security Priorities Vote 8:20-8:30pm

- i. Short presentation by Enrique Ortiz referencing informational materials sent for review.
- ii. DCFPC to rank Douglas County Health Plan - Food Security Priorities.

VIII. Food System Plan 8:30-8:40pm

- Keeping in mind the next iteration of the Food System Plan – 2026
 - i. The Food System Plan adopted by the City of Lawrence and Douglas County is a ten year plan. Staff will request funding during the 2025 budgeting process to be added to the agenda for the June County Commission budget requests
 - ii. Staff will look through records on the previous Food System Plan to determine an approximate monetary request for the next iteration.

IX. Mobile Food Vendor Policy: 8:40-8:55pm

- Update by Tyler Lindquist on the Mobile Food Vendor (Food Trucks) Policy recommendations, study, and report draft 2023-2024.

X. Legislative Priorities List: 8:55-9:00pm

- Instead of working on a list in October. Leadership suggests having an [ongoing list](#) throughout the year of possible topics and items to support. Then work on the final draft in September/Oct and submit it to Douglas County Administration the first week of November.

XI. Adjourn

