

Community Garden Coalition Meeting Minutes

Location: Family Resource Center of the Redwoods

Vision: **Inspire and empower our community to grow and eat better together!**

Date/ time	January 10, 2020, 9-10:30am
Type of meeting	Garden Coalition Regular Meeting
Attendees	Rose Patchin, Holly Harrison, Eelena Sisneros, Kyra Seymour, Ben Zumeta, Andrea Lanctot, Sunny Baker
Note Taker/ recorder	Sunny Baker
Topic	
Welcome & Introduction Member's announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyra (Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority) - Senate Bill No.1383, Short-lived climate pollutants: dairy and livestock: organic waste: landfills. Takes effect Jan.1, 2020. Kyra is busy outreaching and educating about this new bill to the community. She is offering compost workshops and outreach to the community. • Ben (CR Food Forests) - Offering Permaculture Garden Club on Mondays from 2-5pm at CR food forests, building partnership with Permaculture Guild. Ben brought Food Forest Card Game, a great garden educational tool • Andrea (Community Food Council)- Met with Jim Mclean in Klamath and learned about a new grant, YES (nutrition & Physical activity 2 year grant for youth in Klamath) will work on nutrition policy with Tribal and promote physical activity; trail, yoga, nutrition education (Andrea shared Food Smarts curriculum and they are considering to implement Food Smarts for Adults and Food Smarts for Kids) Food Council is planning to offer Nutrition and Garden Summer Camp • Sunny (CalFresh Healthy Living) – offering Seed to Supper planning meeting on Jan.14 @ CalFresh Healthy Living office, 420 L Street, Public Health Food Smarts (nutrition workshop series) for parenting adults and kids begins on Jan. 23, 2020 from 5:30-6:30pm at FRC. Local Champions and community partners will lead/facilitate Food Smarts curriculum activities and planning to offer supports and resources to other community organizations to lead more Food Smarts workshop series in the community
Recap of 2019 Garden Coalition activities, successes and lesson learned – Sunny shared the highlights of 2019 activities and successes and a brief history of garden coalition	<p>Garden Coalition activities and events 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seed to Supper facilitator training: March 30, 2019 @ Brookings, 9-3:30 pm • Seed to Supper: 6 week, June 15-July 27, 1-3pm, Saturdays @ Open Door Garden, FRC • Earth Day Celebration: April 26, 2019 @ CR Food Forests 1-5pm, Seed Starting workshop, strawberry plants and other starts giveaway, BBQ, kids garden arts and crafts, Tai Chi, Labyrinth, Food forest guided tour • Garden resource Tabling and outreach: Home Show @ Fairground, June 1st, 2019 and County Fair Tabling <p>Garden coalition first met in Feb. 2019 to address community/school gardens needs and network and offer support. A group of members attended Seed to Supper training in March and offered Seed to Supper 6 week basic garden workshop series successfully. We had a several meeting after the Seed to Supper series. We identified our strength,</p>

	<p>needs, opportunities and treats. We selected our vision for 2020 through a half day strategic meeting. <i>Inspire and empower our community to grow and eat better together!</i></p>
<p>Garden Coalition’s priorities and focus activities for 2020 - Each member shared program needs and priorities and suggestions for 2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben- CR Food Forests is trying to set the Food Forest community garden ground rules and standards for the garden volunteers and express the needs to set “Community garden ground rules”, community garden google map, plant signage at the site, weather proof resource box for garden resources and information, local buying power to purchase tools, seeds, trees in bulk to reduce cost of shipping and handling Ben mentioned Food/Garden Summer Camp could be service learning model starting kids early aged 5 and building them up to the community services, Ben wish to have 8-12 regular volunteers at CR food forest site, regular volunteers are needed • Holly- Getting the seeds and garden goods are challenging due to the cost and transportation, seeking some ideas to utilize the Open Door Community Garden beds and maximize individual garden bed rental rate up to 99%, seeking ideas yielding foods for the community utilizing the community garden beds, Holly wish to create partial protection for privacy from the highway along the fence and add bees for pollination. Holly has background of horticultural therapy and her long term goal is to offer Horticultural therapy program to the clients at the Open Door Clinic and middle school age youth gardening program. • Andrea – Getting people on board, creating calendar of events for workshops and activities • Elena – will need some help during summer time for gardening volunteering in Smith River community gardens; Head Start, Nursery. • Andrea- walked through The Local Food Guide and addressed the needs for the information updates for the Community Gardens and Farms section, Andrea is meeting up local farmers and business owners to update the Local Food Guide and used the time for outreaching and recruitment for Food Council. The updated local information needs to be sent to the Humboldt Locally Delicious by Jan.24. • Kyra – offered to help to create Community Garden mapping, needs to offer three composting workshops a year. We discussed the idea of train-the- trainer model of composting workshop at Earth Day and possibly to offer compost workshop in Klamath and Smith River. • Sunny- Supporting Howonquet Head Start and Elk Valley Head Start for their garden project.
<p>Next Step</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each member will bring their defined garden goals and activities for 2020 to the next meeting and we will select Garden Coalition priorities and main activities for 2020. • Sunny will contact Peterson Park Community Garden to get the current contact information • Andrea will email to garden coalition members for the Local Food Guide information update • Send any garden, nutrition, physical activity events and activities to Sunny and she will add it onto the CalFresh Healthy Living website, Calendar of Events page sharing information with the members and the community.
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Holly will check Open Door Clinic Conference Room availability and Sunny will send out the Doodle poll to determine the next meeting date. We decided to have 2 hour meeting.</p>