

DC FRWG Meeting 2/2/2018

- Introductions
- Updates and check-ins
 - Kate –
 - OSSE approached Food Rescue about doing food recovery for summer meals program
 - Inching closer to doing food recovery from DCPS through their hubs
 - Needs to be matched up with Sodexo Magic group – runs will be done by their drivers and Kate is facilitating where the food is going
 - ABC news doing story about Food Rescue US – going out on 200 stations
 - Eater.com doing story this week as well
 - [Food for Soul](#) initiative coming to DC
 - [Say no to food waste](#) is hosting a Disco Soup event February 23 7-10PM St. Stevens
 - Looking for ideas for supermarkets willing to donate produce
 - Sierra Club Zero Waste committee hosting event with Zero Waste Home author
 - February 17, 7-8:30PM at UDC
 - Will have tables if this group wants to join
 - French man who pedaled across the Atlantic to raise awareness of food waste lost his sponsor and must abandon rest of trip
 - UDC got a Specialty Crop Block Grant focused on food waste at the farm level
 - Will be organizing monthly gleaning days
 - Looking for lots of volunteers to glean farms, document amount of waste being left on fields to map farm food waste landscape
 - Series of food processing workshops – focus on processing recovered foods
 - Will have another grant later this year looking for people who are specifically working with seconds in food businesses
 - Updates on food related bills
 - Save Good Food Act (introduced Jan 2017)
 - Currently sitting in committee on finance and revenue
 - Need to deliver the Change.org petition week of 2/12
 - If doesn't get voted on this year it dies
 - Get your friends to sign it at: <http://bit.ly/2Eae7yP> DC residents preferred
 - Home Composting Incentives act
 - Would create rebate and voucher program for people purchasing home composting system
 - This one is rolling along
 - Rooting DC coming up on March 3 at Wilson High School
 - Will send out call for volunteers to help make the event more sustainable
 - Sierra Club Zero Waste committee is working with them as much as possible to help
 - DC Gov is having sustainability awards this year in April at Eastern Market
 - Stay tuned for emails on this
 - Food Tank Summit is Feb 28
 - Proposing a commercial and vessel composting grant
 - Copies commercial compacting grant
 - Start with seeing if the Mayor wants to put it in the budget
 - Talk to DSLBD or whichever group did the last one
 - If can't get Mayor to do it, need to go to a councilmember
 - Request needs to happen by the end of March
 - Doesn't need to be a separate bill, can just be included as a budget request
 - Does this group want to propose and support this?

- Want more guest speakers at our meetings this year
 - Ona – presentation on how to affect the DC budget
 - Propose ideas in the google doc
- Talk about need for subgroups to be more goal orientated
 - Have groups focused on one our two goals
 - Each group / initiative will have a champion / lead
 - Give some more flexibility – don't require groups to meet once a month, each group can decide how often they want to meet
 - Not everyone has to be part of a subgroup, can just come for the monthly meetings to meet people and learn
 - Annual structure
 - Groups work on things until late summer
 - Then everyone shifts to focus on week of action, currently scheduled for 1st week of October
- Board leaders will present each subgroup and all possible initiatives
- Brief brainstorm for additional ideas
- Events group:
 - In addition to planning events, also work on existing events – making them more food waste oriented, making them produce less food waste
 - Track big events and become the group that's contacted when events want to be zero waste or less food waste
 - Can add information to the Zero Waste DC website
 - Will take lead on Food Recovery Week from the beginning
 - Plan events to bring us together informally (e.g. Happy Hours, pot lucks)
 - Goal is to do one event per month
 - If there are other events (e.g. Green Drinks) that we should partner with on an event, let Events group know
- Website/Resources group:
 - Develop website as a resource
 - Create resources and unite what already exists
 - Communication/outreach/education
 - Goals: draw more traffic to site and use as platform to promote other food recovery orgs and initiatives
 - Work on social media development and promotion
 - Highlight different food recovery blog each month
 - Develop survey to find out how we can better help food recovery efforts
 - Create a food recovery map
 - Create a calendar that captures all food recovery events in DC
 - Create survey for FRWG members to identify needs and what they can offer
- Legislative/Government Coordination group
 - Work on passing existing legislation
 - Save the Good Food Act Amendment
 - Have all petition signatures by Feb 9 for delivery to Councilmember Evans
 - Get letters of support from DC small businesses to give to Evans
 - Backyard Composting Act – moving along nicely (no help needed currently)
 - Suggest new legislation/funding
 - Commercial composter grant
 - Look at Composting Act and make sure DC Gov't is doing what they said they would
 - DPW Oversight Hearing is March 8, from 11-3
 - 3 mins to testify as individual; 5 mins if representing org/business

- Will send link to sign up to speak when it is available
 - Will set up Google Doc with messages and who wants to deliver each
- Rescue Dish
 - More restaurants, more promotion
 - Brainstorming restaurants we want to approach
 - Coordinate with DC Food bloggers
 - Hold Rescue Dish event outside of Food Recovery Week so don't compete with each other
 - Does the group want to expand to become a 'restaurant group' with broader mandate?
 - If you have connections to restaurants, please let them know and/or join the group
 - Will have monthly meetings at different restaurants
- There was a suggestion for household education on food recovery. Will include in Website/resources
- Informal networking time