

June 1, 2018

DC Food Recovery Working Group

Round Robin - Introductions and updates (personal and professional/food recovery related)

- Meggan
 - Food Recovery guide for schools
- Ava Reynolds
 - Excited about EU proposal to ban straws and other single-use plastic wares
 - HEaded to Rome to get her masters
 - 'RescueDish' cocktail at the restaurant she works at (Kelly Dennings)
- Amy Bachman
 - TCP contract for shelters went up for bid and DC Central Kitchen lost many shelters, which will shift their strategy for how meals are produced; hiring a full-time receiver to help support shift towards more 'menued' foods for shelters that they still provide meals for
- Paloma Sisneros-Lobato
 - highlight: huge food recovery effort
- Josh Etim-
 - waste audits and continued composting in Alexandria
- Caroline Howe
 - Working with City Blossom to work on food waste reduction and recovery
 - Has been gleaning from Guzman's in MD; truckloads of greens were available last time that CH sent to a rabbit fostering program after all potential was turned into pesto
- Blake
 - Backyard Composting Bill was passed; program will be funded for next fiscal year and be implemented some time in the spring
 - Food waste drop off program (9 sites) is up and running (see ZeroWaste.DC.gov)--two new sites
 - Kingman Island Bluegrass Folk Festival is **June 9**; it will be zero waste and compost will be collected
 - Volunteer opportunities through the Sierra Club zero waste committee
- Daniela
 - Translation of Harvard Food Policy Guide
 - Recently finished Clear the Ground (regenerative agriculture online webinar)
 - Will be in Mexico over summer, will be Deacon for Alexandria church--**needs info about sermons related to food waste**
- Kelly Dennings (interest in social and behavior change)
 - Works part time for social and behavior change agency
 - Behavior Energy and Climate Change conference is in DC, **Oct 10**,
- Lillian (US PIRG intern)
 - Excited to learn about food recovery, get experience
- Damiana (US PIRG (Public Interest Research Groups))

- Major campaign under new economy program fights against paradigm that more growth is always better; relates to food
- Putting meal donation programs and food pantries into place on university campuses
- Cathy Plume
 - Day of Action for the The Save Good Food Act **June 11**, call will be on June 6 for anyone who is attending
 - Needs restaurants to sign on in Ward 7 and/or 8
 - Kate Urbank needs volunteers to run food
 - Jeremiah Lowry is sensitive to food issues; Sierra Club has endorsed a slate of candidates, which can be found on
- Virginia Streeter (ISLR)
 - ISLR put out guide to backyard composting
- Rachael Jackson
 - Food Waste Summit at Harvard at the end of the month
- Jess Salgueiro
 - Deloitte Impact Day is **June 8**, 4-5000 will be taking the day off to volunteer; she has been working with planning/catering/legal to reduce food waste: order is right sized, leftover food will be donated rather than tossed. Pilot will be for between 800-900 volunteers
 - **Best practices in terms of measuring recovered food?** Most people use pounds (estimation is usually ok) may need **scales**
 - ***This should be standardized*** (*source reduction = dollar amount, diversion = pounds?*) Blake, Howard Lee and Josh will take the lead, FRN will find pounds to meals metric, Kate and Amy will support
- Alex Peterson - Campus Kitchen Project (DCCK)
 - Locked in dates of boot camp: **August 6-8**
 - Will be looking for people to work with students

Subgroup Updates/Asks/Challenges

Policy/Advocacy

- DC elections are coming up

Social and Events

- Miss Pixies for Food Rescue US in July (date tbd)
- Ask: any event over the summer related to this group should be sent to Josh (x2) to get on calendar

RescueDish

- Potential event during FRW: a RescueDish food crawl (walk from one restaurant to another, talk from manager and little RescueDish bites)
- Potential date for next happy hour: July 10th at 5 to 1 on U st.
- Mellow Mushroom has a program where you can raise money for your cause (i.e. a portion of all sales go to DCFRWG)

- RescueDish has evolved into a thing where we're just giving love/attention to restaurants that are doing this

Website

- We need feedback and photos! Look at the website to provide new contents or edits.
 - **Create google form to get feedback?**
- Is DCfoodrecovery.org linked from ZeroWasteDC.org?
- Anything that we want to promote should be a blog post!

How can we get set up to receive donations/charge for DCFRWG events?

Food Recovery Week Planning

When? **Saturday, October 14-20, 2018**

- Community Food Rescue proposed October 14-20, world food day is October 1
- Flyers printed by September 23

What to include?

- General
 - Do we want to have anything overlap? Have both evening and during the day events
- Specific
 - RescueDish Happy hour
 - RescueDish crawl
 - Cooking Classes
 - Compost training
 - Panel discussion?
 - Film screening
 - Location: UDC?
 - Something promoting food-recovery focused small businesses? Expo?
 - Space for an event at GW? Meggan to ask GW Food Institute, Jess to ask about Georgetown
 - Kitchen competition
 - Space at UDC?
 - Professional chefs or amateurs?
 - Potluck (week or month after)
 - COG food waste focused meeting?

Other Events

- **Sep 23:** DC State Fair - **launch event??**
- **October 16:** World Food Day

Considerations

- How to have events all over the city?

How to improve last year

- Advocacy night: broaden to national legislation
- Cooking classes: well attended
- Gleaning Trip:
- Compost training: well received
- RescueDish event will take place at a different
- NatGeo panel: focus was good,
- Funding: last year we had none...
 - Caroline Howe has a small amount of money for FRW
 - Awesome foundation grant (DUG network?)
- Press?
- Connect with Universities: UDC, Georgetown, GW, Catholic University, AU, Gallaudet
 - PIRG has resources for how to put together events/week of event

Broad needs

- Event branding
- Press kit

Next steps:

- Add events to group calendar
- Send out subgroup asks/offers to entire group
- Send Daniela info about encouraging pastors to do sermons on food waste
 - Food Waste Weekend (Ample Harvest)
- List of events and POC
- Follow up with CFR
- Invite 'affiliated organizations' to participate in some way? Reach out on an individual basis
- Send photos and blog posts to Rachael.Jackson@gmail.com
 - Blog posts....
 - Miss Pixies (What's Happening Food Recovery Events in DC This Month?)
 - DCPS Recycles Honor Roll