



Working Group Name: FOOD

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 7th, 2012

Meeting Location: 1100 4th St, SW, Suite E650

Attendees: Cecily Kohler, Catherine Mcpherson, Willy Lippincott, Jason Feser, Corey Knight, Phyllis Palmer, Kent Slowinski, Laura Pillsbury, Elizabeth Bennett, Ibtisam Vincent, Carina Gervacio, Sarah McKinley, Sarah Howell, Jordan Clough, Stella Tarnay, Kyle Hugo, Fern Johnson-Clarke (Working Group Co-Chair), Laine Cidlowski (Facilitator)

Main Points/Discussion: The Working Group (WG) was tasked to review the top 25 recommendations. The WG was divided into three subgroups and instructed to:

- 1) Identify agencies and/or partners that would be responsible for implementing the top 25 recommendations
- 2) Identify indicators to evaluate each implemented recommendation through realistic metrics
- 3) Identify recommendations that would require resource(s) for implementation

Each subgroup was to rotate through each of the abovementioned activities. The WG indicated their input under each category.

At the end of these activities, the WG came back together to discuss the preparation for the transition to plan development and some timelines. Laine Cidlowski discussed that a draft of the Mayor's Vision Plan for sustainability in DC is expected around Earth Day—sometime around the end of April 2012. It is expected that by summer 2012, a draft of the Implementation Plan would be completed.

Laine thanked every one of the WG members for his/her participation and time helping us to move forward with Food Sustainability in DC. She also asked the WG to be ambassadors for this project and to remain a part of the process.

The overall vision statement for Sustainable DC is online and has received very little response/input/comments. Laine asked the WG to comment on the overall vision.

WG members talked about the need to "brand" Sustainable DC city-wide, especially along the lines that we are already doing some of the things indicated in the working group recommendations. Laine also discussed that we would need to get evaluation assistance from the WG as the process continues. WG members also discussed that organizations that are looking to be "green" could coordinate efforts with Sustainable DC.

Finally, a WG member shared that Bread for the City applied for a new initiative grant - should hear of award around March 19th or 26th. Food WG would want to have their voice heard.



Next Steps: From now until the end of April, the Sustainable DC planning team will be compiling outputs from all of the working groups and developing a draft vision plan for sustainability in the District with an expected release date around Earth Day. The planning team will then use the vision plan as a communication tool to expand community outreach efforts and gather feedback from working group members and the general public. During the spring and early summer, the planning and consultant teams will be calling on working group members periodically to touch base about the plan drafting, as well as the development of the implementation plan.

In the meantime, please take a moment to [review the overall vision statement](#) for Sustainable DC and submit your comments online. You can always check www.sustainable.dc.gov for updates and upcoming sustainability-related events.

Questions? Email sustainable.food@dc.gov