

HEALTHY FOOD FOR ALL COALITION JANUARY MEETING NOTES

JANUARY 19, 2016 | FRUITRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE

OVERVIEW

The Healthy Food for All Coalition met on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at the Fruitridge Community Collaborative. A full list of participants can be found at the end of this document. The goals and objectives for the meeting included:

- **Assess** the relevant approach to moving forward the work at the neighborhood level; and
- **Kick off** the New Year with renewed energy and excitement toward working collaboratively in 2016!

DECEMBER ACTION ITEM REVIEW

As part of the Coalition meeting structure, each meeting will begin by reviewing the previous month's action items. Please see below for the ongoing Action Item list and the status of each item as of January 19th.

Action Item Matrix

Description	Owner	Date Assigned/Due Date	Status
Existing/Ongoing Items			
Mapping Tool Development ¹	Shawn + Team	April 21/ Fall 2015	In Progress/Ongoing (<i>see below</i>)
Share opening date (once it exists) for Maple Elementary ²	Rangineh	Sept 15/ TBA	In Progress
Follow up with Erik @ SFBFS re fruit distribution in the community ³	Shawn	Dec 15/Jan 19	In Progress
New Items			
Discuss how Coalition members might inform the SFBFS's distribution process	Shawn & Mike (loop in Rosie & Davida)	Jan 19/Feb 16	In Progress

¹ Mapping Tool Development

During the April meeting, upon adding the Pathways Program as an official engagement criteria in the Neighborhood Roadmap [matrix], Coalition partners requested an enlarged school map to visually inform them about the schools that are connected to the Pathways Program. Partners also noted the need and interest in having additional maps that provided information about other engagement criteria including elected officials for each neighborhood, county vs. city boundaries, food access activities, etc. Rather than creating several separate maps, a small group of folks will work together to create one interactive, dynamic map that contains all of the aforementioned layers. Given the magnitude of the map in question, it will likely take a few months to create. Update: Mapping team is still waiting to hear back from UC Davis about moving forward collaboratively.

² Maple Elementary Opening

916 Ink's Imaginarium is now open at Maple but the official grand opening for the rest of the site will likely take place in March 2016.

³ Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (SFBFS) Fruit Distribution

During harvest time, a few approaches are taken in distributing the fruit. SFBFS is tasked to take over 200 food closets and is beginning to target the partners in the area where the gleaning is mostly happening. The food is being packed and sent to the neighborhoods where the gleaning is happening. The distribution will include other food besides fruits. Residents can continue to go on their regular day of produce distribution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, RESOURCES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

Prior to commencing the content portion of the meeting, the Coalition members provided the following announcements, resources, and opportunities for collaboration:

Announcements

- **MLK Event Report Back** (*Dominic Allamano*): The MLK event went well and attracted over 130 volunteers who helped to glean between 8,000 – 10,000 pounds of citrus. Gleanings will continue every weekend, including a gleaning and tree replanting hybrid event at Pacific Elementary scheduled for January 30th. Depending on the number of volunteers, other projects will also be taking place on campus that day in addition to the replanting. There is a strong emphasis on getting students and families to attend and participate.
- **Pacific Elementary Orchard Replanting Event** (*Shannon Hardwicke*) The replanting and gleaning event (possibly supplemented by other student activities) will take place on Saturday, January 30th from 9 AM – 1 PM at Pacific Elementary School. The event will also include a soup lunch. The Coalition is encouraged to be present and participate. For more information or to get involved, please contact Shannon Hardwicke at sacgardenchica@gmail.com.
- **Ethel Baker Elementary Garden** (*Shannon Hardwicke*): There will be a ribbon cutting for the Ethel Baker Elementary garden on Saturday, April 30th (time TBA). The Principal, Amber Carter, would also like to do a health fair at the same time as the ribbon cutting ceremony and will be coordinating partners and vendors accordingly. For more information or to participate in the health fair, please contact Shannon Hardwicke at sacgardenchica@gmail.com.
- **Sacramento Veggie Festival** (*Glenn Destatte*): The Sacramento Veggie Festival will take place on January 30th 2016 from 11 AM – 4 PM at the Serna Center. The Rivercat mascot, Dinger, will be at the event at 2:00 PM. For more information, please contact Glenn Destatte at sacveggie@gmail.com.
- **Colonial Heights Library Community Room Renovation** (*Alicia Doktor*): The community room renovation should be completed by summer. The library is also looking to get an after school “Summertime Lunch at the Library” program started that would run Tuesday – Friday from 12 PM – 2 PM starting in June going through August. For more information about the program, please contact Alicia Doktor at adokto@saclibrary.org.
- **United Way Lunch Program** (*Pastor Karen Abrego*): United Way does it’s own lunch program and will be holding a meeting on February 10th for vendors who are interested in participating. The meeting will review lunch prep parameters as well as other details about the program. Karen will share information with Rangineh to pass on to the group via email. In the meantime, for more information, please contact Karen Abrego at karebro5@yahoo.com.
- **Central Oak Park Property Proposal** (*Randy Stannard*): Oak Park Sol and Alchemist CDC are working on a proposal, which would turn a property in central Oak Park over to Alchemist. The proposal is due to SHRA by the end of the month. For more information about the proposal, please contact Randy Stannard at randy.stannard@gmail.com.
- **Vacant Lot @ 14th & MLK** (*Randy Stannard*): A friend of Randy’s bought a vacant lot at the corner of 14th and MLK and would like to use the space for farming and/or a garden. Randy will find out more information and report back to the Coalition.

- **Floyd Farms Project** (*Susan Vitulli*): The school board will be voting whether or not to let Food Literacy Center (FLC) become the manager of a 2.5 acre space that would be used for a central kitchen and garden. FLC could use the support of partners for the project and invites Coalition members to attend the board meeting. Those who are interested and available to attend are asked to arrive by 6:30 PM. Susan has already sent a follow up email to Coalition members (please check your email! ☺).
- **Artistic Board Ups** (*Sharon Eghigian*): NeighborWorks of America recently gave NeighborWorks Sacramento funding to do artistic board ups of vacant buildings. It's a pilot project and if Coalition members see buildings that could be possible candidates, please contact Sharon as soon as possible. As of now, there are not official geographic boundaries for where the board ups can happen. For more information, please contact Sharon Eghigian at Sharon@nwsac.org.
- **Sacramento Earth Day** (*Glenn Destatte*): Please save-the-date for this event taking place on Thursday, April 28th!
- **Connecting with Interns** (*Randy Stannard*): Randy has been in touch with Nich Miller, a professor at Sac City College, who is looking to connect his interns with internships opportunities among BHC partners. For more information, please contact Nich Miller directly at millern@scc.losrios.edu.
- **Alchemist's New Location** (*Mike Myers*): Alchemist CDC has officially moved offices and is now located in the Breath California building located on 12th between J and I street.

Resources

- **Meeting Rooms Resources** (*Meeting space for Coalition partners has been offered at the following locations*):
 - Fruitridge Collaborative Meeting and Conference Rooms– To reserve space please contact Diane Truong at bhc@asianresources.org.
 - Colonial Heights Library Conference Room (*Available free for non-commercial, non-profit, open to the public events, capacity of room is 90 people, but may increase or decrease after renovation*) – To reserve space please contact Alicia Doktor at adoktor@saclibrary.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROADMAP CHECK-IN

Background on the Neighborhood Roadmap

In an effort to take a more strategic approach to how and which neighborhoods it decided to engage in the remaining 5 years of the BHC initiative, in spring of 2015 the Coalition decided to use a Neighborhood Roadmap as a guiding tool. The roadmap included a set of criteria that was created by the Coalition and determined to help inform which neighborhoods in the BHC would be the best fit for the Coalition to focus its efforts on. Since much of the criteria required data that the Coalition did not have, the group decided to create a mapping tool that was meant to collect data that would populate the gaps in the roadmap criteria. A subcommittee began making strides toward the development of a mapping tool, but unfortunately progress was slow and as a result, the roadmap was unable to move forward. To this end, while the use of the roadmap remained stalled, the Coalition continued to make significant progress in its neighborhood work using more of an organic approach, as opposed to using a more linear tool (which the roadmap was intended to be). The use of an organic approach brought up whether, almost ten months after the creation of the roadmap tool, the Coalition was even in need of it any longer?

Current Status Discussion

To address the aforementioned question, the Coalition members were asked how they would like to move forward: using the organic approach that has emerged over the last eight months, or, if they would prefer to return to finalizing the roadmap tool and use a more formal, linear approach? Throughout the discussion, when sharing the reasons for how and why the Coalition should move into a new neighborhood, many partners referenced items that were actually listed as part of the roadmap criteria. A few examples include moving into neighborhoods where there is an *established institutional host or structure in place* as well as other *community-based organizations already on the ground*. There was general agreement that it would be most strategic to move forward with neighborhoods where partners (food-access and beyond) are already doing work as they would serve as natural conduits for allowing food-access partners to enter and amplify the impact of activities. To illustrate where this approach is already working, one Coalition member shared how work has bubbled up at Ethel Baker Elementary School and Maple Elementary School, both of which are located directly to the east and west of Pacific Elementary, where the Coalition has focused its energies for the past 2 years. It was suggested that the Coalition consider extending the area of focus to include these two newly emerging hubs.

Decision Moving Forward

To help bring the conversation to a decision, a two-part motion was made by Randy Stannard (Oak Park Sol) and seconded by Sharon Eghigian (NeighborWorks). The first part of the motion called for the Coalition to officially adopt an “organic” (vs. linear) approach to determining what neighborhoods to engage moving forward, with the roadmap *criteria* serving as an informal guideline. The second part of the motion called for Coalition members to extend the area of focus to include Ethel Baker Elementary School and Maple Elementary School. For the sake of time, the Coalition engaged in a brief *Fist-to-Five Vote resulting in the majority of Coalition voting in favor of the two-part motion. Please see below for a break down of the votes.

Fist-to-Five Vote Results

Motion Part I: Coalition to officially adopt an “organic” (vs. linear) approach to determining what neighborhoods to engage moving forward; Motion Part II: Coalition members to extend the area of focus to include Ethel Baker Elementary School and Maple Elementary School.								Average Score
Scale	0	1	2	3	4	5	Abstain	
# of Votes	0	0	0	(3)	(2)	(7)	(2)	4.33

**Fist-to-Five Vote: A voting method in which each participant holds up anything from a fist to five fingers in order to indicate where they fall on a scale of agreement with the proposed idea. The scale is an informal way of quickly assessing a group’s general sentiment toward a chosen topic. The scale breaks down as follows: Fist = Cannot move forward with the idea presented; One = Can move forward but with strong hesitation or concern; Two = Can move forward but with some hesitation or concern; Three = Can go in either direction, not necessarily for or against the idea; Four = Will move forward in support of the idea; Five = Will move forward in strong support of the idea.*

CLOSING REMARKS & REMINDERS

Due to time constraints, the Quarterly Reflection Activity was tabled until the next meeting. The **next Coalition meeting** will take place on **Tuesday, February 16, 2016 from 10 AM – 12 PM at its NEW location, Fruitridge Collaborative (4625 44th Street), Room 11.**

PARTICIPANTS

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3.	Tiffany Wilson	LPC Consulting
4.	Shawn Harrison	Soil Born Farms
5.	Glenn Destatte	Sac Vegetarian Society
6.	Susan Vitulli	Food Literacy Center
7.	Michael Myers	Alchemist CDC
8.	Karen Abrego	Senator Dr. Richard Pan's Office/Ebenezer Christian Center
9.	Christine Tien	The California Endowment
10.	Todd McPherson	SCCSC
11.	Sharon Eghigian	NeighborWorks Sacramento
12.	Elaine Lander	Food Literacy Center
13.	Dominic Allamano	Soil Born Farms
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15.	Shannon Hardwicke	Soil Born Farms
16.	Alicia Doktor	Colonial Heights Library
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