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2021-2022 Annual Report





Purpose

Advise the Mayor and City Council of policies needed to address the ten duties as outlined in the original ordinance for this board.

Mission

The Urban Food Policy Council (UFPC) initiates and promotes actions that increase food access in the City of Winston-Salem, with a particular emphasis on the urban core; advocates for policies that build a sustainable, equitable and healthy local food system with the goals of enhancing the health of the citizens of Winston-Salem, strengthening local economies and market opportunities and reducing hunger and food insecurity.





Activities and Accomplishments

- Food Summit: Creating Food Access (April 2021)
- Continued support of the City's Liberty Street Vendors Market
- Evaluation of the City's Urban Agriculture Ordinance (in progress)

Spotlight on the Food Summit: Creating Food Access: Friday April 9 - Saturday April 10, 2021

There were concurrent sessions on these topics:

- Liberty Street Urban Farmers Market
- Policy & Ordinances
- Community Gardening
- Urban Farming

The summit welcomed over 30 attendees from across the Forsyth food system over a 2-day period. Speakers included members of the Urban Food Policy Council, representatives from community organizations, non-profits, local sustainable farmers, and the City of Winston-Salem. The Food Summit was planned and organized by UFPC members Michael Banner, Jacqueline Ramsey, and Brandon Williams.

Duties

-  Develop strategies to address food access needs in food desert;
-  Solicit external support for food-related initiatives;
-  Support and encourage programming related to food, nutrition, cooking, gardening, and other topics;
-  Devise strategies to increase retail options in food deserts;
-  Work collaboratively with the Forsyth Foodworks on strengthening the local food system;
-  Serve as a forum for discussing food issues;
-  Make recommendations for enhancing the use/operation of food focused city facilities, including the Carolina Classic Farmers Market and the Liberty Street Vendor's Market;
-  Educate members of the community about the importance of healthy, fair and sustainable local food;
-  Explore ways to encourage and promote food-based entrepreneurship;
-  and undertake such duties as may be requested by the Mayor and City Council.



Next Steps

- Submit recommendations on Urban Agriculture to the City of Winston-Salem for the upcoming Strategic Planning of Forward 2045
- Analyze feasible solutions to water access challenges faced by small-scale farmer's plan
- Develop programs for at least 2 of the 21 local food deserts in geographical areas UFPC has not yet worked directly in
- Continued strategic support of the Liberty Street Urban Farmers Market

Community Presentations

and Partnerships

- Wake Forest University undergraduate classes in women & gender studies and economics: Immersive class at the Liberty Street Urban Farmers Market (April 2022)
- Island Culturez

