



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE REGIONAL MEMBER AD-HOC COMMITTEE (FARM)

Friday, October 8th, 2021
11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

WebEx Webinar:

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AGENDA

11:00 A.M. 1. WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

11:05 A.M. 2. RECAP OF PREVIOUS MEETING, ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE, AND MEETING SUMMARY APPROVAL

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

Chair Cheh will provide a brief recap of FARM's August meeting, provide several updates, and call for meeting summary approval.

Recommended Action: Approve draft meeting summary

11:15 A.M. 3. FOOD FOR THE PEOPLE: EATING AND ACTIVISM IN GREATER WASHINGTON

Samir Meghelli, Ph.D., Supervisory Museum Curator, Smithsonian Institution, Anacostia Community Museum

Dr. Meghelli will discuss a unique, new exhibit at the Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum. *Food for the People* explores a range of food system issues in Greater Washington, including the inequalities that shape it, and the people working to transform it. This outdoor and indoor exhibit, and related public programming, runs through mid-September 2022.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing

11:40 A.M. 4. FARM HEALTHY FOOD ACCESS POLICY COMPENDIUM UPDATE

Debbie Noymer, MPH Candidate, Milken Institute School of Public Health, George Washington University

Ms. Noymer will share the draft of her research on food security and healthy food access policies in DC, MD, and VA.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and provide feedback.

11:50 A.M. 5. FY22 FOOD SECURITY FUNDING IN MARYLAND

Mark Powell, Chief, Agriculture and Seafood Marketing, Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Steve Connelly, Assistant Secretary, Office of Marketing, Animal Industries and Consumer Services, MDA

Building off the August FARM meeting and briefings on FY22 and FY23 funding for food security priorities by the District of Columbia, Commonwealth of Virginia, and Maryland's Department of Human Services, Mr. Powell and Mr. Connelly will brief FARM on the Maryland Department of Agriculture's and MARBIDCO's priorities for FY22 and planned use of federal relief funds.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing.

12:00 PM 6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR FOOD SECURITY USING FEDERAL FUNDS

Kate Garvey, Director of the Department of Community and Human Services, City of Alexandria

Ann Wheeler, Chair, Prince William Board of County Supervisors

Ramona S. Carroll, MSW, Program Manager, Community Impact Unit, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services

Holly Freishtat, Food Policy Director, City of Baltimore

Several local government representatives will brief FARM on FY22 and FY23 food security investments. FARM members are encouraged to bring updates on their processes to allocate ARP relief (or other) dollars, raise questions, and also brainstorm potential regional priorities that could be supported by federal funds.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing, share updates, and identify follow-up questions for regional or local exploration.

12:40 P.M. 7. FARM MEMBER UPDATES

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair

Radha Muthiah, CEO, Capital Area Food Bank

Libby Garvey, Arlington County Board

FARM members Radha Muthiah and Libby Garvey will start this item with updates on Capital Area Food Bank operations and Urban Agriculture Month in Arlington County. Chair Cheh will discuss a new bill in the District of Columbia to address food insecurity in older adults. There will be additional time for FARM members to share news about local food and agriculture policy and program developments in their jurisdictions.

Recommended Action: Provide updates

12:55 P.M. 8. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS AND ADJOURN

Mary Cheh, FARM Chair