



LOCAL FOOD ACTION PLAN

CITY OF COLUMBUS & FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO



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ANDREW J. GINTHER, MAYOR

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Meeting Objectives

- Approve 04/13/18 Minutes*
- Review Strategic Funding Themes
- Update on Linden Farmers Market

** Item requiring vote*




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Check-In Question

What is an emerging opportunity in our local food system that has captured your attention since the last Board meeting?



Administrative Tasks

- April 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes
 - Additions
 - Corrections
 - Approval
- Review Local Food Action Plan and role of Local Food Board





LFAP Review

The Issue: No comprehensive plan for Columbus and Franklin County to address the food system as a whole

Purpose: To champion a community effort to create a stronger, more sustainable local food system

Vision: A fair and sustainable food system that benefits our economy, our environment and all people



LFB Roles & Responsibilities

- Prioritize actions for implementation
- Build consensus on implementation strategies
- Secure investment into plan fulfillment and leverage public and private resources
- Open doors and increase awareness of food-related issues among decision makers in our community
- Report to the community



Board Member Presentations

Charles Nabrit

Greater Columbus Growing Coalition

Matt Habash

Mid-Ohio Food Bank



A Life Long Gardener



- Learned to garden from Charles Nabrit and Washington Penn (Dad & Granddad)
- Often unwillingly, over the course of many, many, Saturday mornings and summer vacations.

Introduction

- I was born May 9th 1980.
- I am the oldest of three boys, and eight grandkids (7 boys, 1 girl)
- I have a twin brother Damon, and a younger brother Evan.
- I am not married, and do not have kids.

“High School”

- I was home schooled from 5th grade until I went to college. And in case you were wondering, no I did not enjoy the experience. Picked college that was >8hr drive from Columbus.
- Most of my instructors were African or African-American Graduate students at The Ohio State University.
- Being home schooled did allow me to travel to Asia, Europe, and about 40 of 50 states before graduating.
- I also volunteered extensively at my church and COSI, where I earned a lifetime membership for volunteering over 3,000 hours. I trained the rats to play basketball.
- I participated in sports through the Columbus Parks and Recreation Centers.

College

- Political Philosophy Major
- Resident Advisor, Urban Action Coordinator, and Discipline Committee
- Worked at every restaurant near campus doing delivery and managed student café
- Walked onto the fencing team, 2000 Ivy league champions
- Volunteered in Trenton, creating gardens

After College

- My family went on a book tour across the country to promote “Morning by Morning”
- Dad stepped on a nail in 2004, which led to a cascade of health crises.
- Came home to Columbus to help out, worked as a grant writer. Wrote a charter school grant and opened a vocational high school in Springfield, OH. Serving at-risk and adjudicated students 16 to 21 years of age who had dropped out of school for 2 years or more.
- Began working at an after-school and childcare center at my church, eventually becoming a licensed center director. Worked with about 125 children, 2 to 12 years of age with 20 staff members.
- Obama Fellow, 2008,
- US Census Bureau 2010 census-in-schools partnership specialist
- Full-time caregiver 2004 - 2013
- Consultant PN&A, Inc. 2011 – Present





Growing Community

- My dad controlled his diabetes for 10 years with diet alone.
- Taking my dad to dialysis and physical therapy really drove home the importance of nutrition and how inequitable access was effecting the health of my community.
- Created garden in 2013 as free grief therapy, but it became a place of healing, teaching, growing community.
- Co-manager of the CMN Memorial garden, a 4,000 sq. ft growing space arranged in 40+ raised beds that supply our onsite farmer's market Wed. 4-7pm and Sat. 10-12, we sell all our produce for \$1/pound.





Greater Columbus Growing Coalition G.C.G.C.

- Joined GCGC in 2014, became Vice President in 2015, and have served as President since 2016.
- The group has grown from roughly 125 members to over 300 in the last two years
- Known for our flower drops, where we distribute plants donated by Strader's Nursery. We had over 75 truck loads of deliveries in 2017.
- We also work to advocate for civic agriculture and strengthening the local food system.
- We have increased the number of mini grants we award to members to 10, we now award \$2500 annually.
- We provide limited general liability insurance for our community gardens.









B-3 Project Teams Update

- Grant Application Submitted
- Next Steps
- Linden Farmers Market update

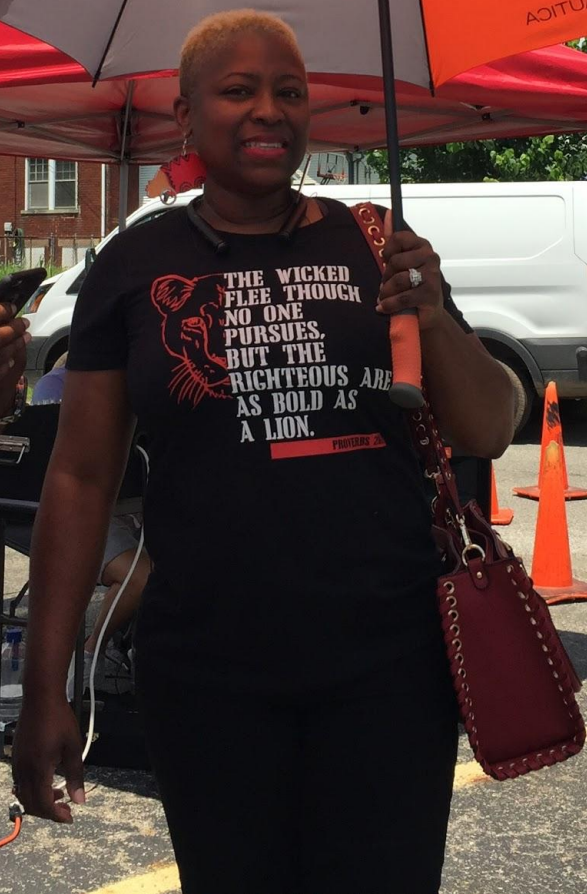


Linden Farmers Market

- Gye Nyame Place - 2830 Cleveland Ave.
- Landon Adams - Market Manager
 - Every Sunday 1pm-4pm
 - July 1 - August 26, 2018




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Place



Linden Farmers Market

The Market Accepts:

- SNAP
- WIC
- Produce Perks
- Credit & Debit





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Linden Farmers Market

26 vendors

- 19% Linden-based
- 31% minority owned
- 35% woman owned
- 35% sell produce





C-9 Project Teams Update

- Since 4/13/18 LFB Meeting
 - Current Conditions interviews
 - CDFA Urban Finance Forum
 - Current Conditions Report development
- Next Steps



SWACO & Food Waste

Ty Marsh, Executive Director





2018 Local LFAP Funding

City Council Legislation - \$40,322

- Linden Farmer Market
- Local Food Team
- GCGC insurance
- Soil testing

Creating Healthy Communities Funding - \$13,000

- Signs for CCS elementary
- Shopper incentives for Linden Market



Strategic Funding - Why?

- Coordinate and Collaborate
- Leverage Public/Private Resources
- Encourage Business Investment



Strategic Funding - What?

Interviewed 7 Board Members

- Funder or advisors?
- Types of funding to focus our efforts?
- What to fund?
- Role of the Board and Team?
- Best Practices



Strategic Funding

The Local Food Team's Takeaways:

- 1) Establish the LFAP as a funding agenda
- 2) LFB/LFT as advisors to funders
- 3) Engage more City and County departments in LFAP implementation
- 4) Ongoing coordinated public/private/philanthropic investment efforts



Local Food System Updates

- Grocery Store Model Research
- Jubilee Market Opening
- Northern Lights Resource Guide
- City Building and Zoning
- FCLFC City Council Hearing

Local Food System Updates

Franklin County Local Food Council





Learning Opportunities

Learning Opportunities (see Local Food System Updates)

- **Hurt People, Hurt People: Cycles of Violence in Fractured Communities**
Date: Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 1:30–3 p.m
- **Effects of Reentry after Incarceration on Families and Communities**
Date: Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 1:30–3 p.m.
- **2018 Ohio Food Policy Summit**
Date: Monday, September 24th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Next Steps & Closing

- Next Meeting - October 12, 2018
 - Meeting will be at SWACO
- Follow up calls - Early August



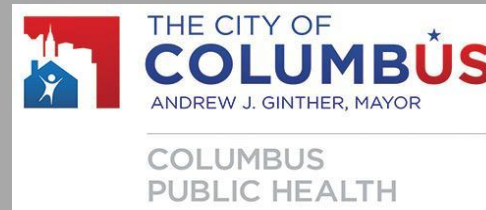
Thank you!

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