

Agenda



Santa Fe City and County, Advisory Council on Food Policy
Thursday, May 22, 2014, 9:00 to 11:00 TY CLERK'S OFFICE

Angel Depot Conference Room 1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM

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10:54.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, Prioritization Agenda Order

5 minutes

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 24, 2014

5 minutes

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

2 minutes/person

F. PRESENTATIONS/TRAINING

G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. Review meeting guidelines

H. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

- 1. Policy Committee
 - a. Food Plan
 - i. Outreach update
 - b. Upstream Process
 - i. Quarterly meeting update
 - c. Food Production and Land Use Committee
 - i. Discussion of recommendations for a comprehensive urban agriculture ordinance for Santa Fe (as submitted for Council review by Poki Piottin & Richard Welker)
 - d. Procurement
 - e. Education and Outreach
 - i. Website development update
 - f. City-County GMO Task Force
 - i. Vote to Approve: Draft Resolution Health-Agriculture-Economy
 - g. State & National Issues
- 2. Executive Committee
 - a. Replacement Suggestions for Community Member
 - b. Update on expiring Council appointee seats

I. CHECK IN: "Share a recent win relating to food"

20 minutes

J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

5 minutes

- K. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL
- L. ADJOURNMENT

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SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FOOD POLICY

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014

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SANTA FE CITY AND COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL ON FOOD POLICY 1222 SILER ROAD, SANTA FE, NM 87501

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014

A. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy was called to order by Susan Perry, Chair on this date at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the Angel Depot, Conference Room, 1222 Siler Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated a lack of quorum, but quorum was established later as follows:

Members PresentMembers ExcusedSusan Perry, ChairRobert GriegoEmigdio BallonPamela RoyPatricia BoiesMark Winne

Tony McCarty Katherine Mortimer

Susan Odiseos <u>Members Absent</u>

Lynn Walters Maria Bustamante-Bernal

Steve Warshawer

Staff Present

Erin Lloyd Ortigoza

Others Present

Poki Piottin, Gaia Gardens Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

Chair Perry said while the Committee waits for quorum she would ask the videographer to talk about why she is visiting.

Ms. Donna Curran said she works at Lightening Wood Pictures and Santa Fe Film. They started a documentary around the conflict with Gaia Gardens. That has expanded into a larger story of sustainability in Santa Fe and issues around food. She has been interviewing City Councilors and perma-culturist, etc. who are weighing in on the issue. This film would just be to educate the public about things being done in Santa Fe.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR (Revised Agenda Order)

Members of the Food Policy Council introduced themselves. Members of the public who attended the meeting are listed as follows:

Poki Piottin is with Gaia Gardens, a nonprofit project urban farm in Santa Fe. He is also on the Board of Directors for the Santa Fe Farmers Market Institute.

Cydney Martin, Santa Fe County Home Economist

Contessa Archuleta, citizen

Zaba Angel with AmeriCorps,

Maria Bernardez said she is the founder of Mother Nature Center, a community organization centered around the safety of food and planet. She is organizing a march against Monsanto and working with residents of Santa Fe to pass GMO restrictions similar to those passed in Oregon. She has been trying to get records of pesticide usage in green areas and parks. She found that the ordinance is not being followed. She has also been to the Health Department to talk about water safety. Surface water does not get tested for pesticides in Santa Fe and the drinking water gets tested every three years. The Health Department told her that the pesticides in the water are not tested until they are banned and she is working to change that.

Jeff Ethan Green is with Real Food Challenge.

Roll call was taken which established quorum and the meeting returned to the order of the agenda.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ Prioritization

Ms. Mortimer said she would talk about the Western Adaptation Alliance Conference under Items from the Council.

Mr. McCarty moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Odiseos seconded the motion. The motion passed by a majority voice vote. Mr. Warshawer abstained from the vote and noted for the record that in order to get the maximum recognition from his one vote, he would be abstaining from this vote and future votes until the issue of specific individuals and organizations undue influence on the FPC is addressed.

Mr. Warshawer said until the concerns around Farm to Table's designation of the Food Policy Council as a program of Farm to Table is addressed, he would attend meetings and participate in quorum's and abstain from votes; or leave the meeting if necessary to change quorum configuration, at times.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- April 14, 2014

Ms. Walters was present at the April meeting, but incorrectly reflected as absent.

Ms. Odiseos' absence in April should have been reflected as an excused absence.

Page 7, the last statement: "people have been excluded from subcommittee meetings, they have made sure they would control the final content and even the minutes <u>has that this</u> is Commissioner Holien's initiative, and not the Food Policy Council's..." was asked to be changed to: ... even the minutes <u>reflects</u> that this is Commissioner Holien's initiative....

Under Public Comment Maria Bernardez's comment "Mr. Warshawer said fighting GMO's would be a hard fight..." was incorrectly attributed to Mr. Warshawer. Mr. Winne actually said that.

Page 5, 7th paragraph: "Mr. Warshawer gave the Bennett property as an example; the Council was asked to support a \$75,000 County appropriation of 19 irrigated parcels..." should have been: "...the Council was asked to support a \$75,000 County appropriation toward 19 irrigated parcels..."

Communications from the Floor, page 2: Ava Angelo was incorrect and should be: Zaba Ángel

Ms. Odiseos moved to approve the minutes of April 2014 as amended. Mr. McCarty seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority voice vote. Mr. Warshawer abstained from the vote until the Food Policy Council being designated as a program of Farm to Table has been fully resolved.

Shanetta Martin with the Upstream Grants Program with the Santa Fe Community Foundation was present.

- F. PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS- There were none
- G. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS There were none
- H. INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS
- 1. Policy Committee
 - a. Food Plan
 - i. Outreach update

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said the Food Plan discussion at Pojoaque Farmers Market pre-market production plan meeting went well. They (she and Ms. Roy, Mr. McCarty Ms. Paisano) participated in conversation after the pre-market planning. They had a good discussion on the goals and received specific feedback about growing food and getting food, etc. She received good feedback from Roberto on how to work with community outreach if it were a larger scale of people and engage everyone in conversation. A decision was made to host a facilitator training within the Food Council to help get everyone on the same page with skill sets.

The training is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27 from nine to noon. Training will be an extended Education and Outreach Subcommittee meeting. It is not required participation for all Food Council members, but will be a good opportunity to get basic facilitation skills. The future outreach events would be postponed until after the training and will resume in June.

Ms. Walters asked if additional training was planned with Roberto and Lucy. Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza explained that it wasn't clear if Lucy could do the training. She said Roberto is willing, but has indicated if he can't make it the training should be done regardless.

Ms. Mortimer said she took training of New Mexico First with Carl Moore as the instructor. He is a local Santa Fe facilitator that could be an option.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she wants to empower the Education and Outreach Subcommittee to be the team on how the food plan is introduced to communities and the discussion forums are managed and the resulting document. There should be one group so opinions do not have to be bounced back and forth.

Chair Perry said the subcommittee would be used as a tool to move forward with the initiatives and goals, etc.

Ms. Odiseos asked if the training would include specific ways with the Food Plan and not just for facilitation sake.

Ms. Mortimer said she would choose two or three of the many tools that could be used by facilitators that lend themselves to the process of what the FPC is doing. Not as specific topics in the food plan, but techniques for facilitation for the type of outreach that the members would be doing.

Mr. Ballon said it is very important to include some specifics; for example what is the Food Council's mission, etc.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza clarified. She said community discussions are organized as topic-based and members will take the skills and have a dialogue with community members that are interested in talking about food issues of their community. The work would distill the Food Plan and first introduce it as growing, getting and learning about food. Taking the long unwieldy goal areas and distilling that into a couple of phrases with talking points.

Ms. Mortimer said the idea is how to set the table in a way that those problems in the community are voiced. People who are reluctant to speak in a public forum are given the space and opportunity to do so, in a way that is comfortable to them. She would teach how to create that.

Mr. Ballon said years back the Tesuque Pueblo was in a movement against GMOs, but the way the Food Policy Council approaches the situation, is important. They need to say we are here, because we want people to eat healthy and want everyone to produce good food. That is the mission. The problem now is to get every single person to begin to grow the food.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza asked if there were any questions. She said June 16 for Edgewood is the only date she has scheduled.

- a. Upstream Process
 - i. Quarterly meeting update

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said there was an Upstream meeting with Ms. Martin. The impetus is on the decision to prioritize the next steps with the training and more community outreach events. Also they participated in a Quarterly Upstream meeting and worked with CCW (Communities for Clean Water) on information referring to financial and organizational sustainability. She would follow-up with Ms. Martin in the next few weeks.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said the Upstream two-year process will end October 31 and Food Policy Council would continue to build on the milestones.

Chair Perry thanked everyone who attended the Upstream meeting.

Ms. Bernardez said she is interested in knowing where the action is taking place and where things are actually happening- not the next meeting.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said that is a great transition to the next agenda item, which is a community group who has been diligent in doing research and presenting information in a way that would hopefully make changes in the urban agricultural policy.

Ms. Mortimer explained this body is a Food Policy Council that advises the City and County on food policy issues. She said we do not have funding to help people do things; that is not the role. The FPC does not make decisions, they make recommendations.

Chair Perry said the people sitting around this table are people that are taking action. She said Ms. Bernardez could send them an e-mail, etc. are talk to them at the end of meeting. She said these people are the doers; and is why they are on the Food Council.

- c. Food Production and Land Use Committee
 - i. Discussion of recommendations for a comprehensive urban agriculture ordinance for Santa Fe (as submitted for Council review by Poki Piottin & Richard Welker)

Mr. Poki Piottin thanked everyone for the opportunity and the farmers from the Food Policy Council. He said they could not only understand, but guide the process of creating a new urban farming ordinance. He said there has been a lot of focus on growing foods in terms of urban farms. People should not fool themselves into thinking they could grow enough food for a city the size of Santa Fe, in the foreseeable future. Urban farming should be looked at in a broader light with a focus on education. He explained that the document includes six ordinances that he deemed the most comprehensive.

He said the codes currently in the city allow farming whether in a residential or commercial zone. This is a matter of whether farming could be made an integral part of the education of the public; those who need to be aware of where food comes from to be equipped for growing food in the future.

Mr. Piottin said a 1919 survey in Santa Fe shows 1500 acres was under cultivation with 38 acequias. Now there is one (the acequia Madre) and all of the others have been turned into subdivisions. He said 200 acres would be needed to feed a small segment of the population of the City.

He said looking at the broader impact they could craft a policy that made sense. He has seen his entire neighborhood become advocates for him, against one neighbor trying to drive him out. Six neighbors have volunteered to host woofers (young people who travel around the country and volunteer on organic farms). He said many of the ordinances he included allude to "incubator" projects; they incubate relationships, ideas, seed saving, etc. He is not interested in reaching out much further than his neighborhood. He believes that decisions of what happens in the neighborhoods should be left to the neighborhood.

He said he called Boston and learned they have no provision for schools visiting urban farms. He was told that is a decision between the school and the farm. The ordinances can be crafted by the City, but should not be so cookie-cutter that it is impossible to operate. Many cities have passed ordinances and have already done the work needed. He invited members to come to a community potluck on the first Monday of the month to talk to neighbors and volunteers, farm interns, and home school group moms, etc. He said the farm has many benefits and should be looked at from that point of view to understand why farms are instrumental.

He said the schools are calling him and are concerned. The City has restricted Gaia from having groups and has to enforce the ordinances. School gardens are being reduced and funding is being cut in public schools and having a community garden could not even be a small priority. The regulations and ordinances address sensitive issues such as the hours of operation and the details that need to be in the ordinance. The regulations are needed to prevent encroachment on residential neighborhoods and have to be sensitive.

He pointed out that in one paragraph in the recommendations a person cannot have a trailer on their land. He said a small farm cannot operate without help and interns receive an education. The goal is to turn out skilled people that volunteer. He was also told he could not have a tent. After seeing a memo between two City officials he learned tents are allowed in a residential neighborhood for 90 days. He said for an entire year he was told he could not have a tent on his property and for a year, could not have workforce on the property.

Mr. Piottin said the City never pointed him to the ordinance and never told him he needed a home occupation license. The ordinance should have limits proportionate to the size of the property/parking, etc. He said he has done the main work and the language is there and makes it easy for the City to tweak.

Chair Perry confirmed the need is a basic ordinance that is scalable and clear from the City to the person doing the work, and reasonable in terms of defining what they would like to do in creating something usable and reasonable to everyone. She asked what the Food Policy Council could do moving forward.

Mr. Piottin said the Food Policy Council was given the draft of Councilor Bushee's resolution for farm stands for urban ag; and the City Council should be given a draft of the resolution to draft in their terms and have discussions and hold hearings, etc. He said page three has cities that have created a Comprehensive Farm Review (CFR) to meet with city officials and get a list of what they can and cannot do, etc.

Ms. Mortimer said possibly a small group could get together and she would be happy to be part of that. She said the reference to County code does not apply in the City. When talking about the City they should stay with changes to Chapter Fourteen. She could bring the information on the specific ideas to the table. She said this body is supportive of urban ag and should think about the role of urban ag in general; how is that different in Santa Fe than it might be in another city. They should consider what is appropriate; what is the role and what is the goal and how that could be shaped to meet the goals without unintended consequences that might be negative.

Ms. Odiseos said she hears historical stuff based on misconceptions or bad experiences that don't match the needs of the broader community. She said before the Food Council comes up with policy to take before City Council, there needs to be ground work with the people who will ultimately make the decision. She is hearing no, no, no. She said this is a grass roots thing that goes deeper than just developing policy.

Chair Perry said the idea of the subcommittee is to take what has not worked and look at the issues and develop recommendations.

Mr. Warshawer suggested on page 1 where Mr. Piottin provides an example of a definition of urban agriculture; that anything Food Policy Council works from should not have "around cities". It should say <u>in</u> cities. He said it is a dangerous precedent to define urban agriculture as something that occurs outside of the city limits, because a different set of rules exist.

He said secondly, there is a collision course between right to farm thought processes and urban ag thought processes. He gave an example in Michigan. He said looking at the toolkit FPC wants to provide for urban ag resolution generation, and also has to consider what is happening in the right to farm world. He asked that Mr. Piottin consider some research in New Mexico with right to farm and urban agriculture and whether that has helped; or hindered each other.

Mr. Warshawer said on the Comprehensive Farm Review, there will always be problem around how you measure a farm. When going into a process of making rules that lead to measurement that lead to accounting and variance non conformities, they want to be very careful about what people are being asked to count and measure.

Chair Perry said that on item F, City/County GMO task force, Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza could send out a request for anyone who would like to be on the subcommittee.

Mr. Warshawer offered to help Mr. Piottin get information to support his research. Mr. Piottin said he knows the Food Policy Council is working on both the County and City issues. He said if they are going to support small agriculture in the residential zoning, it would behoove FPC to also look at the ordinance for Santa Fe County and how that accommodates or restricts farming as well.

Ms. Mortimer said when they do they should also look at the state Homeowner Association rules. She said she is running up against that in the County. The right to farm is overriding some of the rules in Homeowner Association regulations and the limits.

- d. Procurement- None
- e. Education and Outreach
 - i. Website Development Update

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she wanted to update everyone on the website. She said the bio page has most everyone's pictures and she has included links to their organizations. She asked members to verify if the link is appropriate or if they prefer not to have a link. She has made the previous requested changes and would be working on this continually.

Ms. Mortimer said when she enters the website address it shows as a sub page of Farm to Table.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said it is a part of the Farm to Table web page and cannot be changed. She said in November the Food Policy Council agreed to use the opportunity of Farm to Table's existing website to host the Food Policy Council website as a courtesy. She said it is designed so typing in the web address goes to a page that does not have a reference to Farm to Table and there is no heading.

Ms. Mortimer said some computers show the URL at the top of the page and that has been discussed.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said the URL is embedded in Farm to Table's website structure. She said she has already discussed it with someone at Farm to Table who told her that cannot be changed.

Ms. Mortimer said the FPC decision was predicated on the website not looking like part of Farm to Table. She noted that her husband's website is also hosted by someone else and the host service is never seen. She said it shows Farm to Table because it is structured as a sub page. The data could be moved to a different domain name and if there is an additional charge, FPC could pay that. The representative might be saying this cannot be done under the current agreement.

Mr. Warshawer added that if FPC owns the domain it does not need to be under someone else's jurisdiction.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she would send out an e-mail once she receives the options; the goal is for the URL not to shift.

Mr. Warshawer asked if also part of the agreement is that Farm to Table would not list the FPC as "our program".

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said that is being worked on. She will talk with them about changing that and discuss how to reflect a partnership rather than "our program". She said there other things that Farm to Table works on that are in similar situations, like the Organic Farmers Conference who has very similar concerns. She said she will propose farm to table remove Food Policy Council from the "Our Featured Programs" area and find satisfying language to indicate a relationship, but not ownership, of those programs.

Mr. Warshawer said he would like an opportunity to approve the language pertaining to the Food Policy Council.

f. City-County GMO Task Force

i. Vote to Approve: Draft Resolution Health-Agriculture-Economy

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza explained that the dates of the fiscal year of the Health Plan shifted. She said the first bullet point will state: "Be it resolved ... Santa Fe County Health Action Plan FY 2015-2017". She also added the language back into the document regarding the Tesuque Pueblo work with the other Pueblos on seed sovereignty, etc.

Mr. Warshawer asked to clarify the evolution and origin of the document. He asked if this is now a document about the Health Plan.

Ms. Boies said that it is one of several documents referred to.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said the origin of the resolution was the Food Council began with the request for exploration of GMO with the County. It was decided to make a comprehensive statement that includes not just GMOs but health, environment and agricultural economy in a larger sense that supports a unified policy. Part of the document calls attention to the numerous plans and resolutions on record that have been done to support environment, health, etc. This calls out that the plans exist separately and nothing has been done that creates unification. The resolution states that is needed and that there is a link between health, environmental integrity and agricultural economies that is prioritized as initiatives that are happening in the coming year.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said the scope of work is in the County's budget, but this is a real draft resolution that Commissioner Holien wants to present. The resolution is not there yet.

Ms. Mortimer moved that the Food Policy Council move the resolution forward to the County with a recommendation for approval. Ms. Odiseos seconded the motion.

Mr. Warshawer asked to clarify that the e-mail that stated something about Commissioner Holien "really wants this pushed forward." He said he thought that was the scope and not the resolution.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said the scope is already moving forward and is a line item in the County budget and is going to be, if passed, open for review. All of the edits done subsequent would be considered, but the vote on the scope of work is moot. The resolution is something she specifically requested to present to the BCC because their focus would be on the agricultural and ranching components of the Sustainable Growth Management Plan.

The motion to move the document forward was passed by a majority voice vote. Mr. Warshawer abstained "pending the resolution of the Farm to Table self promotion pattern around the Santa Fe Food Policy Council."

f. State & National Issues

Mr. Warshawer said this week the Appropriations Committees of the House and Senate are voting on the next agriculture budget. The House budget is destructive; the Senate budget is less so. The Sustainable Agricultural Coalition is providing updates and information and New Mexico is a relevant potential constituency, because of Senator Udall's position on agricultural appropriations in the Senate. The Sustainable Agricultural Coalition is a source of grass roots information and direction.

He offered to send the newsletter. Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she could send it out if he sent the link to her.

2. Executive Committee

a. Replacement Suggestions for Community Member

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza introduced Cyndy Martin who recently applied for membership on the FPC. She asked Ms. Martin to say a few words about herself.

Ms. Martin said she is a four generation farmers' daughter. She is the County Home Economist and she works with a lot of food insecure people and does the nutritional components throughout the County. She teaches the importance of good nutrition for their children to teen moms in addition to early literacy, etc. She oversees three I-can educators. The educators go into schools and senior centers and also distribute commodities at the County Extension Office. She said they teach how to eat nutritionally on a budget and how to stretch food dollars; and make quick healthy meals for working people. They have planted a community garden which is used in food preservation classes.

She said she moved from Clovis and she was the design chair for downtown. She worked to get buildings renovated. They have a master plan for a permanent farmers market in their in their historic railroad area. She has a Masters degree in Education and Bachelors in Business and a degree in family Consumer Science.

She said her husband farmed for 16 years and grew commercially gourmet apples (Fuji, Gala and Cameo) and corn for Frito Lay and spinach, green beans and potatoes.

Chair Perry said she brings so many perspectives which is great.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she has received everything she needs from Ms. Martin she said she would get back with an answer within a month.

She said it was requested that the Food Council start a membership subcommittee with members whose focus would be on things pertaining to membership.

b. Update on expiring Council Appointee Seats

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said Ms. Bustamante-Bernal has to resign from the Food Council. The position is a required position and she will be talking to people about the space. Anyone who knows of another local restaurant owners or food related industry person should let her know.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she has worked with Yolanda Vigil to understand the terms and appointments on the Food Policy Council seats. She has learned that the *seats* rotate and expire every January; the people who fill the seats fill the remainder of the term of the seat they took. This information relates only to Chair Perry, Ms. Mortimer, Ms. Walters and Ms. Odiseos.

The Committee discussed the City and County appointments and expiration dates and the process of renewal.

Ms. Boies explained that when someone's term expires with the County they have to reapply if they want to stay and there has to be an open announcement. The County could decide to reappoint that person and the term begins from the point that the County approves the appointment. The terms for both City and County are for three years.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said she would change the matrix to reflect everyone's terms and the difference between the City and County terms.

Chair Perry thanked Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza and Ms. Boies for their work to find the proper process. Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza said applications to the Food Council will now come through her. She said she would send paperwork to apply to anyone interested.

CHECK IN: "Share a recent win relating to food"

Mr. McCarty said he recently received a win in his e-mail. The percent of seniors facing the threat of hunger in a 2013 National Foundation to End Senior Hunger survey shows New Mexico is #34 from worst to best state. He has never seen that in his work in 20 years. He congratulated everyone who is working on senior hunger.

Ms. Walters said she was invited to SFPS Farm to School bid meeting and nine farmers were there. She acknowledged the positive work of Farm to Table and Shauna who was helpful in connecting farmers with the schools. She said it's exciting that the farmers are interested and willing to deal with the complicated bid process and specifications and insurance, etc.

Ms. Lloyd Ortigoza added that she is one of those farmers and is happy to be part of the process. She said the opportunity to sell into the schools and connect kids with the food that she is growing is unparalleled.

Ms. Odiseos said she had mentioned that the Food for Santa Fe had to reduce the number of bags of food they give from 900 to 600 bags, because of financials. She said they are starting to rebuild and many of the people who were turned away have not come back, because they are not aware that Food for Santa Fe is back to their previous amount of distribution.

She said they have reinforced that there are 20,000 people that go to bed every night facing food insecurity. Part of their outreach is to connect with groups who will represent people who are disabled or underserved, etc.

and do not know about the organization or have transportation. She said people that represent those groups can pick up from three to 30 bags to take to the community. She invited members to contact her and she could make arrangements for pickups. She said many people participated in "Give Grande" New Mexico and they received several/thousand dollars.

Ms. Boies passed out hard copies of the Santa Fe County Health Action Plan approved by the BCC.

J. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR -

Chair Perry said Mayor Gonzales is interested in nutrition in the City and would attend next month's meeting.

K. ITEMS FROM THE COUNCIL-

Ms. Mortimer said she would talk about the Western Alliance Conference at the next meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Approved by:

Susan Perry, Chair

Submitted by:

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer