

---

**MEETING MINUTES Approved by Subcommittee.**

---

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Lindsley called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

**Sustainability Commission Present:**

Robin Lindsley            Tonya Johnson

Holly Sackett

Michele Magallón-Casto

**Absent, Unexcused:** None

**Absent, Excused:** None

**Staff:** Joyce Phillips

**Councilor:** Elena Uhing

**Guest:** None

**1. Public Comment:** *N/A*

**2. Consent Agenda & Review Minutes:** Confirmed

**3. Agenda Additions/Deletions:** Figure out dates for next meetings

**4. Meeting discussion:**

A. We decided we will set next meeting for September 5, 2023, at 11 AM and September 19 at 11 AM.

**5. Round Table Discussion:** Discussion stemming from reading of Chapters 1 – 3 of Building Community Food Webs, by Ken Meter.

- Robin expressed it would be great to have a learning/incubator kitchen available for families to learn to cook and prepare food.
- Michele presented the question of how this book relates to FG? The idea of connecting to the schools and growing food is an area we could certainly work on as there have been programs in place in FG but currently seem to be greatly lacking.
- Robin shared about the work of the Elks Lodge backpack program and some of what it provides to families in our community. Farmers are giving their surplus at the farmers market to help with food pantries.
- Michele suggested that what we'd like to see is connecting with local farmers directly instead of just after the market to see if we can collect greater amounts of food for pantries.
- Robins shared that before COVID there were a greater number of farmers at the

Farmers Market and the surplus of produce received for the pantries each week was significant. We should connect with Adelante Mujeres to find out why the number of farmers at the market has had a significant decline.

- Tonya offered to reach out to the school district to find out about the status of school gardens and who may be managing each school garden.
- Michele suggested we focus on schools and programs they offer: garden or garden space or people interested in supporting this program. Robin said Farm to School is a formal program that a school signs up for. School gardens are usually teacher or parent-run. Washington County Agriculture in the Classroom is a program Robin suggested we look into.

**7. Future Agenda Items:** Each member come prepared to share any communications they've had or items they've researched related to school gardens and local programs related to food access and preparation.

**8. Adjournment:** Robin adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Holly Sackett  
Secretary, Food Secure Forest Grove Subcommittee

*Approved by the Food Secure Forest Grove Subcommittee*  
Date: September 5, 2023