

Aspire Johnson County Placemaking Team
March 2, 2017

Attendance: Larry Walls, Katy Cavaleri, Rick Resener, Cindy Cook, Peggy Rutledge, Erin Slevin, Joe Moore

Sports world event:

Nancy Voris, with Tobacco Free Johnson County is looking for volunteers for the Sportsworld Event which will feature Steve Grant as a speaker, April 18-20. Peggy volunteered to assist. Nancy Voris is looking for additional volunteers if anyone is interested, specific volunteer duties have not been determined

Projects:

Healthy community initiative: Erin Slevin shared ideas with the group for community wellness. They are working on an assessment of what is needed in the community for worksites, schools, health care etc. They are interested in walking paths, and healthy food options.

Erin is interested in putting together a Food Summit for Johnson County, which has been successful in other communities. She would like to plan the event for the fall. Erin shared notes about a Local Food Summit. The Aspire Placemaking Team can assist Erin as requested.

Local Food Summit

<https://www.purdue.edu/dffs/localfood/communityfoodsystem/local-food-summit/>

Across the nation, local foods have emerged as a growing business sector. New jobs are being created in our “food system” which includes the process of growing, processing, distributing, consuming, and composting/recycling. This summit intends to place local food and agricultural economic development on the agendas of public policymakers, private business leaders, not-for-profit institutions, and citizens. The net result will be greater possibilities of working together, creating jobs, doing business, and expanding the economy right here **YOUR COUNTY**. Everyone is connected to the food system! Please join us to learn how to make a positive impact in our local community.

Key Themes/Objectives

- Establishing connections in the local food system
- Learning the potential impact of local food
- Connecting health & the economy through local food

Potential Participants

County Commissioners	Chefs/Restaurants
Local food farmers	Institutional buyer (school, hospital, etc)
Commodity farmers	Food processing/distribution business
Health Department	Farm Market managers
Local foundations	Economic Development agencies
City officials	Grocery stores (chain, independents)
Local-foods/citizen advocates	Purdue Extension
Faith community leaders	
Chambers	

Franklin Community Gardens: Chris Sullivan is a new volunteer interested in Aspire and the Franklin Community Gardens. He will keep the group updated, and let us know if we may assist the group with the project.

Lemonade Day: Is set for May 20th. The next group meeting will be in late March. We are still looking for locations that are willing to host lemonade stands. If anyone would like to assist with this project, please let us know.

Activity book: This will be for the elementary kids. The steering team has approved continuing the project and seeking funding. The project is moving forward, and next steps to determine the creative and sponsorship plan are being worked on by the committee. Additional volunteers are needed for this group.

Diversity: The in common grant was applied for however the event did not receive the grant money. The event will still take place with 6 cultural showcases at libraries throughout the county from late June-July. Lisa Lintner will keep the group updated if they need assistance.

Outreach: Katy checked into the booth fee for the fair. Katy asked at the large group meeting if anyone has a booth at the Johnson County Fair that they may be willing to share with Aspire. It was also suggested that we look into Greenwood Freedom Festival again for 2017.

Next meeting is
April 6th 3:30- 5pm
Franklin Chamber of Commerce