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UnApproved MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE POLICY ADVISORY COUNCIL (FAPAC)
Minutes
MEETING HELD ON Thursday, September 5, 2019
1688 W. Adams Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. Call to Order

Sharma called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Sharma Torrens

FAPAC Members on the Phone: Rafael Tapia, Liz Taylor, Dave Richins, Leslie Fox, Rocco Cardinale, Glenna McCollum

AZDA Staff Present: Sharma Torrens, Michele Mellott

Public Present: None

3. Member Update

Sharma Torrens

Sharma reiterated the FAPAC members that Cassie Lyman stepped off as the Chair (and from the FAPAC entirely) and that Kami Weddle has also had to also step off of the Committee. There are now 9 voting members of the FAPAC and 3 ex-officio (non-voting members (so 12 members total).

4. Process for Determining Next FAPAC Chair

Sharma Torrens

Sharma informed the members that the Director was willing to allow the FAPAC members to select a Chair, instead of him appointing this person. The members discussed that the Director had always appointed the Chair and this should remain the case. Sharma mentioned that having a Vice-Chair might be a good idea as well. However, Bylaws need to be drafted to govern this process (and all processes for the FAPAC).

5. Farm to School Month (Legislative Resolution and/or Proclamation)
(Information, discussion and action)

Sharma Torrens

Leslie mentioned that she attended a Farm to School meeting on September 4th and that she received some great information. She also heard that Arizona has some sort of legislation. This was news to most, so Leslie looked into this and discovered a bill that was proposed, but never passed a few years back. It dealt with creating a committee to study Farm to School.

Liz noted that it would be ideal if there was a legislative resolution and that a Farm to School Month was implemented in September of 2020 (to coincide with the 4th Annual Food Summit). She also noted that if a legislative resolution was not feasible, that the

FAPAC should recommend the Director request a Governor's Proclamation.

Dave noted that there could be two approaches to this: (1) a high level approach to encourage business to support agriculture (via Farm to School); and (2) a school level focus (to encourage them to purchase products from Arizona agricultural producers).

Dave moved to recommend the FAPAC recommend the AZDA put forth Farm to School legislation. However, after some discussion about holding off on this until next year (and start where it can), Dave took consideration of his motion off of the table.

There was discussion about involving the 3 ex-officio FAPAC members since they are legislators. Sharma just mentioned that if the FAPAC members reach out to them that they should do so in their personal capacity.

Liz moved that the FAPAC recommend to the Director of the AZDA that it pursue a Legislative Resolution to create a Farm to School Month for Arizona, starting in September of 2020 (and thereafter on each September), and if this was not feasible, to request a Governor's Proclamation for such. Glenna seconded this motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Rocco AYE
Patty
Rep. Fernandez
Leslie AYE
Elyse
Bruce
Sen. Kerr
Glenna AYE
Dave AYE
Rep. Shope
Liz AYE
Rafael AYE

6. Call to the Public

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Committee may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01 (H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

None

7. Executive Session

To obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A) (3) on any matter on the agenda

No need.

8. Next Meeting

A. Best Dates for October meeting

The next meeting date will be October 8, 2019 at 10 a.m. (at the AZDA Phoenix Offices).

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Adjourn: Glenna moved to adjourn and Liz seconded this motion. It was passed unanimously.

Rocco AYE
Patty
Rep. Fernandez

Leslie AYE
Elyse
Bruce
Sen. Kerr
Glenna AYE
Dave
Rep. Shope
Liz AYE
Rafael AYE