



Nevada Council on Food Security

Local Food Policy Council Updates

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Washoe County Food Policy Council Report

Activities

- In an effort to expand membership, conversations with Lynne Barker at City of Reno began in July to explore collaboration between the WCFPC and City of Reno's Sustainability Plan Climate Action Plan. Two community meetings were organized in August and September bringing together food leaders to discuss how to best move forward with food issues in our community (food policy/food security/food waste and sustainability). The WCFPC and participating stakeholders decided that deconstructing the current WCFPC and developing a Regional Food Systems Council inclusive of partners connected to the food system would build a stronger network to improve on aspects of the food system. The next stakeholder meeting is yet to be scheduled; however the group plans on coming together in November to make decisions on the make-up/goals of this new proposed council.

Successes

- The community meeting held in August was successful as various food leaders/stakeholders were included in the conversation. Although the process has been slow, we are hopeful that the formation of this new proposed council will engage more stakeholders to improve food issues in our community.

Barriers

- Not having a dedicated staff person to lead meetings and organize the group continues to be a challenge in keeping the momentum for this new group. The group will seek funding opportunities in hopes of funding a position to lay the foundation needed to address food system issues in Washoe County.