



Policy Task Force Meeting Notes

Fairfax Food Council

June 17, 2025

10:00 – 11:00 am

Welcome:

Policy Task Force Co-Chairs welcomed attendees.

Review of Where We Left Off

SNAP Signage Group

During the previous meeting, this group was refining their white paper, focusing on updating statistics, strengthening their case study, and solidifying their implementation plan. They plan to continue fine-tuning the document and aim to submit it to Supervisor Palchik as soon as possible.

SNAP Navigator Group

During the previous meeting, Real Food For Kids (RFFK) provided an overview of their SNAP Ambassador program and its impact in Arlington, outlining possibilities for a pilot initiative in Fairfax County. Since implementation will vary by location, the group explored ways to support RFFK in expanding the program to Fairfax. They plan to continue discussions to define their role and determine next steps.

Small-Scale Agribusiness Group

During the previous meeting, the group began drafting their white paper, prioritizing the development of clear definitions for 'small-scale' and 'agricultural zones.' They plan to continue refining these definitions and advancing their paper between meetings.

Policy Work

Breakout Rooms

Attendees joined breakout rooms to continue working on their policies.

Report Outs

Large Group

SNAP Signage Group

In refining their policy recommendations, the group identified areas of the document that need to be bolstered. They focused on the implementation and case study sections, in particular. Due to limited options for enforcing a local policy as it relates to a national program, the group brainstormed methods to incentivize grocery stores to comply with this policy. They considered cash incentives, sponsorships, and the role local government could play. The group plans to continue discussing and solidifying their policy implementation plan, as well as bolstering the rest of their paper.

SNAP Navigator Group

The group reviewed and edited a white paper that was drafted ahead of this task force meeting. The goal for this group is to develop their white paper/policy recommendations to advocate for and support RFFK. RFFK is actively applying for contracts and funding opportunities, and once piloted, it could be replicated for partners to use with their communities. The group plans to continue developing its white paper/policy recommendations.

Small-Scale Agribusiness Group

The group finalized their key definitions and added them to their white paper. They also discussed and refined the three goals of their policy. Additionally, they identified potential allies and opponents of their policies. The group plans to continue developing its white paper/policy recommendations.

Homework

Policy Task Force Co-Chairs

A Google Drive has been created for the groups to better track resources they find throughout the research phase, as well as create a shared workspace. The Drive includes separate folders for each group. Please continue to contribute to your group's folder.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1hThViTTypePDyd9ZhPdvK4fl28HI_ux?usp=drive_link

Next Policy Task Force Meeting: July 15, 2025 at 10:00 am