

## MEETING MINUTES:

### Teton Food and Farm Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

12-1pm Zoom meeting facilitated by UI Extension Office, Driggs, ID

#### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Attendance: Hallie Poirier, Teton County, ID Fair Board; Sue Heffron, Teton Valley Food Pantry; Charlotte Walker, Slow Food in the Tetons; Lisa Simmons (Driggs Downtown Community Association); Kim Kolner (Victor P&Z Director); Jenny May Shervin (JH Farmers Market); Mary Taber (Idaho Victory garden participant and community member); Abby Grundler & Jen Werlin (Teton County 4-H and UI Extension, Teton County office); Andrea Swedberg (Community Resource Center of Teton Valley); Crystal Bunch (MD Nursery).

#### 2. Earth Day Recap (April 22, 2023 at Teton Valley Fairgrounds):

- a. About 300 people came. There were 28 organizations with booths. 4-H did a play about Earth day and made seed bombs with wildflowers; there is a new 4-H environmental club; there was trash sorting, a tree trimming demo by City of Driggs Tree Committee, etc. It was a great event.

#### 3. Compost week starts May 9th: Are there organizations that want to do something? Orgs may do some social media posts; TVCR has compost bins available for free; 4-H can do a lesson with their garden club.

#### 4. Partner Updates:

- a. Lisa Simmons with DDCA shared that they are interested in planning a food and art walk like their Friday Art Walks. This would connect galleries to people.
- b. Hallie with the Fair board shared that the fair is celebrating their 100 year anniversary. They also have their Thursday farm tour with the soil conservation district.
- c. Jen talked with Charlotte about maybe partnering with Slow Food to have a garden tour in Jackson and maybe there could be one in Teton Valley.
- d. Hallie shared that the community garden will have a summer schedule of classes, workshops, and demos, as well as open garden hours. A conversation about having a seedling exchange at the garden would be nice maybe at the end of May or early June.
- e. Grow-a-row program: Jen mentioned that she'd like to see more outreach to gardeners about when and how they can bring produce to the food pantry. Sue from the Food Pantry can help. The food pantry also could perhaps provide a seed packet or two for patrons.
- f. Kim Kolner from City of Victor mentioned that there is a community garden designated space at the end of Larkspur in Victor. It is 1 acre of land and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of an acre could be a garden. There's a bus stop there, as well as common space. Kim also shared that the city has been doing research on Slow Cities "Citia Slow" modeled after Slow Food—there are 72 principles to adapt to participate.
- g. Andrea from CRTV shared that MD Nursery is donating a portion of their sales of herb and veggie starts in May to the Food for Good Program.
- h. Other business: It was agreed that the conversation should continue at a May meeting to further discuss possible events and calendar updates.

#### 5. Adjourned at 1:10 pm

Next meeting scheduled: Wed., May 24, 2023 at 9am via Zoom.