

Missoula Food Policy Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 23rd at 3:30 pm

HYBRID MEETING

Exploration Center, Clover Board Room

1075 South Avenue W.

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1. Call to Order & Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of January Meeting Minutes
4. Comments on items not on the agenda
5. General Updates
 - a. Vacancy Recruitment
6. New Business/Action Items
 - a. Newsletter (Alex) – 2026 plan
 - i. March Newsletter due to Alex by February 23rd
 - ii. Topics include Liz Carlisle's new book (Josh Slotnick), MCPS Agriculture Education program (Tom Andres), Montana Marinara and Growth Through Agriculture programs (Blake Lineweaver)
 - b. Climate Ready Missoula – update to city/county plan
7. Old Business
 - a. Community Food Assessment scoping questions – Blake, Bryce, Erica
 - i. Decision-use: What decisions should this work inform?
 1. What are the top 3 decisions waiting for better information?
 - a. (Examples: zoning for urban agriculture; farmland protection tools; procurement investments; processing infrastructure support)
 2. If this is wildly successful, what is different 12 months after completion?
 - a. (Policy adopted? Funds allocated? Programs launched? Partnerships formalized?)

3. Who is the primary decision-maker audience?
 - a. (City Council? County Commissioners? Planning? Health Dept? School district? Philanthropy?)
4. Are you aiming for policy recommendations, investment priorities, program designs, or a mix?
 - a. (And how will you keep those distinct?)
- ii. Learning agenda: What do you still need to learn beyond Rapid CFAs?
 1. What's unknown behind the themes? Where are you at risk of assumptions?
- iii. Engagement: Who must be meaningfully included for legitimacy?
 1. What does "meaningful" mean: inform/consult/co-design/shared power?
- iv. "Done" definition: What does completion look like?
 1. A few ready-to-implement priorities vs a full multi-year plan
- v. Roles + capacity: What can the Board own vs what needs paid leadership?
- vi. Geography: What do you mean by 'Missoula County'—jurisdictional, or a lived foodshed?
- b. County Detention Center update (Bryce/Stasia)
- c. CHIP work group update (Jamie/Alex)
- d. Urban Deer Management (Jamie)
- e. New Developments to Watch: Paisley Park & West End Farms, and Grass Valley Industrial plan & Grass Valley Gardens
 - i. <https://westendfarmsmt.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/WEF-Future-Park.pdf>
 - ii. <https://www.grassvalleygardens.com/>
8. Round Robin communications/questions
9. Next meeting: Monday, March 23rd at 3:30 pm
 - a. Upcoming presenters
 - i. March 23rd meeting Abundant MT, Erin Austin, 33x33 campaign
 - ii. April or May– Tour of MCPS Ag Center and School House Meats
 - iii. Nathan – May
 - iv. Dana w/ All Nations Health Center

10. Adjourn