



**New Brunswick
Community Food Alliance**

**La Alianza Comunitaria
de Alimentación de
New Brunswick**

Section I:	Meeting Information
<p>Meeting Topic: Agriculture Workgroup Meeting Date: 11/27/2018 Location: Elijah's Promise, 211 Livingston Avenue Time: 4pm to 5:30pm</p>	

Section II:	Attendance
<p>Clara Haynes, Vince Rifici, Mark Oshinskie, Maddie Conroy, Yvette Molina, Suzy Jivotovski, Lauren Errickson (Co-Chair)</p>	

Section III:	Agenda Items
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Agenda Items	Report	Action Taken
Work Group Engagement and Revitalization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not all gardens in New Brunswick have members/gardeners engaged with the NBCFA ● We discussed how the Ag Workgroup can potentially support and serve gardens in the City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide plants/seedling sources ○ Coordinate available spaces/garden plots ○ Tool sharing ○ Volunteer collaboration ○ Marketing and promotion of gardens, events ○ Offer educational events/activities and skill share between gardeners ○ Assist with soil testing and other technical questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anthony will look into budgets for the workgroups ● Next step: create a flyer/brochure to share with gardens/gardeners to let them know how the work group can support them/how we can collaborate and/or they can participate

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current members of the group will reach out to known members of other garden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greater Brunswick Charter School/Vanessa Jones and/or Rina Jones: Mark/Clara will contact ○ Christ Church/Mark McMahon: Mark will contact ○ Resurrection Garden, St. Isidore's Garden, St. Peter and Paul Garden/Ellen Maughn: Mark is in touch 	
New Brunswick Parks and Gardens Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The AgWG and Parks and Gardens have stayed in communication in the past ● There is strong potential to work together on garden initiatives in the City 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Susan Painter may be available as a representative to serve as a liaison between the groups ● Lauren will attend a P&G meeting in the spring
Meeting Schedule for 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some NBCFA members expressed that they did not want to attend meetings after dark ● Earlier winter, later summer meetings might work well for the Ag Workgroup ● Meetings can move from indoor locations (winter) to outdoor locations/gardens (summer) 	Lauren will send a Doodle poll to schedule January meeting
2019 Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interest in workshops; many gardeners are beginners ● Super basic "how to" document about what to plant, when would be useful <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include culturally relevant crops suited to New Brunswick ● Workshops could include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seed starting (Jones Ave) ○ Fall planting (Recreation Park) ○ Food as medicine ● Promise Garden developing workshop calendar ● "Breakfast in the Garden" event ● RWJ Wellness Van- potential collaborator ● Master Gardeners may be available to teach/assist with materials for workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suzy will reach out to Master Gardeners
Agriculture Metrics in the City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An objective of the AgWG is to document agriculture productivity and associated outcomes in the City ● We need help organizing and collecting metrics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lauren will reach out to 4-H re: citizen science initiative, potential

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ measuring garden beds○ estimating produce yield	collaboration