



Multnomah County Food Service Advisory Committee Notes - June 3, 2024

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Members Present: Rachel Clark, Ginger Rapport, Greg Astley

Staff Attendees: Jeff Martin, Debbie Flinchbaugh, Brenda Garcia, Fernanda Robles

Approval of April 1, 2024 meeting minutes

Reviewed and approved

Budget Update FY25

Budget for the next fiscal year (FY25) starts July 1 to June 30th. There were two budgets submitted. The first is the base program budget. The second is the basic operation budget for the office and to keep the same fee rate. Next fiscal year, fees will most likely increase for the calendar year 2026, since fees have not increased since 2020.

Recruitment of new FSAC Members Update

Jeff and Debbie have worked with the Multco Office of Community Involvement to draft an updated recruitment process and application forms. The FSAC reviewed and approved the application forms. The hope is to recruit four additional committee members. There will be a blast email sent to all operators and other community members as well as posted on the Inspections webpage. Multnomah County would like to obtain a diverse pool of applicants. When there is a list of applicants, FSAC members will be invited to help review.

Staffing Update

The Inspections Program has conducted recruitments and hired three trainees. The three trainee inspectors have a variety of backgrounds including military, law, and the records department.

Stickers

Stickers have been updated and translated into various languages using the budget from the unfilled salary position.



Inspections Data Update

Jeff provided data pulled on Sunday 6/2/24 illustrating current industry status. In addition a map of new construction and change of ownership facilities shared with most occurring in the Portland Downtown area.

Foodborne illnesses update - no outbreaks reported.

Temporary Events have increased in comparison to 2023.

Round Table

Discussion of the change in Oregon Rules which allow customers to bring in their personal take out containers to place food in. Restaurants can choose to participate as it is not mandatory. Factsheets are being created to address sanitation issues.

The Farmer's Market was busy last weekend. People are wanting to eat at the market and there is not enough seating.

Action items

- Data on plan reviews based on payment schedules is being requested in order to see trends on new construction facilities on a monthly basis.
- Resend bylaws.
- Rachel will contact the Portland Chamber (formerly the PBA) to ask whether they have any data or information on lease rates and other comps between downtown and SE Portland in regards to the ease of opening a new restaurant or other business.