

2012 Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council Call for Applications

The City of Portland and Multnomah County seek interested community members to serve two-year terms on the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council. Those interested in being considered for a January 2012 appointment should complete the following application and submit it by October 21. Resumes or curricula vitae are optional.

The Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council provides policy advice to local governments on food-related matters that impact land use, health, the environment, jobs, access, and other relevant issues. The Council currently consists of 15 members who are appointed by Portland Mayor Sam Adams and Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen.

Priorities for 2012 are expected to include:

- the availability of healthy, affordable food to all residents;
- food justice;
- urban food production and distribution/land use policies;
- expanding the networking role of the Council;
- the capacity of local communities to engage in healthy food practices; and
- food system strategic planning.

Food Policy Council Positions

The position of Council member will require expertise in one or more local food-related issues such as local agriculture, food security and access, nutrition, food business and industrial practices, community food education, land use, urban food production and distribution. Equally important is the Council members' ability to work together to create policy advice that takes into consideration the impact of current and proposed policies on the entire local food system.

The criteria that the Commissioners use for selecting members include:

- Commitment to a two-year long term requiring regular attendance and participation in monthly meetings (4:00–6:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month); active membership on at least one subcommittee of the Council that will generate a work plan with specific goals; and attendance at a half-day retreat in January 2012;
- Ability to generate policy action items for the Council to pursue;
- Capacity to bring specific food system relationships and resources to the effort, as well as potential to represent diverse sectors of the local food system and/or the community at large; and
- Lives or works predominantly within Multnomah County.

The Portland Multnomah County FPC website can be found at:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=42290>

Applicants will be notified of the City/County decision by November 17 and individuals nominated to the Council will be invited to the December 8 Food Policy Council meeting.

Thank you for your interest. For more information, please contact Steve Cohen, City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, steve.cohen@portlandoregon.gov; Katie Lynd, Multnomah County Sustainability Program, Katie.lynd@co.multnomah.or.us; or Rachael Banks, Multnomah County Health Department, rachael.m.banks@co.multnomah.or.us.

Interest Form for Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council

*The purpose of this form is to obtain information for use in making appointments to the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council, and to assist the City and County in making inquiries concerning the qualifications of applicants for appointment. Please note that information provided in this document is **public information**, with the exception of the confidential section. (Information in the confidential section will only be disclosed as required by law.) If you have a recently prepared biography or resumé, please attach it to this form*

Please return application, resumé and any additional information to:
Office of Neighborhood Involvement, 1221 SW 4th Ave, Room 110, Portland, OR 97204
Applications can also be submitted by email to: patrick.philpott@portlandoregon.gov

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Biography/Resumé Attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No but my website is growmeorganics.com

List education, including degree(s) earned:

**North Park University, 1998~
BA in Sociology and English Writing**

A. Reasons for wanting to serve on this group:

One of the blessings of democracy is the ability for citizens to participate in our government from the city to county level, and it is exciting to be able to attend meetings talking about food justice and security. I think it is all of our responsibility to participate in our governmental process and help shape policy for our communities. I am personally vested in creating food, and the Food Policy Council provides the outlet for me to evolve both personally and professionally.

I feel that collaboration between local government and its citizens is vital to creating a healthy and vibrant democracy. Over the last several years I have been attending FPC meetings which has helped me learn a great deal about our food system. The work that has been done through the efforts of the FPC has been impressive and I feel that it is time to offer my expertise as a small scale back yard farmer and seed grower. I also have my own blog with over 20,000 readers and would like to help spotlight the importance of local food policy to the general public. I am also interesting in working on zoning issues, and wild food policy.

B. List skills, knowledge or affiliations that would be relevant to the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council:

I currently grow vegetable, flower, and herb seeds for sale, and have been working as a backyard gardener around Portland since 2008. I also blog and host workshops and events on topics such as raising rabbits, seed saving, and backyard gardening.

I am currently a member of the Oregon Association of Nurseries and Organic Seed Alliance. I have been studying under Frank Morton, and Dr. John Navazio about open-pollinated seed breeding and production, and the idea of open-sourced genetics for seeds. I have so far been highlighted in two local magazines spotlighting food, and I hope to continue to be an advocate for a more transparent food system.

C. List work or volunteer experience that would add to your expertise for this Board/Commission

Dates (from/to)	Employer or Volunteer Activity	Responsibilities
08/Present	Grow Me Organics	Backyard Farmer and Seed Grower
1990/Present	15 years restaurant experience	Front of house experience
07/08	Oscar Albert Garden Nursery	Managed Organic Edible Garden Nursery
02/07	5 years landscaping experience	Garden Detail Specialist
	PCC Outdoor Club Safety Team	Attend events and offer outdoor expertise

D. List your experience working on diverse teams or committees:

Urban Food Distribution and Zoning Committee
Gateway 205 Business Network
Sawtooth Botanical Community Gardens Volunteer and Member
Urban Outreach Volunteer and Leader

E. Briefly describe your experience and/or interest in advancing effective food policy.

Over the last several years I have frequently attended FPC meetings as well as Urban agriculture subcommittee meetings where I have helped provide my expertise as well as do background research. I am interested specifically in promoting effective policies that address issues in the organic seed community as well as working on access to land issues.

In general, it is difficult to make a living as a small scale grower or food business entrepreneur and I would use my position on the FPC to give voice to fostering better economic opportunities for small scale food related enterprises in Portland and Multnomah County.

My signature affirms that all information contained herein is true to the best of my knowledge, and that I understand that any misstatement of fact or misrepresentation of credentials may result in this application being disqualified from further consideration.

Signature: Sara Pool **Date:** 10/17/2011