

**Food Distribution Task Force
Meeting Notes
October 10, 2013**

Group 1

Short Term Ideas:

- 1) A comprehensive inventory of potential sites:
 - a. City owned old Salvation Army Building
 - b. Old YWCA
 - c. Mt Sinai
 - d. Corner of Davie St and East
 - e. City Market / Old Greenshields
 - f. Has working commercial kitchen
 - g. Meets required codes
 - h. Should be within a reasonable proximity to Moore Square transit center

- 2) Develop a set of criteria / perimeters to follow for a downtown service area and radius
 - a. Must have safe passage to and from the chosen site
 - b. Should we expand the R-Line
 - c. Concerns about the possibility of changes in bus routes, if they change they then impact the ability to access to the food distribution

- 3) Request that the City of Raleigh and Wake County research viable sites based on an established set of criteria of the Task Force
- 4) Provide cost estimation for a new standalone food distribution site in the downtown area
- 5) Establish a "set, coordinated, routines and advertised" schedule for food distribution site that is accessible to all
- 6) We have the attention of the City and County and we must capitalize.
- 7) Have Councilors and Commissioners and Staff come participate /volunteer so they experience and understand

Long Term Ideas

- 1) Multiple site options that have set hours; this provides CHOICE
- 2) CHOICE is important to establishing sense of appreciation respect for folks that have needs
- 3) Have local businesses provide vouchers for people to eat at their site (integration)
- 4) Create a sense of "home" for a location or a set of locations that provide choice
- 5) Long term funding commitments
- 6) Integrate distribution sites into the community
- 7) Have food distribution sites that also have uncooked food, that are like groceries and allow others to donate and people to come choose what they need
- 8) Have laws and policies that do not limit food distribution to just one population like just women or just men or just vets..... If you are hungry you are welcome!

Challenges

- 1) Long term funding support
- 2) Perception
 - a. Get people aware on a broader perspective and integrate into the community and not to make them a stigma

- 3) People do not know or understand the reality of the issue
- 4) More gentrification in the downtown areas as economy changes
- 5) Infrastructure
 - a. Insurances
 - b. Who will be the lead? Will WAM be sustainability
- 6) If you are hungry you welcome... Many places have limitations
- 7) Needs to be political will to act