

Chat Log, 3/3/22:

09:00:21 From Kate Carr:

Hey guys, are you able to re-add me to the zoom invite to this meeting?

Kcarr@elgaucho.com

09:00:48 From Erica Lindemann:

Can do!

09:01:14 From Kate Carr:

Thank you! 😊

09:02:36 From Anthony Anton:

New Food Code : <https://wahospitality.org/quick-bites/>

Summary Notes: Alyssa, Clark County Public Health: New food code rule (effective March 1) - top 10 changes. Inspectors doing an education period until August 31, 2022. Certified Food Protection Manager -- one staff member, grace period until March 2023. They don't have to always be on site, just employed, but certification needs to be on-site.

09:08:43 From Anthony Anton:

ServSafe Manager Info for Certification requirement

https://whaef.org/workforce-development/classes/ssm/?utm_source=wahospitality&utm_campaign=ssm&utm_medium=menu

09:10:53 From Taylor Cusack:

Is this available in Spanish?

09:11:00 From Anthony Anton:

Yes

09:13:22 From Alyssa Pilot:

Alyssa.pilot@clark.wa.gov

09:13:52 From Jenni Sandstrom WSUV:

We don't teach it at WSU anymore, but we have students do it outside of class.

Q&A: Person In Charge training different than Certified Food Protection, which is much more in depth and a little more expensive.

09:14:15 From Alyssa Pilot:

<https://doh.wa.gov/community-and-environment/food/food-worker-and-industry/food-safety-rules>

Q&A: Certified Food Protection training is good for 5 years.

Summary Notes: Katie, Legislative Update: Final week of session, ends March 10. 3 priorities focused around relief -- \$15 million hotel relief, liquor license relief to cut fees in half through 2023 (confident these two will cross the finish line). \$200 million restaurant relief for those who applied for federal funds but never received it - haven't lost hope yet!

09:19:55 From Anthony Anton:

Relief Package: <https://p2a.co/OONUGrx>

Even though the budgets have already been drafted, it is incredibly important to our team that legislators know how necessary this funding is!

09:20:05 From Anthony Anton:

Ergonomics: <https://p2a.co/l5cfCOA>

Please make sure to note that this is a new campaign, different from the previously run campaign under the same name. It's important we get information about this bill out to members so they can in-turn help us kill this bill!

09:23:19 From Teresa Brum:

Main Street extension bill passed! VDA can also update.

Q&A: Wine License Plate - moved to transportation, strong possibility that it will pass as well

09:29:52 From Teresa Brum:

Teresa.brum@cityofvancouver.us

Summary Notes: Teresa, City of Vancouver: Mayor brought to City Hall - extending parklet fee waiver to October 1, 2022. City and VDA working to clean up parklets.

09:34:26 Michael Walker / VDA:

Please use VDA as a resource as you navigate the Street Eat updates.

Director@vdausa.org

Summary Notes: Cliff, Visit Vancouver WA update: Official destination marketing association - increase visitor spending and influence demand to your restaurants and hotels. Funding: Lodging Tax, TPA, small amount of advertising on website and in Travel Magazine. New brand is in action. Group Sales efforts in addition to marketing that you see out in the community - group room nights, sports events, etc. Clark County is booming! Visitor spending off by about 25% from pre-pandemic numbers, but Clark County has done very well in terms of recovering Occupancy % and ADR (recovering much better than King County and other cities around the state). Looking to increase investment for destination marketing - progress with Lodging Tax Pilot Program with the City of Vancouver. Extra funding: co-op partnership with State of WA Tourism, more Group Sales platforms and incentives, strategic data/device-driven marketing campaigns. Also, taking on an advisory role with Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (\$125K). Just completed RFP process for Tourism Master Plan. Focused on Group Sales Development. Aligned industry advocacy: VVW, Greater Vancouver Chamber, WA Hospitality Association.

09:44:11 From Sarah Kohout- Southwest Washington Director, Senator Cantwell:

Good morning all, Thank you for letting me join! My email is

Sarah_Kohout@cantwell.senate.gov and my phone is 360-773-8418 if you want to connect.

Summary Notes: John, Greater Vancouver Chamber: Savor the Couve just ended second year - 45 restaurants, nearly quarter-million dollars, helped local nonprofits.

Tremendous effort! Grow the 360 - shop local program, gift certificates, push to keep \$\$ local instead of say Amazon gift cards, etc.

09:50:05 From John McDonagh, Greater Vancouver Chamber:

Grow the 360 shop local information contact me at

jmcdonagh@vancouverusa.com

Summary Notes: Don, ilani: 20 for 20 - still looking for partners. Need additional vouchers? Let Barb, Gretchen, or Don know.

dwalkinshaw@ilaniresort.com

09:51:09 From Gretchen Fritz:

Happy to assist, gretchenf@wahospitality.org

Summary Notes: Russell, Prep Cook Bootcamp - 1 pm Monday job fair

09:51:57 From Kate Carr:

We are interested Russell!

09:51:57 From Russell Brent:

Russellebrent@gmail.com

09:55:38 From Jenni Sandstrom WSUV to Everyone:

Jennifer.sandstrom@wsu.edu – has students looking to be hired!

Summary Notes: Savor, April 23 -- looking for restaurants to offer small bites. \$75 all-inclusive ticket, event put on by SW WA Winery Association. Email Richard:

emanarcellars@gmail.com

09:58:17 From Erica Lindemann -- Visit Vancouver WA:

Hospitality RT webpage: <https://www.visitvancouverwa.com/hospitality-roundtable/>

09:58:28 From Leah Jackson:

Thanks for all of the updates

09:58:40 From Don Walkinshaw - ilani:

Thanks everyone!

09:59:05 From iPhone:

Thank you everyone!!!