

## Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Open House - Dot Survey Results - December 5, 2012

**Note:** “# of Dots” represents the area that community members and partners believe the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council should focus on in 2013.

**Legend:** A \* next to a qualitative comment indicates the number of people who had the same comment.

2012 Strategic Action Plan Area of Interest	# of Dots	Qualitative Comments
<p>Economic Development</p> <p><u>Main Points</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Sustainable, small business [immigrants, minorities, females, etc.]</li> <li>* Cooperative, shared work-spaces</li> <li>* Connecting farmers to markets</li> <li>* &gt; food trucks and mobile distribution of fresh foods</li> <li>* Jobs for local teens</li> <li>* HUD style housing + land grants</li> <li>* End of season gleaning and assistance to local farmers [donate produce to food kitchen]</li> </ul>	<p>95</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustainable small business, urban farms, aquaponics*</li> <li>- Cooperative, shared work-spaces*</li> <li>- Minority and female-owned sustainable small businesses</li> <li>- Collaborate with University to develop interactive, user-friendly mapping to connect farmers to markets</li> <li>- Small business innovations</li> <li>- Immigrant business and farming</li> <li>- Want to see more food trucks and mobile distribution of fresh foods in North Minneapolis ⇔ connect to farmers selling/buying local vegetables for these businesses</li> <li>- Profitability</li> <li>- Promote community-based economic models</li> <li>- Sustainable</li> <li>- More bike paths</li> <li>- Would like to see more business given to the local establishments</li> <li>- Creating jobs for local teens</li> <li>- Local organizations help low income urban farmers with free tax help</li> <li>- HUD style housing + land grants</li> <li>- Give land with conditions to improve for: sustainability, community, youth*</li> <li>- Young people energy + land and housing = healthy futures, healthy neighborhoods</li> <li>- Affordability</li> <li>- Lead the way progressively to allow growers to flourish</li> <li>- Offer end of season gleaning and assistance to local farmers – donate produce to food kitchen</li> </ul>
<p>Composting and Organic Matter</p> <p><u>Main Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Education</li> </ul>	<p>70</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bike powered compostables pick up</li> <li>- Having more education on community composting</li> <li>- Closed loop composting</li> <li>- Compost easily available for urban gardeners</li> <li>- Nothing happens about this</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Availability of compost for urban gardeners</li> <li>* Composting in other facilities, ex: schools</li> <li>* Compost pick up</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Soil building</li> <li>- Composting in schools, hospitals, etc. (and restaurants)</li> <li>- Residential compost pick up with trash and recycling</li> <li>- Anaerobic digestors and awareness</li> <li>- More neighborhood composting</li> <li>- Education about backyard composting*</li> <li>- Incentivize on-site and community composting by apartment building owners</li> </ul>
<p>Growing</p> <p><u>Main Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* More areas for growing in urban gardens/ ↑ land availability</li> <li>* Education, ex: workshops</li> <li>* Greenhouse space + land</li> <li>* Organized gleaning of F&amp;V</li> <li>* Park land for gardening</li> </ul>	<p>68</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Latino community</li> <li>- Expanding more areas for growing in urban gardens</li> <li>- Empower through growing</li> <li>- Workshop on growing year-round</li> <li>- Food should be home-grown!</li> <li>- Greenhouse space in addition to land</li> <li>- Need to expand organized gleaning of fruits and vegetables – program is understaffed and needs more visibility</li> <li>- Make more land available for long-term growing arrangements</li> <li>- Visible change</li> <li>- Use park land for gardening</li> <li>- Increase land availability for growers - Open up vacant lots, increase H2O access</li> <li>- More bike paths in “desert” neighborhoods</li> </ul>
<p>Community Engagement</p> <p><u>Main Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Equity/access for all</li> <li>* Partnering with neighborhood groups to accomplish xyz</li> <li>* Continue EBT at FM and corner store work</li> <li>* Youth engagement</li> </ul>	<p>49</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth education in schools – kid connection with food through sustainable school lunch programs</li> <li>- Visible collective action!!*</li> <li>- “Fresh” vegetables all year-round</li> <li>- Feasts</li> <li>- Equity, Equity, Equity!*</li> <li>- More people involved in healthy eating</li> <li>- Send coupons [to whom?]</li> <li>- Partner with neighborhood groups for more intensive community organizing and education</li> <li>- Reciprocity in benefits and costs</li> <li>- Access for everyone</li> <li>- Continue to support EBT match at Farmers Markets*</li> <li>- More extensive corner store outreach!</li> <li>- Intelligent intercultural engagement</li> <li>- Engage youth!</li> <li>- Youth</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Many farmers in Minneapolis are not engaged in process and activities</li> </ul>
<p>Communications</p> <p><u>Main Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Information sharing, ex: best practices, local media, what is the Food Council doing?</li> </ul>	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sharing best practices and templates statewide</li> <li>- Information and editorials in <u>local</u> media</li> <li>- Letting people know where to start to help grow fresh foods and vegetables; what areas are available</li> <li>- Do survey on common challenges for community gardens addressing: water issues, thefts from gardens, stages of planting for crops, composting issues, available land*, connecting to other gardens</li> <li>- Feasts</li> <li>- Letting people know how to get involved</li> <li>- Let others know what is going on</li> <li>- Networking with other farmers</li> <li>- Love to know more about what the Food Council is doing</li> <li>- Intergenerational communication: connect youth [early 20s → 30s → 100s] = opportunity to share all kinds of know how</li> </ul>
<p>Food Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Education, ex: about winter harvesting and preserving, food safety courses</li> </ul>	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regulatory barriers + inconsistency</li> <li>- Teaching about winter harvesting and preserving</li> <li>- Vegetable markets all year-round</li> <li>- Access to education for youth</li> <li>- Mandatory food safety courses for community meals</li> <li>- More local food all year*</li> <li>- Culturally appropriate food safety classes and regulation</li> </ul>
<p>BLANK Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Legalize hooved animals</li> </ul>	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish sub/urban agriculture/bio/culinary corridor collaboration between Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center, Robbinsdale</li> <li>- Roller skating for the kids plus food free!</li> <li>- Fast food density? (especially in low income areas); mapping regulation?*** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mapping of fast food places would be very interesting to see</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Legalize and decriminalize hooved animals** <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yes! Legalize goats!</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Legalize Earth healing Hemp for food, fiber, etc. (the use it planted around Chernobyl because it heals the Earth)</li> <li>- Give thanks and praises to the source of all blessings!</li> </ul>