

Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes
Wednesday, November 13, 2013
Christ English Lutheran Church, 3210 Oliver Ave N., Minneapolis
4:30 – 5:30 pm

Attendance: Katie Lampi, Erica Prosser, Alison Rotel, Kris Igo, Russ Henry, Julie Ristau, Bob Lind, Patty Bowler, Eric Larsen, Gayle Prest, Sara Nelson-Pallmeyer

Absent: Aaron Reser, Kurt Schreck, Tracy Singleton, Rhys Williams, Deborah Ramos, Beth Dooley, Cam Gordon, Mustafa Sundiata, Neil Oxendale, Rebecca Reed

Others in Attendance: Jane Shey (Homegrown Minneapolis Consultant), Vish Vasani (Prevention Specialist), Charley Underwood (Minneapolis Tree Commission/Gardening Matters)

1. **Executive Committee member Kris Igo called the meeting to order.** Erica Prosser moved to approve the October meeting minutes, seconded by Eric Larsen, and passed unanimously.

2. **Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Open House update(s)**

- Jane and the Walker Art Center will both extend personal invitations to attend the Open House to all elected officials (exiting and entering), and the Park and School Board as well. The sub-committee responsible for selecting Homegrown Heroes Awards will be meeting on Wednesday, November 20th from 12-1pm in the Mayors Conference Room (City Hall). Following the selection of 4 awardees, an email will be sent to the Food Council notifying all members of the honorees. Individuals from Waite House's culinary training program will be assisting with the food during the event.

3. **Work Group Updates**

- Land Access and Urban Agriculture (LAUA): Thirteen people attended the LAUA Work Group meeting on Tuesday, November 12th at the East Phillips Cultural and Community Center. The meeting had two speakers: (1) John Brosnan from the Twin Cities Agricultural Land Trust (TCALT) and (2) Ginger Cannon from Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB). MPRB released their Urban Agriculture Activity Plan for public review and comment. They will be hosting an Open House on November 19th and the comment period ends on December 21st. Russ Henry will lead a team of Food Council members, including Gayle, Alison, and Eric, in garnering support for the new plan, especially during the Public Hearing in January/February 2014. The LAUA Work Group's next meeting is on Wednesday, December 11th – location TBD.

4. **Dot Group Activity (for larger Open House)**

- Alison explained this year's Open House "Dot Survey" activity, which has the goal of soliciting feedback from community members during the Open House event. Priority areas were collected from Food Council members, the Health Department, etc. and compiled into a table. Food Council members were instructed to select their top 10 priorities to be addressed beginning 2014. The Dot Survey Committee will then compile the top 8-10 selections into an activity for community members during the Open House.

5. **Member Updates**

- Minneapolis Health Department, SHIP 3: Patty handed out a one-pager of the SHIP 3 strategies, including healthy eating, physical activity, tobacco-free, and comprehensive strategies.

- Exit Interviews: Brief exit interviews will be scheduled with the seven Food Council members that did not reapply for the next Food Council Term.
- Insecticide and Pollinators talk: Thursday, November 14th at the Park Building with Vera Krishnik

6. **Meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.** Russ motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Julie.

Approved, December 18, 2013