



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes
Wednesday, May 13, 2015, 5:30-7:30 pm meeting
Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC)
2001 Plymouth Ave Minneapolis, MN

Attendance: Andrew Dahl, Patty Bowler, Russ Henry, Bob Lind, DeVon Nolen, Katie Lampi, Omari Chatman, Ginger Cannon, Kris Igo, Hashep Seka, Andrea Northup, Aaron Reser, Cam Gordon, Zoe Hollomon

Others in Attendance: Tamara Downs Schwei (Homegrown Minneapolis Coordinator), Robin Garwood (Aide to Council Member Gordon), Jamie Bain (MFAN), Laurelyn Sandkamp (Sustainability Intern), Karl Hakanson, Karlie Cole, Hannah Ramer, Scott Schumacher, Valentine Cadieux

Absent: Jesus Perez, Pakou Hang, Erick Garcia Luna, Sammie Ardito Rivera, Beth Dooley, Gayle Prest, Alison Babb, Rhys Williams, Jillia Pessenda

Pre-meeting presentation: Jamie Bain, Health and Nutrition Educator with the University of Minnesota Extension, made a presentation about MFAN (Metro Food Access Network) and other Extension programs.

1. Meeting called to order. Omari Chatman, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order. Introduction of guests were made. Andrew Dahl moved to approve the May agenda, Katie Lampi seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously. Bob Lind moved to approve the April minutes, Katie Lampi seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Public Market Presentation. Council Member Alondra Cano and Food Council member DeVon Nolen made a presentation of findings from their recent trip to the 9th International Public Markets Conference in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain. They focused on how to build a stronger public market culture and system in Minneapolis. DeVon and CM Cano discussed various elements of public markets in Barcelona and elsewhere that could be applicable as the City of Minneapolis and the Food Council look at better supporting farmers markets and other related food policies and programs. Food Council members and guests asked numerous questions. There was interest in the topic being addressed by the Food Council again at a future meeting and/or working group.

3. Selection of Food Council Representative(s) for the MPRB Urban Agriculture Activity Plan Implementation Team. The Food Council voted on representation for the Food Council seat on the new Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Urban Agriculture Activity Plan Implementation Team. At last month's meeting, the Food Council discussed the Homegrown Minneapolis role in this Team. Hashep Seka and Russ Henry had expressed interest in serving on the team. It was suggested and discussed that Hashep and Russ would share the one Food Council seat and have one combined vote for the Team. Patty Bowler moved to nominate Hashep and Russ to share the Food Council seat,

Aaron Reser seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously. Ginger Cannon indicated that the first meeting of the Urban Agriculture Activity Plan Implementation Team will occur in June.

4. Legislative updates. Legislative updates were shared during working group updates.

5. Discussion: Process for Facebook administrators. Kris Igo introduced Draft Guidelines for Friends of Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Facebook administrators (Attachment 1). Currently, Kris, DeVon Nolen and Tamara Downs Schwei are the three administrators of the page and the goal is to open up administration to any other interested Food Council members. Administrator policy language was drafted by the Food Council Executive Committee by building on the policies of the SUSTAG listserv. Zoe Hollomon moved to adopt the proposed policy and expand “administrator” status to the entire Food Council, Katie Lampi seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Food Council recruitment timeframe and plan. Patty Bowler shared the Food Council recruitment timeframe and plan during the CO&E working group update.

7. Working group breakout sessions. The Animals working group and the Community Outreach & Engagement (CO&E) working group met.

8. Working group & task force updates.

- **Land access:** Andrew Dahl shared that he accepted a new position as an Economic Researcher at CPED, which will start Monday May 18th. Tamara updated the group that staff meetings have begun occurring regarding CPED staff progress to date related to the CDRS Committee’s land access-related staff directive. On March 3, 2015 the Minneapolis City Council's [Community Development and Regulatory Services \(CDRS\) Committee](#) directed Community Planning and Economic Development (CPED) Housing and Economic Development staff to review their list of City-owned vacant properties and determine which parcels are developable based on economic conditions and lot size. They will also develop a set of policy recommendations regarding the Food Council’s land access policy goals, to present to the Community Development and Regulatory Services Committee no later than July 31, 2015.
- **Community outreach and engagement:** Patty Bowler updated the group. The working group’s recruitment subcommittee has developed a three-phase promotion plan for 2016-17 Food Council recruitment. Word will be spread in new ways – through parks and schools, media, radio, and other outlets. Half-hour information sessions for people interested in applying for Food Council membership will be held after the July, August, and September Food Council meetings. These will be relatively informal conversations with Food Council

- members. The working group is also working to identify a location for the 2015 Food Council Annual Open House by July 1. Several venues are being explored.
- **Organics:** Russ updated the group. The Organics Working Group is working on potential composting policy changes, and engaging with composting experts to determine priorities.
 - **Animals:** Russ updated the group. Chickens: MACC is developing potential changes to chicken ordinance. Pollinators: Erin Rupp is working to get Minneapolis established as a “Bee Friendly City” in collaboration with City staff and Food Council members. Discussions with private landowners will occur in the future.

9. Food Council Member and Guest updates and Future Agenda items.

- Valentine Cadieux – TCALT update. TCALT is working with partners to develop a series of demonstration gardens in Minneapolis and St. Paul. TCALT’s monthly meeting is tomorrow night, May 14.
- Kris Igo – The next Food Council meeting will include a presentation related to implementation of the Minnesota Food Charter. Kris passed out copies of the Minnesota Food Charter.

10. Meeting adjourned by Russ Henry at 7:35 p.m.

Next Food Council Meeting:

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 pm at SPARK-Y, 4432 Chicago Avenue South, Minneapolis.

Attachment 1: Draft Guidelines for Friends of Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Facebook administrators

The Food Council's intent is to work together, within an environment of trust, to provide a way for people with an interest in local food to keep each other informed about events, field tours, research, learning opportunities, books, articles, links to the Homegrown Minneapolis newsletter and news or other pieces of information relevant to local food.

Examples of what's appropriate

- Informational posts about field days, workshops, courses, seminars, research results, books, articles, or other educational resources or learning opportunities.
- Events that are also fundraisers, so long as there is some educational value to the event.
- Job announcements, internship announcements, and volunteer opportunities.
- Farmland for sale and farmland wanted notices.
- Opportunities for growers, producers and other food system businesses.
- Carpooling offers to educational events.
- Advocacy alerts.
- You may post information about a timely issue. This should be general information in neutral language. You may include a link out to a different location that has opinion and calls to action about the issue, but please do not include the opinions or calls to action in the Facebook post.

Examples of what's not appropriate

- Abusive, insulting, or disrespectful posts.
- Business advertising should be limited.

See Food Council By-Laws for further reference on communications protocol

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/www/groups/public/@citycoordinator/documents/webcontent/wcms1p-116296.pdf>

These guidelines have been modeled after the SUSTAG guidelines at the MISA website:

http://www.misa.umn.edu/Search_and_Ask/DiscussionGroups/Sustag/index.htm