



Homegrown Minneapolis

Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council
Wednesday, February 11, 2015
5:30-7:30 pm meeting at University of St. Thomas
University of St. Thomas, Schulze Hall Room 120
1000 LaSalle Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55403
5:00-5:25 pm Pre-meeting presentation

Draft Agenda

- 5:30 pm 1) Introduction of guests, approval of the agenda and the January Food Council meeting minutes (Attachment 1)
- 5:35 pm 2) Presentation about partnership opportunities and process (University of St. Thomas faculty)
- 5:50 pm 3) Presentation of farmers market project findings (Julie Ristau)
- 6:15 pm 4) Discussion of recommendation to add a representative from Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and Minneapolis Public Schools to Food Council (Russ Henry, Tamara Downs Schwei, Robin Garwood)
- 6:30 pm 5) Food Council annual elections
- Elect 1 Co-Chair (current co-chair who was approved by Food Council can run for re-election; second co-chair was appointed by Mayor to a two-year term, 2014-15)
 - Elect 3 Executive Committee members (current Executive Committee members can run for re-election)
- 6:45 pm 6) Working group meeting time: Community outreach & engagement (CO&E) and Hubs groups; Animals group meet with CO&E during first 15 minutes
- 7:15 pm 7) Working group & task force updates:
- Land access
 - Community Outreach and engagement
 - Organics
 - Animals
 - Hubs/Aggregation
- 7:25 pm 8) Food council member and guest updates and future agenda items
- Food Council presentation to City Council HECE Committee: (tentative) Monday, February 23, 2015 at 9:30 am, Council Chambers, City Hall
- 7:30 pm 9) Meeting Adjourns



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Next Food Council Meeting:

- Wednesday, March 11, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 pm, Wedge Table, 2412 Nicollet Avenue, Minneapolis, MN. Pre-meeting presentation at 5:00 pm about the Wedge Table.
- 2015 Food Council meetings occur on the second Wednesday of each month, from 5:30-7:30 pm, at rotating locations. Pre-meeting presentations occur at 5:00 p.m.

About Homegrown Minneapolis and the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council

Homegrown Minneapolis is a citywide initiative expanding our community's ability to grow, process, distribute, eat and compost more healthy, sustainable, locally grown foods.

Homegrown Minneapolis brings together key partners from local government, area businesses, community organizations, non-profits, and residents to build a healthy, local food system.

The Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council envisions a vibrant local food system that enhances the health of all residents, protects the earth, increases economic vitality, expands social connectedness, and improves food security. To continue to advance Homegrown Minneapolis, the Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council works to support all Minneapolis residents and increase access to quality food, address hunger and food insecurity, connect sectors of the food system, influence policy and decision making, and ensure an environmentally sustainable and socially just food system. To accomplish this, the food council:

1. fosters City-community partnerships;
2. convenes and engages diverse stakeholders to identify and propose innovative solutions to improve the local food system;
3. provides ongoing guidance to the City on local food issues; and
4. serves as a platform for collaborative, coordinated action.

For more information, visit

<http://www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/homegrown>