



**Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes
Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 5:30-7:30 pm meeting minutes
(Division of Indian Works 1001 East Lake Street)**

Attendance: Andrew Dahl, Allison Meyer, Cam Gordon, Donald Warneke, Gayle Prest, Jillia Pessenda, Journey Gosselin, Kate Seybold, LaCora Bradford Kesti, Latasha Powell, Martin Brown, Patty Bowler, Roee Reinberg, Russ Henry (co-chair), Zoe Hollomon

Others in Attendance: Tamara Downs Schwei (Homegrown Minneapolis Coordinator), Sam Johnson (Homegrown Minneapolis intern), La'Taijah Powell, Ryan Krick, Kristen Klingler, Valentine Cadieux, Naomi Klionsky, Chris McGrath, Elise Hanson, Adele Dahm, Dana Boyer, Noelle Harden, Miah Ulysse, Katie Feterl, Kate Graham, Haila Maze, Fernando Burga, Nadja Bernche

Absent: Caroline Devany, Devon Nolen, Miguel Goebel, Saba Anduaem, MPRB Representative, Beth Dooley, Briana MacPhee, Pakou Hang, Ruhel Islam, Erick Garcia Luna

Pre-meeting presentation: The Food Council and guests were given a presentation about Division of Indian Works

1. Introduction of members and guests, approval of the agenda and August meeting minutes LaCora Bradford Kesti and Jillia Pessenda facilitated the meeting. As an ice breaker, members went around stating name, pronouns they prefer and to make a short description on what feeds you.

Agenda was moved for approval by Journey Gosselin and seconded by Zoe Hollomon. Motion passed. LaCora talked about how her organization creates mantras rather than uses group norms as a way of solidifying how people talk to each other, work together and hold common values. The group read in unison the mantra. A motion was made by Zoe and seconded by Donald Warneke to approve the September meeting minutes. Motion passed.

2. Sam Johnson Farewell. Sam said a few words about finishing up his internship with Homegrown and he recently started a new job to coordinate Garden in a Box. Started in 2008, Garden-in-a-Box is a program created by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society to provide a gardening opportunity for low-income families and children to grow their own vegetables. This gardening program provides resources and knowledge for a successful gardening experience to improve the lives of individuals and families and in turn the broader community for a lifetime. Tamara Downs Schwei talked about his great work on the website, Homegrown E-newsletter, Food Council meeting minutes and all the collateral for Food Council. Members also expressed their appreciation.

3. Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan. Haila Maze with City's Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED) gave a PowerPoint presentation about what is a Comprehensive Plan and what food issues have already risen. A Comprehensive Plan update is required every 10 years by the legislature and Met Council. Met Council requires specific items, but the City also adds additional items of importance as well - including an equity component. "Minneapolis 2040" is an update to the City Comprehensive Plan - a document that shapes how Minneapolis will grow and change. The plan covers topics such as housing, jobs, environment and transportation. Currently the draft is in an early phase focusing on high level important topics. Phase 2 is sharing ideas and there are two public meetings coming up at the end of October. Haila reviewed the various topics and working groups formed to date. She reviewed food issues that have arisen in the following topic areas: Public Health, Economic Development, Environment, Land Use, Urban Design and Transportation. The City's parks are also a topic to include some food related issues.

Nadja Berneche, with Terra Soma consulting firm, is a healthy comprehensive plan coordinator and also gave a PowerPoint presentation. Nadja had a short amount of time to review the Comp Plan topic areas to date. She passed out the Food Access Planning Guide that was developed by the Minneapolis Food Charter which looks at food from sustainability lens and also from all levels of the food system from growth to disposal. She quickly reviewed her findings.

Patty Bowler led the group in an exercise to gather comments from Food Council members. The Comprehensive Plan isn't due to the Met Council until 2018 so there will be time for further engagement. Members were asked to write



comments on questions. In the spring there will be other public conversation about more specifics- especially land use. Haila collected comments from members and guests.

4. HECE Boards and Commissions Gathering. Tamara invited the Food Council to send at least one representative to the first ever gathering of the various Boards and Commissions that report to City Council's Health Environment Community Engagement Committee (HECE) meet each other, share their work and discuss ways to collaborate. The tentative date is November 15 in the early evening. Tamara will send out the email invitation from Council Member Cam Gordon. La Corda volunteered to represent the Food Council.

5. Annual Open House Planning. The Annual Open House will be December 1 from 6-8 at the Seward Montessori School. Registration for the accompanying Resource Fair has begun and members were asked to consider participating and spreading the word to other organizations. Tamara reviewed the tentative agenda including Homegrown Heroes Award, Program and other details.

6. Small Group Breakouts. Due to time constraints, the following groups broke out for 20 minutes. The Local Food Business Innovations clarified license and alcohol options to pursue for pop ups. State of the Plate has lots of ideas and needs to narrow down for Annual Meeting. The Land Access Group also reviewed draft recommendations regarding city owned land.

7. Land Access. Donald Warneke reviewed the draft recommendations that were sent out just before the meeting. In the earlier break out session, concerns were raised about the first recommendation related to the suitability of existing available lots and that is now being removed for consideration of the Food Council. Don quickly reviewed the three remaining recommendations. Concern was raised about adequate review, the ideas seemed to be supported conceptually, but the strategy/timing on how to engage CPED staff and the City Council hasn't been solidified. Cam Gordon made a motion to for the Food Council to approve the three recommendations and direct the Land Access Working Group to work with the Food Council Executive Committee on strategy for moving forward and to bring it back to the Food Council next month. It was understood that the memo was not for distribution until a strategy was developed. Zoe seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Updates.

Zoe sent out an announcement earlier in the day (via e-mail), setting October 15 (from 2:00 – 3:30pm) as a working group regarding the Good Food Purchasing Policy presentation design for Homegrown Minneapolis.

Sam Johnson mentioned an upcoming event with Will Steger presenting on the intersection between global warming and food.

9. Adjourn. Everyone said one word about how they felt about the meeting. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. La Corda and Jillia were thanked for their facilitation skills. Motion passed at 7:30pm.