



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

5:30-7:30 pm Food Council meeting

5:00-5:30 pre-meeting presentation from Youth Farm

Whittier Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room, 425 W 26th St, Minneapolis

Members in Attendance:

DeVon Nolen, Journey Gosselin, Latasha Powell, Donald Warneke, Gayle Prest, Ruhel Islam, Allison Meyer, Beth Dooley, Roe Reinberg, Kate Seybold, Zoe Hollomon, Saba Anduaem, Caroline Devany, Patty Bowler, Erick Garcia Luna, Cam Gordon, Martin Brown

Members Absent:

Andrew Dahl, Briana MacPhee, Ellen Kennedy, Jillia Pessenda, LaCora Bradford Kesti, Miguel Goebel, Pakou Hang

Others in Attendance:

Tamara Downs Schwei (Homegrown Minneapolis Coordinator), Bengi Durgunoglu (Homegrown Minneapolis Intern), Karl Hakanson, Amanda Stoelb, Marcus Kar, Jesus Perez, Koral Purdy, Jocelyn Rousey, Melissa Tvent, JJ Oesterle, Esther Seha, Laurelyn Sandkamp, Andrea Larson, Matt Giguere, Mai Yang, Karla Nelson, Linda Spohr, Alma Pronove, Jenny Butcher, Andrea Eger.

Prior to the meeting, Youth Farm representatives Amanda Stoelb, Marcus Kar, and Jesus Perez talked about their roles at Youth Farm, and how their non-profit contributes to the local food community.

1) Introduction of members and guests, approval of the agenda and January meeting minutes (DeVon Nolen)

DeVon entertained a motion to approve both January meeting minutes and the February meeting agenda.

Beth made a motion to approve. Zoe seconded the motion. Agenda and minutes were approved (unanimously).

2) Discussion and Vote: Food Council sign-onto letter in support of sustaining full funding for Minnesota's Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP)

Both Tamara and Patty proposed that the Food Council endorse a letter stating the importance of SHIP funding in the State of Minnesota. Tamara and Patty shared background of SHIP funding in the state and City of Minneapolis.

Gayle made a motion to add the Food Council's support for the SHIP letter. Kate seconded the motion. The motion passed (unanimously).

3) Presentation and Discussion: Healthy Food Access Results Roundtable and Report

Laurelyn Sandkamp presented highlights and discussed the City's Results report and roundtable memo regarding healthy food access. The report is available on the City website.

4) Discussion and next steps: 2017 Food Council Working Groups and Task Forces

a. Updates: working groups and task forces; Each group provided an update.

Healthy Food Access Policies (Patty)

Patty mentioned how the health department is hosting a summit about sugar-sweetened beverages in June 2017.

ReThink Your Drink will be tabled for now as a working group or task force activity.



Land Access/Tenure (Donald/Martin/Caroline)

Donald and Caroline mentioned how the group has worked on community engagement strategies. They want to look at different models of land access for community gardening and learn about land management strategies of other cities.

Local Food Procurement (Zoe)

Zoe mentioned this group continues to work with the Good Food Purchasing Policy coalition. Zoe did research interviews to understand institutional contracting processes, which illustrated why it is important for institutions to have standards and how they can be more responsible with their food-spending dollars.

Local Food Business Innovations (Journey)

Journey shared how he is continuing to look at jump-starting opportunities for restaurants and food trucks (and their needs for a liquor license). He thinks the group should continue doing research on strategies used by peer cities.

Food Donations Task Force (Gayle)

Gayle mentioned her interest in forming a task force (with Beth , Roe and others) to create a food donations fact sheet. Roe mentioned there is a major state tax incentive for grocery stores to donate food, that could be better promoted.

Parks and Food (This group's focus is under review, TBD)

b. Discussion: 2017 priority working groups, task forces and membership

Tamara asked Food Council members (and guests if desired) to confirm which group they are participating in, or would like to participate in and to connect with fellow members and group leaders.

5) Food Council member and guest updates; future agenda items (DeVon Nolen)

No announcements made.

6) Meeting adjourns (DeVon Nolen)

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Next Food Council Meeting:

Wednesday, March 8, 2017, Presentation from 5:00-5:30; Meeting 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: MPS Culinary and Wellness Services Building, 812 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis