



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

5:30-7:30 pm Food Council meeting

5:00-5:30 pre-meeting presentation from MPS staff

Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) Culinary and Wellness Services Building
812 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis

Members in Attendance:

Andrew Dahl, Beth Dooley, Briana MacPhee, Caroline Devany, DeVon Nolen, Donald Warneke, Kate Seybold, Latasha Powell, Patty Bowler, Saba Anduaalem

Members Absent:

Allison Meyer, Cam Gordon, Ellen Kennedy, Erick Garcia Luna, Gayle Prest, Jillia Pessenda, Journey Gosselin, LaCora Bradford Kesti, Martin Brown, Miguel Goebel, Pakou Hang, Roe Reinberg, Ruhel Islam, Zoe Hollomon

Others in Attendance:

Tamara Downs Schwei, Bengi Durgunoglu, Sophie Wallerstedt, Jenny Butcher, Mai Yang, Emily Houser, Sam Birkholz, Rosalie Wilson, Kevin Winge, Karl Hakanson, Paisley House, Scott Schumacher, Peter Nixon, Koral Purdy, Lauren Innes, Mohamed Yakub, Aubrey Nelson, Karla Nelson, Grace Garbini, Monica Brown, Justine Oesterle, Patricia Anderson, Matt Giguere

Prior to the meeting, Kate Seybold made a presentation about what the Farm to School program does, and how it plays a part in feeding students in the Minneapolis Public School system.

1) Introduction of members and guests, approval of the agenda and February meeting minutes (Tasha Powell)

The meeting began at 5:30. Due to not achieving quorum, approval of the March agenda and February minutes was postponed until the April Food Council Meeting.

2) Presentation: Minnesota Youth Institute (Mohamed Yakub)

Mohamed made a presentation explaining how the Minnesota Youth Institute is catered to get high school students thinking about solving local and global food problems. Students that participate are eligible for scholarships to the University of Minnesota (CFANS).

3) Update and Discussion: Food-related state legislation (Tamara Downs Schwei; Patty Bowler)

Patty shared status information about current proposed food and health-related legislation that is being discussed at the Minnesota state legislature, such as bills related to Farm to School and Health Food Access.

Next, Tamara explained that another piece of legislation floating around the state involves blocking the passing of a plastic bag ban.

4) Update and Discussion: Food Council outreach & engagement (DeVon Nolen)



DeVon discussed shared community engagement responsibility of the Food Council. She said it is important to think about how the council can support recruitment for new Food Council members later this year and raise awareness in the meantime. Tamara elaborated more on the recruitment timeline. Recruitment will likely occur between August and October. City Council will approve the next cohort of Food Council members in November.

Tamara shared information about the upcoming Community Connections Conference. The conference is on Saturday, April 1, and they are looking for people to sign up to represent their organization. Food Council members signed up to table for Homegrown Minneapolis.

5) Breakout groups:

All current Working Groups and Task Forces met after providing updates.

6) Updates: Food Council working groups and task forces (all)

Land Access/Parks & Food (Donald/Martin/Caroline/Miguel)

Donald talked about the responsibility of garden leases, including shoveling the garden space as needed and that through their follow-up research they heard that there were very few issues with people not fulfilling this responsibility. Caroline explained that the contact for the Garden Lease Program at CPED is changing, as well as that the City Council approved leasing new Public Works lots for gardens.

Local Food Procurement (Zoe)

Kate spoke on behalf of Zoe, regarding the Good Food Purchasing Program, which encourages institutions to source socially responsible food (that is sustainable and locally grown). The program has done interviews with institutions to understand what the barriers are for purchasing.

Local Food Business Innovations (Journey)

Journey was absent.

Food Donations Task Force (Gayle/TBD)

Beth discussed how their task force is convening with stakeholders (such as health department and restaurants) and having conversations about what can and cannot be done when donating food to food shelves.

7) Food Council member and guest updates; future agenda items (Tasha Powell)



Updates were made before the group split into working groups.

DeVon promoted the upcoming Taste of West Broadway event, which is a chef's showcase with food, drinks and live music. The event helps support a counter-narrative of North Minneapolis.

Beth promoted the Parks and Food Innovation Lab, occurring on March 16. It is open to the public, and she encouraged attendees to come with ideas about how to get more food into the parks.

Donald shared news about a job posting for a Senior Planner [in food systems] position with the Minnesota Department of Health.

8) Meeting adjourned (Tasha Powell)

Next Food Council Meeting:

Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Presentation from 5:00-5:30; Meeting 5:30-7:30 pm

Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Room 50B (basement), 301 19th Ave S, Minneapolis