



## **Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017**

5:30-7:30 pm Food Council meeting

5:00-5:30 pre-meeting presentation from Fernando Burga and Claire Stoscheck

Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Room 50B (basement)

301 19th Ave S, Minneapolis

### **Members in Attendance:**

Gayle Prest, Ellen Kennedy, Allison Meyer, Kate Seybold, Zoe Hollomon, Miguel Goebel, Donald Warneke, Martin Brown, Beth Dooley, Patty Bowler, Jillia Pessenda, Pakou Hang, Journey Gosselin, Saba Andualem, DeVon Nolen, LaCora Bradford Kesti, Cam Gordon.

### **Members Absent:**

Andrew Dahl, Briana MacPhee, Latasha Powell, Ruhel Islam, Roee Reinberg, Caroline Devany, Erick Garcia Luna.

### **Others in Attendance:**

Tamara Downs Schwei, Bengi Durgunoglu, Fernando Burga, Claire Stoscheck, Nadja Berneche, Anna Russell, Joe Quinly, Angie Tomlinson, Melissa Trent, Ashton Miller, Michael Dahl, Evalyn Carbrey, Emily Houser, Matt Giguere, Alexis Corazza, Will Spector, Sophia Greger, Sadie Gannett, Rachel Kosse, Graham Ambrose, Ryan Krick.

Prior to the meeting, Fernando Burga and Claire Stoscheck delivered a presentation about their research on the Minnesota Food Access Planning Guide.

### **1) Introduction of members and guests, approval of the agenda and February, March meeting minutes (Attachment 1) (DeVon Nolen)**

The council welcomed Ellen Kennedy for her first Food Council meeting. DeVon entertained a motion to approve both February and March minutes. Zoe made a motion to approve. Patty seconded the motion. February and March minutes were approved (unanimously).

### **2) Update and Discussion: Food-related state legislation (Patty Bowler)**

Patty discussed the money that is being allocated via the Omnibus Bill. SHIP funding experienced a \$3 million cut. Martin's urban agriculture bill has been allocated \$1 million.

Miguel – healthy eating at home bill (aka, market bucks funding) has been allocated funding via the house omnibus bill.

### **3) Update: Food Council Annual Report to City Council HECE Committee, tentatively anticipated for Monday, April 17, 1:30 pm in City Council chambers (Tamara Downs Schwei)**

Tamara mentioned getting bullet points from each working group, so we can have that be a slide for the presentation.



#### **4) Discussion: Open House, outreach and engagement (Patty, DeVon, Tamara)**

DeVon mentioned how the Open House event is a great time to do community outreach. Allison brought the food council objectives to everyone's attention, raising awareness on what should be done for the next open house event. Gayle mentioned how the food council should think about who is their targeted audience. Several other food council members mentioned hosting the open house during the warmer season(s), as well as finding a location that is more accessible to the public. Ellen raised the question of why should / would guests attend the annual homegrown open house. DeVon asked council members to sign up to be on an open house task force.

#### **5) Breakout groups: Working Groups and Task Forces Land Access/Parks & Food (Donald/Martin/Caroline/Miguel) Local Food Procurement (Zoe) Local Food Business Innovations (Journey)**

Council members broke out into working groups and discussed their current / future projects.

#### **6) Updates: Food Council working groups and task forces (All)**

Land Access Task Force put forth three (3) recommendations, which included increasing staff time for program administration, opening land from other departments (and not just CPED), and offering lots for sale to urban growers.

Local Food Procurement Task Force is celebrating signing on to the Good Food Purchasing Program, who has identified their first champion institution as Minneapolis Public Schools.

Local Food Business Innovations Task Force is looking to create innovative opportunities with the restaurant industry, and looking to bring more local food from farmers to restaurants through use of space and alcohol licensing.

Food Donations Task Force is looking at education outreach opportunities. They are working with the Minneapolis Health Department and Hennepin County to understand the rules behind food regulations, as well as the Good Samaritan law.

Parks and Food Task Force collaborated with two of the Parks Urban Agriculture Activity Plan Implementation Committee Working Groups to develop policies around (1) Permitting harvesting within the Parks in designated urban agriculture zones and (2) The Parks Community Gardens policy. Passage of both portions by the full Park Board is anticipated this spring.

#### **7) Farewell and thank you to Gayle Prest (All)**

Food council members thanked and honored Gayle for contributions as the Sustainability Director, as well as her hard work with the Food Council.

#### **8) Food Council member and guest updates; future agenda items (DeVon)**

Convening for Sugar-Sweetened Beverage policy | Tuesday, May 31' 2017  
HealthPartners in Bloomington, MN.



Seward Co-op CSA Fair | Saturday, April 22, 2017  
2823 E Franklin Ave  
11am – 2pm

MPS Junior Chef Competition | Monday, May 8, 2017  
711 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave  
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Waite House hosting Seed Swap event | Saturday, May 20, 2017  
Waite House Community Center  
10am – 2pm

## **9) Meeting adjourns (DeVon)**

DeVon entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Beth made a motion to approve. Pakou seconded the motion.

### **Next Food Council Meeting:**

Wednesday, May 10, 2017  
Presentation from 5:00 – 5:30pm; Meeting from 5:30 – 7:30pm  
Roosevelt High School, Media Center, 4029 28th Ave S, Minneapolis