



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

5:30-7:30 pm Food Council meeting

5:00-5:30 pre-meeting tour regarding Roosevelt School food facilities and outreach

Roosevelt High School Media Center

4029 28th Ave S, Minneapolis

Members in Attendance: Beth Dooley, Briana MacPhee, Donald Warneke, Halston Sleets, Jillia Pessenda, Journey Gosselin, Kate Seybold, LaCora Bradford Kesti, Latasha Powell, Martin Brown, Pakou Hang, Patty Bowler, Mai Yang, Ruhel Islam, Siciid Ali, Zoe Hollomon

Members Absent: Andrew Dahl, Allison Meyer, Caroline Devany, Cam Gordon, DeVon Nolen, Miguel Goebel, Saba Anduaalem

Others in Attendance: Tamara Downs Schwei, Bengi Durgunoglu, Clarice Carvalhosa

Prior to the meeting, Briana MacPhee gave a tour / presentation of the school and talked about the school's greenhouse and urban farming and urban agriculture initiatives along with the school's Assistant Principal and a representative from SPARK-Y.

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

The council introduced each other and welcomed three new members – Mai Yang (Minneapolis Health Department- Environmental Health, replacing Roe Reinberg), Halston Sleets (Mayor's Office, replacing Erick Garcia Luna), and Siciid Ali (Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, representing MPRB when Ellen Kennedy is absent.) Tasha entertained a motion to approve the agenda and the April minutes. Patty made a motion to approve. LaCora seconded the motion. May agenda and April minutes were approved (unanimously).

2) Breakout groups: local food procurement, land access/parks & food, local food business innovation, new member recruitment

3) Updates: Food Council working groups and task forces (All)

Local Food Procurement Task Force

Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) are entering into a process of being assessed based on the set of standards with Good Food Purchasing Program. They are working on strategies on how to include Good Food Purchasing Program standards and gathering more data. The working group members are also going to continue research interviews with Target Center and HCMC.

Land Access / Parks & Food Task Force

Donald is working with urban agriculture specialists who can help advise on utilizing storm water sites for gardening. A next step is starting the conversation between master water stewards and master gardeners. There is interest in determining who at Public Works can make decisions about land use.



Martin met with Metro Blooms to look at integrating their raingarden system into food gardening. Metro Blooms said a pilot test should be done.

Local Food Business Innovations Task Force

They are researching what other cities are doing with their licensing related to pop-up restaurants.

New Member Recruitment

LaCora offered to work on the Friends of Homegrown Twitter social media. It was suggested that if guests attend these meetings, there should be time provided to chat with prospective members. If possible, advertise via TV and radio.

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

- Open House committee meeting; reporting back at June Food Council meeting
- Patty provided updates on the current status of food-related funding at the state legislature.
- The Park Board planted hundreds of fruit / nut trees on the east side of Lake Hiawatha.
- Ruhel promoted the documentary *All in the Circle*
- Patty promoted an event that focuses on working on policies to reduce Sugar-Sweetened Beverage consumption, which will be on May 31 between 9:30am – 3:30pm at the Blue Cross and Blue Shield office in St. Paul.
- Tamara is talking with Nancy from Hennepin County to get updates for Food Donations Task Force (re fact sheet on what restaurants can donate to food shelves.)
- Kate promoted MPS Wellness Week – Wednesday, May 10 was the Let's Roll event, and Thursday, May 11 will be Re-Think Your Drink. Kate also said that the Annual BBQ event is set for Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at the Culinary and Wellness Center.

5) Meeting adjourned

Next Food Council Meeting:

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at UROC, 2001 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis

Future Agenda Items:

Food Council Recruitment, Open House / engagement, 2040 Comprehensive Planning