



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

5:30-7:30 pm Food Council meeting

5:00-5:30 pre-meeting presentation by Martin Brown about Waite House and MPRB urban ag Powderhorn Recreation center, Multipurpose Room, 3400 15th Ave S, Minneapolis

Members in Attendance: Beth Dooley, Donald Warneke, Kate Seybold, LaCora Bradford Kesti, Latasha Powell, Martin Brown, Mai Yang, Pakou Hang, Patty Bowler, Zoe Hollomon, Robin Garwood.

Members Absent: Allison Meyer, Andrew Dahl, Briana MacPhee, Cam Gordon, Caroline Devany, DeVon Nolen, Ellen Kennedy, Halston Sleets, Jillia Pessenda, Journey Gosselin, Miguel Goebel, Ruhel Islam, Saba Andualem.

Others in Attendance: Tamara Downs Schwei, Bengi Durgunoglu, Arianna Reid, Karl Hakanson, Eric Avery, Chip Small, Howie Hsieh, Christine Lindell Detweiler, Melanie Heckt.

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

The Food Council and guests introduced themselves. The Food Council postponed approval of the July agenda and June minutes due to not reaching quorum.

2) Discussion: Urban Agriculture practices survey and research (Chip Small, University of St. Thomas)

Chip Small talked about his research with micronutrients in urban agriculture. He and his team at University of St. Thomas received a grant from the National Science Foundation to help provide funding to answer their research questions further. Part of their research involves a short survey (which he is hoping Homegrown Minneapolis will help promote) which aims to gather more information about how people are managing their gardens and urban farms.

3) Presentation and discussion: Northside Fresh/Public Health Law Center Minneapolis Food System Resource Guides (Miah Ulysse, Appetite for Change)

This presentation was postponed as Miah Ulysse was ill and unavailable to present.

4) Update and discussion: Food Council recruitment & application period (Tamara Downs Schwei)

Tamara Downs Schwei mentioned that the City's application for 2018-19 Food Council members will likely be posted in August and due sometime in October. The Executive Committee recommended that the Food Council host recruitment information sessions paired with Food Council meetings, but to hold them in lieu of the monthly pre-meeting presentations instead of after the meetings as was the case two years ago. Tamara invited current Food Council members to sign up to provide information informally for interested guests prior to both August and September Food Council meetings.



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

Local Food Procurement

Zoe Hollomon mentioned she will do some additional institutional interviews where they ask institutions like HCMC and Target Center about their food procurement contracts, the chain of command, and what their food facilities are like. The group is also hoping to talk to MPRB leadership about selling more local and socially responsible food. Both Zoe and Kate are hoping to do five or six interviews and provide an analysis of what they have learned.

Food Donations

Mai Yang said that Hennepin County is still working on the food donations informational document but it should be ready soon for review.

Parks and Land Access

Donald Warneke said the MPRB Board of Commissioners will likely vote soon regarding proposed ordinance change and Community Garden Policy related to implementation of Urban Ag Activity Plan.

MPRB is doing an ecological systems plan survey and trying to get insight on how people enjoy the parks and what their related ecological priority might be. Tamara distributed survey cards and seed packets.

6) Food Council member and guest updates; future agenda items (Latasha Powell)

LaCora Bradford Kesti promoted SPARK-Y's event that will be on Saturday, August 5. The *Urban Adventure Race* involves teams working together to solve clues and explore Uptown, Minneapolis. The event will be facilitated by SPARK-Y. All proceeds go to SPARK-Y.

Patty Bowler talked about the upcoming gathering to discuss the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage policy. Some of the priorities are focusing on SSB's at schools and child-care settings, as well as providing healthy meals at fast-food restaurants. Gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, September 12 at 2:00pm.

Tamara Downs Schwei promoted Farmers Market Week, which will take place from August 6 – 12.

7) Meeting adjourned (Latasha Powell)

Next Food Council Meeting:

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Pillsbury United Communities, 125 W Broadway Ave, Suite 130, Minneapolis, MN 55411

Info session from 5:00 – 5:30pm; Meeting from 5:30 – 7:30pm