



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

5:30-7:30 pm Food Council meeting

5:00-5:30 Food Council info session

Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, 3451 Cedar Ave S, Minneapolis

Members in Attendance: Allison Meyer, DeVon Nolen, Beth Dooley, Cam Gordon, Kate Seybold, Tasha Powell, Mai Yang, Miguel Goebel, Patty Bowler, Zoe Hollomon, Donald Warneke, Ellen Kennedy, Martin Brown

Members Absent: Caroline Devany, Halston Sleets, Jillia Pessenda, Pakou Hang, Ruhel Islam, Saba Anduaem, Journey Gosselin

Others in Attendance: Tamara Downs Schwei, Nancy Lo, Kellie Kish, Laura Horner, Suado Abdi, Jason Walker, Peter Dougherty, Hava Blair, Kelley Skumautz, Deborah Brister, Brian Gjerde, Rachelle Pass

1) Introduction of members and guests, approval of the agenda, as well as June, July and August meeting minutes (Attachment 1, 2, 3) (Tasha Powell)

The Food Council members and guests introduced themselves. The agenda and minutes from June, July and August were unanimously approved.

2) Presentation and discussion: Food Donations Guidelines Fact Sheet and Promotion (Nancy Lo, Hennepin County)

Nancy Lo shared a new Food Donations Guidelines Fact Sheet for donations of prepared food that would otherwise be wasted, and solicited Food Council member help in sharing the information and opportunities with the community. Hennepin County would like to serve as intermediary between food donors and recipients and is working with Hennepin County Master Recyclers to help deliver food. Second Harvest Heartland is helping coordinate donations efforts. They are hoping to also develop an app to help implement the program.

3) Presentation and discussion: Minneapolis organics recycling and related wasted food prevention efforts (Kellie Kish, Laura Horner, Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling) Kellie Kish and Laura Horner shared highlights of the City's activities and achievements to date with the organics recycling program, with more than 43% of residents already participating in the program, surpassing the program's initial goal. They also shared information about the City's draft Zero Waste Plan and an upcoming public hearing about a proposal to change an exemption in the "Green to Go" ordinance implementation.

4) Presentation and Discussion: Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (Tamara Downs Schwei)

Tamara made a presentation to the group regarding the international Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, its aspirational framework and draft indicators. Many cities from around the world have signed on including a growing number of American cities. The U.S. Conference of Mayors Food Policy Task Force is likely adopting the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact as its operating framework. Tamara suggested that the Food Council consider adopting the pact as a framework and recommending that the City of Minneapolis officially sign on, and to subsequently form a committee to explore options for most appropriate targets, indicators and activities to pursue. Donald Warneke made a motion to recommend that the City of Minneapolis sign onto the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact. Zoe seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.



5) Working group meeting time was postponed due to limited time in agenda.

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

Food Council Working Group and Task Force leads provided available updates regarding their projects.

7) Update: Food Council recruitment (Tamara Downs Schwei)

Tamara reminded the group to keep recruiting people to apply for the Food Council and to share application information. The group agreed to hold one more info session before applications close, prior to the October meeting. Guests present indicated that they found the info session helpful that occurred before this meeting.

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

Food Council members and guests shared announcements about upcoming events and opportunities.

9) Meeting adjourns (Tasha Powell)

Next Food Council Meeting:

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Midwest Pantry, 3100 California Street NE, Minneapolis

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