



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes

Wednesday, October 11, 2017

5:30-7:30 pm Food Council meeting

5:00-5:30 Food Council info session

Midwest Pantry, Minneapolis

Members in Attendance: Council Member Cam Gordon, Allison Meyer, DeVon Nolen, Journey Gosselin, Kristen Klingler (for Patty Bowler), Casey Dzieweczynski (for Andrew Dahl), Beth Dooley, Martin Brown, Donald Warneke.

Members Absent: Caroline Devany, Ellen Kennedy, Halston Sleets, Jillia Pessenda, Mai Yang, Miguel Goebel, Pakou Hang, Ruhel Islam, Saba Anduaalem, Zoe Hollomon, Kate Seybold, Latasha Powell.

Others in Attendance: Tamara Downs Schwei, Chad Gillard, Mary Vorndran, Claudia Wall, Mark Wall, Julie Anderson, Caitlin Barnhart, Sienna Nesser, Kelly Skumautz, Deborah Brister, Kajsa Beatty, Hannah Ramer, Filsan Ibrahim, Scott Schumacher, Lauren Innes.

1) Introduction of members and guests (DeVon Nolen)

The Food Council members and guests introduced themselves. Due to not reaching quorum, the Food Council postponed approval of the agenda and the meeting minutes.

2) Presentation and discussion: Midwest Pantry (Chad Gillard, Midwest Pantry)

Chad Gillard shared about Midwest Pantry's food business incubator kitchen project, their work to support development of a food district and cluster in Northeast Minneapolis and their services to food businesses locally and regionally.

3) Presentation and discussion: Homegrown Business Loan Potential Program Revisions (Casey Dzieweczynski, Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Department (CPED); Tamara Downs Schwei)

Casey Dzieweczynski provided a quick reminder about how his department helps provide support for businesses in Minneapolis including the Homegrown Business loan, through partnership with MCCD (Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers). The contract for the loan management is up for renewal at the end of this year. Casey and Tamara provided updates on outreach conducted regarding the loan and described some proposed changes to the program. They solicited input on potential changes through discussion and a feedback form that attendees were asked to complete.

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

Tamara thanked guests and members for participating in the pre-meeting info session. She reminded all in attendance that there is just over one week left to apply for the 2018-2019 Food Council, by October 20. All were encouraged to help with a final push for recruitment (and to consider applying.)



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

Food Council working group leaders present provided updates on their projects.

6) Food Council member and guest updates; future agenda items (DeVon Nolen)

Food Council members and guests made announcements about events and opportunities.

7) Meeting adjourns (DeVon Nolen)

Chad Gillard provided a tour of the new Midwest Pantry space to members and guests.

Next Food Council Meeting:

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

Breaking Bread Café, 1200 West Broadway Ave, Minneapolis

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