



Homegrown Minneapolis Food Council Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2017
5:30-7:30 pm Food Council meeting
Breaking Bread Cafe, 1200 West Broadway Ave, Minneapolis

Members in Attendance: Patty Bowler, Martin Brown, Caroline Devany, Beth Dooley, Journey Gosselin, Ellen Kennedy, Allison Meyer, DeVon Nolen, Latasha Powell, Kate Seybold, Donald Warneke, Mai Yang,

Members Absent: Saba Andualem, Miguel Goebel, Council Member Cam Gordon, Pakou Hang, Ruhel Islam, Jillia Pessenda, Halston Sleets, Zoe Hollomon,

Others in Attendance: Tamara Downs Schwei (Homegrown Minneapolis Coordinator), Meg Allen, Karl Hakanson, Filsan Ibrahim, Kate Knuth, Moriah Maternoski, Emily Minge, Nicole Powell, Taijah Powell, Koral Purdy, Hannah Ramer, Becky Shaw, Kirsten Banson Weigle

1) Introduction of members and guests, approval of the November agenda and October, September minutes (Tasha Powell)

The Food Council members and guests introduced themselves. Beth Dooley made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes, seconded by Caroline Devany. Motion was approved unanimously.

2) Reflection: 2017 Election (All)

Members and guests reviewed and reflected upon the results of the recent 2017 municipal elections.

3) Update and Discussion: Resilient Minneapolis (Kate Knuth, City of Minneapolis Chief Resilience Officer)

Kate Knuth provided an overview of her planned work as the City's new Chief Resilience Officer, and the report to be developed over the next two years. Kate asked for input from the Food Council about any ways that members see food in connection with resilience. Robust discussion followed with numerous suggestions made.

4) Update and Vote: Recommendation to support proposed amendments to Homegrown Business Loan Program (Becky Shaw, Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development Dept. (CPED); Tamara Downs Schwei)

Becky Shaw is taking on the work that Casey Dziejewczynski was doing at CPED with the Homegrown Loan since he left to take a new position elsewhere. Becky provided an update and overview of the proposed modifications to the loan program, set to go to the City Council's CDRS Committee for adoption. Discussion occurred about the proposal and Food Council support. Journey Gosselin made a motion in support of the proposed changes to the Homegrown Business Loan and the proposed pilot grant or a forgivable loan component in the Promise Zone, and asked that the resolution be communicated through a letter from the Food Council to the City Council and Mayor. Ellen Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.



5) Updates: Recommendation for City of Minneapolis to sign Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (Tamara Downs Schwei)

Tamara shared that the City of Minneapolis adopted a resolution in support of signing onto the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact and Mayor Hodges has now signed the Pact.

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

Representatives from Food Council working groups and task forces provided updates.

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

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

8) Meeting adjourns (Tasha Powell)

Meeting was adjourned.

Next Food Council Meeting:

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

Gandhi Mahal Community Room, 3009 27th Ave S, Minneapolis

Meeting from 5:30 – 6:30 pm, 6:30 pm social time